



PRACTICAL NURSING

FALL 2025 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Process

Applications to the Fall 2025 Practical Nursing program will be accepted starting September 1, 2024. All application process steps must be completed by the priority deadline of February 1, 2025, to be considered for the program. Applications received on or after the priority deadline will be reviewed for consideration to the waitlist. Late applicants are encouraged to complete the required application steps in a timely manner.

1. **Submit completed application and fee**
2. **Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**

The entrance exam is offered at Lake Area Tech at various times Monday through Friday. (A photo ID must be presented to take exam.) Contact the Admissions office to schedule. The entrance exam can take up to three hours to complete and has four parts: Math Skills, Reading, Science, and English/Language.

The exam must be completed by February 1, 2025, to ensure consideration for acceptance in the fall 2025 Practical Nursing program. The entrance exam may be taken up to three times. Applicants are required to set up an account through the ATI testing website: www.atitesting.com. Applications received after the priority deadline may still test. The cost of the exam must be paid with a credit/debit card at the time of testing. See website for the current cost of the exam. An ATI-TEAS study manual and/or practice assessment are recommended to prepare for the exam and are also available on the testing website.

3. **Submit official high school and *college transcripts**

Transcripts must have an official school seal. Copies will not be accepted. *Grade report will be accepted if a final transcript is unavailable by deadline date. A final official transcript is required when available to complete transfer of courses.

4. **Verify completed file with the Admissions Assistant, ext 290.**

Priority deadline details: Admissions files must be completed by February 1, 2025, to be considered for acceptance in the Fall 2025 Practical Nursing program. Applications received on or after the priority deadline will be reviewed for wait list consideration. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application process in a timely manner and are encouraged to discuss alternative planning with admissions representatives.

Acceptance Criteria

Admission to the program is competitive. Acceptance into the program will be based on the following criteria:

- Test of Essential Academic Skills Score (Priority testing deadline is February 1, 2025,*)
- GPA (Most recent GPA of 2.5 or better preferred)
- Completion of recommended courses

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial by letter. *Late applicants who apply on or after the priority date listed are encouraged to contact LATC admissions representative at their earliest convenience to discuss alternative planning: admissions@lakeareatech.edu ext. 290 or Nursing Director amber.schleusner@lakeareatech.edu.

Students accepted into the Practical Nursing program will be asked to make an appointment with the nursing program department head. Students will also be required to provide a record of the following for the student file by the beginning of the school year:

- A physical examination
- Current immunizations, including MMR, DPT and polio
- Mantoux test (current within the last year) 2-step required; or quarterferon gold blood test
- Hepatitis series, either completed or in the progress of completion
- Tdap (unless Td in last year)
- Varicella titer showing positive or proof of the series of two shots

The following immunizations are not LATC requirements but are required by LATC clinical partners. Proof of these immunizations or religious or medical exemption from the immunization is required to complete the nursing clinical component:

- Influenza vaccination
- COVID vaccination

Automatic Acceptance Criteria

Automatic early acceptance into the Practical Nursing program is based on the following criteria:

- ACT score of 24 or better/Accuplacer score of 263 or better/TEAS composite 75% or better (only need one of these)

- Most recent GPA of 3.5 or better/GED test score of 501
 - At least 6 credits of completed LPN general education courses
- Applicants MUST meet all three criteria to reach automatic acceptance. The applicant does not have to take the TEAS exam if they meet the ACT or Accuplacer testing scores and he or she does not have to wait until the February 1 deadline to know their status.

Individuals who are certified nursing assistants will be granted two credits for prior learning when a record of completion is made available to the Registrar's Office. Criminal background checks are performed on all students before clinical rotations at the student's expense. Visit the online nursing webpage for computer and network requirements, course requirements, tuition and fees.

Practical Nursing Program

Lake Area Tech's Practical Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. 56 students are admitted in the fall each year. Interested individuals should have a strong background in the biological sciences, be physically fit, and enjoy working with people. The Practical Nursing program has an academically intense curriculum and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. A curriculum outline of the courses required for graduation from the Practical Nursing program is below. Applicants who have not taken any previous college general education courses should consider taking at least one or two of the following courses prior to starting the Practical Nursing program: English Composition, Intermediate Algebra, Anatomy, General Psychology or Medical Terminology.

Many of these courses are offered throughout the year and during the summer at Lake Area Tech. **Completion of some of these courses will be in the students' best interest to decrease the credit load required during the course of study at Lake Area Tech.** Students are required to wear a scrub uniform, which is available for purchase through the LATC Bookstore. White shoes are also required. All students are required to have a laptop. See website for laptop requirements.

Course Requirements for Practical Nursing

Nursing

Semester Course Outline • 2024 – 2025

11 Months (2 Semesters, 1 Summer Session) • Revised: 5/6/24
Credits Required for Graduation: 45.5



Fall Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 104	Fundamental Skills of Nursing Practice	63.75	22.5	45	6
PN 107	Foundations of Nursing Practice	41.25	7.5	45	4
◊ PN 110	Medical Terminology	15	-----	-----	1
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy *	90	-----	-----	4
ENGL 101	Composition *	45	-----	-----	3
• Selected Mathematics Course (Choose one) MATH 103 – Mathematical Reasoning * MATH 114 – College Algebra *		45	-----	-----	3
Total		300	30	90	21

Spring Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 111	Maternity Nursing	18.75	----	33.75	2
PN 112	Nursing Care of Children	33.75	-----	11.25	2.5
PN 113	Nursing Care of the Adult I	37.5	15	90	5
PN 114	Nursing Care of the Adult II	45	-----	202.5	7.5
PSYC 101	General Psychology *	45	-----	-----	3
Total		180	15	337.5	20

Summer Session

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 201	Applied Clinical Practice	-----	-----	180	4
CSS 100	Career Search Strategies	8	-----	-----	.5
Total		8	-----	180	4.5

Clock Hours: 15 Theory Clock Hours = 1 credit 30 Lab Hours = 1 credit 45 Clinical Hours = 1 credit

◊ MA 115 – Medical Terminology for 3 credits may be substituted for PN 110.

Note: If a student does not successfully complete one of the following courses: PN 104, PN 111, PN 112, or PN 114, the student will be required to complete PN 123 – Nursing Concepts E before advancing in the Practical Nursing Program.

Elective: CPR 112 – Basic Life Support for Healthcare Workers for .5 credit

• Below are General Education courses required for the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Nursing. Students inquiring about courses required for the Associate of Applied Science Degree should speak with an advisor from the nursing department. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can be transferred directly to the university system.

CHEM 106 – Inorganic Chemistry Lecture = 3 credits * MICRO 231 – General Microbiology = 4 credits *
CHEM 106L – Inorganic Chemistry Lab = 1 credit * PHGY 210 – Introduction to Human Physiology = 4 credits *
CMST 101 – Foundations of Communication = 3 credits * SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology = 3 credits *

Lake Area Technical College Practical Nursing Program

Lake Area Technical College's curriculum for Practical Nursing meets the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Dakota and many other states. Read more regarding [Professional Licensure Disclosures](#) on our website at www.lakeareatech.edu.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA, 30326 (404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical Nursing Program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at:

Racenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm

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