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The demand for qualified, safe and effective nurses is critical throughout North Dakota—most visibly in rural areas. That need led to the creation of the Dakota Nursing Program, whose mission and vision is to provide a high quality nursing educational program through the collaborative efforts of four state colleges. We are educating more than 200 future practical nurses and associate degree nurses (two-year registered nurses) each year at the four colleges who work together within the Dakota Nursing Program.

The Dakota Nursing Program is currently offered in fifteen locations across North Dakota, which provides easier access for students. Courses are delivered in a combination of face to face lab and clinical courses with theory courses over Interactive Video Network (IVN) and online formats.



WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN NURSING?

1. Make a Real Difference Helping People
2. A Job in High Demand with High Job Satisfaction
3. Nurses Gain a Competitive Salary
4. Room to Grow Professionally
5. Nurses May Qualify for Student Loan Forgiveness Plans

WHY ATTEND THE DAKOTA NURSING PROGRAM?

1. Become an LPN in one year or an RN in two years
2. Lower tuition and fees than a four-year college
3. Sixteen locations across ND provide an easier commute
4. LPN and RN NCLEX pass rates are higher than the national average
5. After graduation, transfer to an RN to BSN program and earn an RN salary as you learn



Dakota Nursing Program is also offered at the following sites

Bismarck State College at:

Ashley
Garrison
Harvey
Hazen
Hettinger

Dakota College at Bottineau at:

Jamestown
Minot
Valley City

Lake Region State College at:

Grand Forks
Mayville

Williston State College at:

Tioga
Watford City

Practical Nursing Program (LPN)

Length of Program: 11 months

General Prerequisites:

- Current CPR certification for BLS Provider
- Math requirements
- ACT composite score of 19 or completion of 12 credit hours of nursing program coursework with a GPA of 2.75 or higher
- A program minimum GPA of 2.75 and a minimum grade of C for all of the nursing required courses
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.50
- Standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a score in Basic level or higher
- TOEFL exam required for all applicants for whom English is not their native language or who have not attended 4 years of US high school and achieved a HS GPA of 3.0 or higher

Fall

BIOL 220	Anatomy and Physiology I
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology
NURS 120	Foundations of Nursing
NURS 121	Practical Nursing I
NURS 122	Clinical Practice I

Spring

BIOL 221	Anatomy and Physiology II
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology
OR	Composition I
NURS 127	Practical Nursing II: Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing
NURS 145	Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing
NURS 124	Clinical Practice II
PHRM 215	Introduction to Pharmacology

Summer

NURS 129	Practical Nursing I
NURS 126	Clinical Practice III
ENGL 110	Composition I
OR	Developmental Psychology

Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN)

Length of Program: 9 months

General Prerequisites:

- Completion of DNP Practical Nursing Program **OR**
- Active and unencumbered license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the United States
- Current CPR certification for BLS Provider
- Completion with a C or better and GPA of at least 2.75 in nursing with the following general courses:
 - * ENGL 110 Composition I
 - * PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
 - * BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I L/L
 - * BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology II L/L
 - * PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology
 - * PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology

Fall

NURS 224	Professional Role Development
NURS 225	Alterations in Health I
NURS 226	Maternal Child Nursing
NURS 227	Clinical Application I
BIOL/MICR 202	Microbiology L/L

Spring

NURS 228	Alterations in Health II
NURS 229	Health Promotion & Psychosocial Nursing
NURS 237	Clinical Application II
NURS 259	Role Transitions
ELECTIVE	Per College Requirement

Program applications can be obtained at www.dakotanursing.org or by contacting your college of interest. Applications are available December 1st and are due by March 5th.

