



# Dakota Nursing Program

## Practical Nursing Certificate

Advising Worksheet\* 2019-2020

**Total Degree Credits**

**42**

### Fall Semester

#### Prescribed Technical Program Requirements

BIOL	220/220L	Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	4
PSYC	111	Introduction to Psychology	3
NURS	120	Foundations of Nursing	3
NURS	121	Practical Nursing I	3
NURS	122	Clinical Practice I	3
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>16</b>

### Prerequisites for entry into the Practical Nursing Certificate include:

- Application and admission to Bismarck State College is required before applying to the nursing program (refer to BSC Catalog).
  - Apply as "Pre-Practical Nursing Program."
  - Check CampusConnection to ensure all of your "To Do List" items have been completed. Students cannot be admitted to the Practical Nursing Program if they are not admitted to BSC due to an incomplete Admissions file.
- Detailed nursing program application requirements, online applications, and program of study can be accessed at [www.dakotanursing.org](http://www.dakotanursing.org).
- High School Diploma or GED Certificate.
  - High School GPA of 2.5 or greater. If a student has completed 12 credits of college level classes, the college GPA will be considered instead of the HS GPA.
- Students must be 18 years of age by December 31 of the year they start the program.
- Current CPR Certification for Healthcare Provider.
- Proof of Math Skill Readiness. Student must have completed at minimum:
  - The developmental math course (ASC 93 or other prerequisite math course that would qualify a student to take MATH 103) with a grade of Satisfactory or "C" or a higher level math course (such as MATH 103 College Algebra), or
  - Equivalent scores for ACT/PLAN/SAT and/or ACCUPLACER as listed below and taken within the past 2 years:

#### Required Program Entrance Scores

**Classic Accuplacer Elementary Algebra = 76 or higher or College Level Math = 50 or higher**

**Next Generation Accuplacer QR, Algebra and Statistics = 255 or higher or Advanced Algebra = 237 or higher**

**ACT Math Subtest = 21 or higher**

**SAT Math = 530 or higher**

### Spring Semester

#### Prescribed Technical Program Requirements

BIOL	221/221L	Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab	4
PSYC	250	Developmental Psychology	3
PHRM	215	Introduction to Pharmacology	3
NURS	127	Practical Nursing II: Introduction to Medical/ Surgical Nursing	2
NURS	145	Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing	2
NURS	124	Clinical Practice II	3
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>17</b>

### Summer Semester

#### Prescribed Technical Program Requirements

ENGL	110	College Composition I	3
NURS	126	Clinical Practice III	3
NURS	129	Practical Nursing III	3
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>9</b>

**Prerequisites for entry into the Practical Nursing Certificate include (continued):**

7. Proof of Academic Readiness:

- a. All applicants are required to complete the most current Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to application deadlines.
- b. ACT composite score of 19, **or**
  - i. ACT/ASSET/Accuplacer/SAT test(s) with an equivalent score, **or**
  - ii. Successful completion of 12 credits of college courses with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

8. For any required college courses completed prior to admission, the grade in that course must be a "C" or higher or "T" (test credit) or "S" (satisfactory) and nursing GPA for all completed required nursing courses must be 2.75 or higher.

- a. BIOL 221/221L Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab, PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology and PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology must be taken within the last 7 years.

9. Additional guidelines for approval include:

- a. Overall cumulative GPA for all college courses completed must be 2.5 or higher.
- b. If a student repeats a required science course or previous nursing course, a grade of "C" or higher must be obtained in the first repeat (A & P I and II, Microbiology). An appeal process may be sought if the student has failed science courses more than 2 times.
- c. Experience working in a health care environment is encouraged before making application to the nursing program. For example, Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Medical Assistant, Direct Support Professional (DSP), etc.

10. A certain level of English proficiency is necessary for academic success in nursing as well as for patient safety. In addition to general college English proficiency requirements, all applicants for whom English is not their native language (including international and/or U.S. residents) or who have not attended 4 years of U.S. high school and achieved a HS GPA of 3.0 or higher must meet additional language proficiency requirements for admission to the Nursing Program.

**Minimum TOEFL Scores for Admission to the Nursing Program**

English as a second language (ESL) applicants must achieve minimum scores on the TOEFL internet based test (TOEFL iBT) of:

**Minimum Cumulative Score of:**

- \* 86 Combined

**AND Minimum Individual Scores of:**

- \* 26 in Speaking
- \* 20 in Writing
- \* 20 in Reading
- \* 20 in Listening

Students must complete with "C" or better or "T" (test credit) or "S" (satisfactory) in all required program courses, including General Education requirements.

Upon successful completion of the above curriculum, the student will receive a Certificate in Practical Nursing and is eligible to apply to take the NCLEX PN®.

\*This advising worksheet is unofficial and to be used for class planning purposes only. Please refer to the official catalog at <http://catalog.bismarckstate.edu/> for the complete listing of college degree requirements.

# Program Certificate - Programs Containing less than 45 Prescribed Technical Program Requirements 2019-2020 Catalog

## Degree Checklist

- ☐ Satisfied all degree seeking admission requirements
- ☐ Completed a prescribed technical program
- ☐ Minimum of 2.00 GPA in a prescribed technical program
- ☐ Cleared all college obligations
- ☐ Filed an Application for Degree in the Academic Records Office immediately following enrollment in final semester

***Specific programs may require additional degree/program requirements; refer to your program.***

Academic Skills Courses (ASC) will not fulfill institutional credit requirements and cannot be included in the semester hours required for a Program Certificate.