

## Technical Diploma – Three Semesters (June Start Date)

Offered at the Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, and Marinette campuses and West Regional Learning Center-Shawano. For information in Green Bay: (920) 498-5444. For information in Marinette: (715) 735-9361. For information in Sturgeon Bay: (920) 746-4900. For information at the West Regional Learning Center-Shawano: (715) 524-2418. Toll-free: (800) 422-NWTC, ext. 5444.

### Program Description

Practical Nursing graduates work in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, community health agencies, and private homes. They give bedside care to patients whose conditions are relatively stable and assist the Registered Nurse or doctor in the care of the acutely ill person.

### Program Outcomes

- Adhere to standards of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks of the licensed practical nurse.
- Use effective communications skills recognizing lifespan considerations.
- Assist with health assessment of individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan.
- Participate in clinical decision-making within the LPN scope of practice.
- Provide safe caring interventions with diverse populations across the lifespan.
- Use principles of teaching and learning processes to reinforce teaching plans recognizing lifespan considerations.
- Work cooperatively with others to provide holistic care.
- Under supervision, manage and direct care within and across health care setting according to established protocols.

### Clinical Experience

Students will be required to purchase a uniform, pay for liability insurance, provide their own transportation to assigned sites, and cover any other expenses related to clinical experiences. Students may be expected to travel distances, and participate in p.m. clinicals.

NWTC is required to comply with the Wisconsin Caregiver Law (1997 WISCONSIN ACT 27.) The completion of a caregiver background check includes the review of criminal records for convictions of serious crimes or a history of improper behavior. Students accepted into health programs must complete a background information form disclosing any acts, crimes, or convictions prior to program entry. The information provided in the background information form must be truthful and match any findings on the criminal record check. Students with a criminal history may be denied access to clinical placement at the discretion of the clinical site. Consequently, should a student have a history of convictions of serious crimes or a history of improper behaviors, NWTC cannot guarantee clinical placement, or guarantee graduation within typical program timing.

### Notes

- Individuals with criminal records may be ineligible for licensure. Individuals with abuse records may be ineligible for employment in nursing homes.
- It is suggested that a Medical Terminology course (10-501-101) be taken prior to entering the program.

### Employment Potential

A graduate of this program will have the potential for employment in the following areas:

**Licensed Practical Nurse:** administers care to individuals whose conditions are relatively stable; administers care to the acutely ill under the direct supervision of an RN or MD; teaches basic hygiene, nutrition, and aspects of good health; administers first aid; and assists with health assessment and basic health teaching in a variety of settings under the supervision of an RN or MD.

**Health Insurance Claims Approver:** processes insurance claims on a computer terminal.

### Accreditation

The Practical Nursing program is accredited by: Wisconsin Board of Nursing  
Dept. of Regulation & Licensing  
1400 East Washington St.  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
(608) 266-2112

### Board/Certification Examinations

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN Examination for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

### Flexible Learning Option

A part-time program format is available. This option is scheduled over six semesters including two summer semesters. Each semester has four to six credits. For details, please refer to the part time Practical Nursing brochure.

### Requirements for Program Admission

- Completed application.
- High school transcript or equivalent (such as an HSED or GED® Transcript).
- Academic Skills Assessment, ACT assessment taken within the last three years. Academic Skills Assessment program benchmarks, or minimum standard composite score of 18 on the ACT, must be met prior to submitting an application. Proof of remediation may be demonstrated by an Academic Skills Assessment post-test *or* completion of an approved course in the content requiring remediation.
- All students must successfully complete a DHFS approved Nursing Assistant course prior to submitting an application to the program.

### Requirements for Program Entry

- Attend mandatory orientation.
- Complete physical examination within three months before entering program and maintain current immunization information.
- Complete an American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR course. Students are required to maintain a current CPR card on a one-year renewal cycle to comply with affiliating agency requirements.

### Curriculum

The Practical Nursing Technical Diploma is a three-semester program. Upon graduation, a student will have completed 30 credits.

#### First Semester

Catalog No.	Description	Credits
10-801-195	Written Communication	3
* 31-806-312	Anatomy/Struct-Funct	2
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>5</b>

#### Second Semester

10-809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
* 31-543-301	Nursing Fundamentals	2
* 31-543-302	Nursing Skills	3
* 31-543-303	Nursing Pharmacology	2
* 31-543-304	Nsg:Intro to Clinical Practice	2
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>12</b>

#### Third Semester

10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
* 31-543-305	Nursing Health Alterations	3
* 31-543-306	Nursing Health Promotion	3
* 31-543-307	Nsg:Clin Care Across Lifespan	2
* 31-543-308	Nsg:Intro Clinical Care Mgt	2
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

\* A minimum of a "C" grade is required for all courses marked with an asterisk.

This program is fully eligible for financial aid.

## Please Note

- Some courses have prerequisites (listed at the end of each course description, if applicable) that need to be taken prior to enrolling in those courses.
- Many courses are offered via our Flexible Learning Options (online, accelerated, ITV, video, weekend, and self-paced) and may be taken in any order as long as prerequisites are met. To find out which program courses are offered through Flexible Learning Options, go to [www.nwtc.edu](http://www.nwtc.edu) or consult a counselor, (920) 498-5444.
- Descriptions of courses not found on this page can be found in the back of this catalog.

## Course Descriptions

*These courses provide an opportunity for students to develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding required for employment in this field.*

**31-543-301 NURSING FUNDAMENTALS** ...focuses on basic nursing concepts that the beginning nurse will need to provide care to diverse patient populations across the lifespan. Current and historical issues impacting nursing will be explored within the scope of nursing practice. The nursing process will be introduced as a framework for organizing the care of patients with alterations in cognition, elimination, comfort, grief/loss, mobility, integument, and fluid/electrolyte balance. (Prerequisite: Accepted into Practical Nursing Program; Corequisites: 31-806-312, Anatomy/Structure Function; 31-543-302, Nursing Skills; 31-543-303, Nursing Pharmacology; 31-543-304, Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Practice)

**31-543-302 NURSING SKILLS** ...focuses on development of clinical skills and physical assessment across the lifespan. Content includes mathematic calculations and conversions related to clinical skills, blood pressure assessment, aseptic technique, wound care, oxygen administration, tracheostomy care, suctioning, management of enteral tubes, basic medication administration, glucose testing, enemas, ostomy care, and catheterization. In addition the course includes techniques related to obtaining a health history and basic physical assessment skills using a body systems approach. (Prerequisite: Accepted into Practical Nursing Program; Corequisite: 31-806-312, Anatomy/Structure Function; 31-543-301, Nursing Fundamentals; 31-543-303, Nursing Pharmacology; 31-543-304, Nursing Introduction to Clinical Practice)

**31-543-303 NURSING PHARMACOLOGY** ...this course introduces the principles of pharmacology, including drug classifications and their effects on the body. Emphasis is on the use of the components of the nursing process when administering medications. (Prerequisite: Accepted into Practical Nursing Program; Corequisites: 31-806-312, Anatomy/Structure Function; 31-543-301, Nursing Fundamentals; 31-543-302, Nursing Skills; 31-543-304, Nursing Introduction to Clinical Practice)

**31-543-304 NSG: INTRO TO CLINICAL PRACTICE** ...this introductory clinical course emphasizes basic nursing skills and application of the nursing process in meeting the needs of diverse clients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on performing basic nursing skills, the formation of nurse-client relationships, communication, data collection, documentation, and medication administration. (Prerequisite: Accepted into Practical Nursing Program; Corequisites: 31-806-312, Anatomy/Structure Function, 31-543-301, Nursing Fundamentals; 31-543-302, Nursing Skills; 31-543-303, Nursing Pharmacology)

**31-543-305 NURSING HEALTH ALTERATIONS** ...this course elaborates upon the basic concepts of health and illness as presented in Nursing Fundamentals. It applies theories of nursing in the care of clients through the lifespan, utilizing problem solving and critical thinking. This course will provide an opportunity to study conditions affecting different body systems and apply therapeutic nursing interventions. It will also introduce concepts of leadership, team building, and scope of practice. (Prerequisite: Completion of 1st semester courses; Corequisite: 31-543-308, Nursing: Intro to Clinical Management)

**31-543-306 NURSING HEALTH PROMOTION** ...this course focuses on topics related to health promotion for individuals and families throughout the lifespan. We will cover nursing care of the developing family, which includes reproductive issues, pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, the newborn, and the child. Recognizing the spectrum of healthy families we will discern patterns associated with adaptive and maladaptive behaviors applying mental health principles. An emphasis is placed on teaching and supporting healthy lifestyles choices for individuals of all ages. Nutrition, exercise, stress management, empowerment, and risk reduction practices are highlighted. Study of the family will cover dynamics, functions, discipline styles, and stages of development. (Prerequisite: Completion of 1st semester courses; Corequisite: 31-543-307, Nursing: Clinical Care Across Lifespan)

**31-543-307 NSG:CLIN CARE ACROSS LIFESPAN** ...this clinical experience applies nursing concepts and therapeutic interventions to clients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to concepts of teaching and learning. Extended care to include the family is emphasized. (Prerequisite: Completion of 1st semester courses; Corequisite: 31-543-306, Nursing Health Promotion)

**31-543-308 NSG: INTRO CLINICAL CARE MGT** ...this clinical experience applies nursing concepts and therapeutic nursing interventions to groups of clients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to leadership, management, and team building. (Prerequisite: Completion of 1st semester courses; Corequisite: 31-543-305, Nursing Health Alterations)

**31-806-312 ANATOMY/STRUCTURE-FUNCTION** ...human body systems, structural formation.