LAKE AREA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING
Full-Time Online

FALL 2025 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Process

Applications to the Fall 2025 full-time online hybrid Practical Nursing program will be accepted starting September 1, 2024. All application process steps must be completed by the **application 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 $25 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 the 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 Online 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 the deadline date. A final official transcript is required when available to complete transfer of courses.

4. Verify completed application with the Admissions Assistant at ext. 290

Acceptance Criteria

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

- Test of Essential Academic Skills (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 an 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 full-time online 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 quanterferon 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

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.

Automatic Acceptance Criteria

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

- ACT score of 24 or better or TEAS composite of 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.
- Applicants must reside in SD, ND, NE, IA, or MN to qualify

Online Hybrid Practical Nursing Program

Does Lake Area Tech offer all the classes needed online?

Not all of the general education courses are available online. Composition, Math, Anatomy, and Psychology can be completed at any accredited technical school or college. Online courses that are approved for transfer by the program advisor may also be taken.

What about clinical experiences?

Students that begin in the program in the fall semester will have required supervised clinicals in Watertown and surrounding areas. The number of clinical hours requiring travel to Watertown and surrounding areas are:

PN107=30 hours	PN113=22 hours
PN114=44 hours	

Additional clinical hours will also be required in other communities as arranged by the instructors in the following courses:

PN111=20 hours	PN113=48 hours
PN114=120 hours	PN201=144 hours

When does the program begin and how big is the class?

The program starts each fall semester and accepts up to 48 students.

Are you an online learner? Take the survey: https://www.lakeareatech.edu/online-learning/

Online Hybrid Practical Nursing Course Requirements

Students interested in continuing their education for an Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) may be able to apply for the LATC RN program.

Nursing · Full-time Hybrid E-Degree

Semester Course Outline · 2024 – 2025
11 Months (3 Semesters) • Revised: 5/23/24
Credits Required for Graduation: 45.5

Prior completion of the general education courses will be in the students' best interest to maintain a reasonable credit load during the course of study at Lake Area Tech.

Recommended courses to be completed prior to the Fall Semester.

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
◊ PN 110	Medical Terminology	15	-----	-----	1
● BIOL 221	Human Anatomy *	90	-----	-----	4
● ENGL 101	Composition *	45	-----	-----	3
● PSYC 101	General Psychology *	45	-----	-----	3
● Selected Mathematics Course (Choose one) MATH 103 – Mathematical Reasoning * MATH 114 – College Algebra *		45	-----	-----	3
	Total	240	-----	-----	14

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
	Total	105	30	90	10

Spring Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
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
CSS 100	Career Search Strategies	8	-----	-----	.5
	Total	124.25	15	303.75	15.5

Summer Session

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 111	Maternity Nursing	18.75	----	33.75	2
PN 201	Applied Clinical Practice	-----	-----	180	4
	Total	18.75	-----	213.75	6

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 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 *
CHEM 106L – Inorganic Chemistry Lab = 1 credit *
CMST 101 – Foundations of Communication = 3 credits *
MICRO 231 – General Microbiology = 4 credits *
PHGY 210 – Introduction to Human Physiology = 4 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:
http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm

South Dakota Board of Nursing
4305 Louise Ave, Suite 201
Sioux Falls SD 57106-3115
605.362.2760
https://www.sdbon.org/