

Program Curriculum

Academic Year Semester	Course Number	Course Title	Lecture/Lab/ Credit Hours
First Semester	BIO 117*	Human Body in Health and Disease	3-0-3
	BIO 127*	Human Body in Health and Disease Lab	0-2-1
	PN 101	Practical Nursing Concepts	5-9-8
	FYE XXX	First Year Experience Elective*	1-0-1
Second Semester	ENG 101	English Composition	3-0-3
	PN 102	Practical Nursing Concepts 2	7-9-10
Third Semester	MCH 100	Healthcare Informatics	2-0-2
	PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3-0-3
	PN 103	Practical Nursing Concepts 3	4-6-6
	PN 185	Practical Nurse Role Transition	2-8-2
		Total hours	39

*Substitute Biology Courses:

Students may take Anatomy 1 (BIO 151) and Anatomy 2 (BIO 152) in place of BIO 117 and BIO 127. Students who choose to take these courses must complete BIO 151 and 152 or BIO 117 and BIO 127 by the end of the second semester. See advisor for appropriate pre requisite course.

PNC

Practical Nursing Certificate

About the Program

The Practical Nurse Certificate program objective is to prepare students for a certificate in the field of practical nursing. Program graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam for licensure as a practical nurse.

The curriculum prepares students to share in the responsibility of patient care through correlated theory and clinical practice in the area of basic nursing skills in a variety of care settings.

Graduates from the PNC program are prepared to work in a variety of settings including hospitals, long term care, nursing and rehabilitation centers, clinics, hospice, home care, and physician offices.

Starting Salaries

Approximately \$26.00 per hour with a median annual pay of \$53,472.

Program Chair

Barbara Ratliff, MSN, RN

Has overall responsibility for the program and students enrolled in the programs technical (PN) courses.

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Admission to the Program

You may enroll in the program if you are a graduate of an accredited high school or have evidence of high school equivalency by GED scores. In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the college, you must meet the criteria for selective admission into the Practical Nursing Certificate program.

The PNC program uses a selective admission process for the core level courses (PN XXX). Selection is based upon a point system. Potential students will be responsible for completion and submission of a PNC Selective Admission Packet. All program prerequisites must be completed prior to applying for admission to the program.

Approval

The Cincinnati State School of Practical Nursing program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN), 8995 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Phone (614) 466-3947 or Fax (614) 466-0388.

Credentials

Upon satisfactory completion of the curriculum, graduates **must pass NCLEX-PN**, the national standardized practical nursing examination, to practice as a licensed practical nurse in any state in the USA. For more information on certification, visit <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>.

Estimated Costs

For current Cincinnati State tuition rates, please visit www.cincinnati-state.edu and search “tuition overview.” Practical Nursing Certificate students will accrue additional expenses due to lab fees, supplemental learning fees, and uniform requirements.

Getting Started

Admission to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

1. Complete the application to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College online. Select Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC) as your major. There is no application fee, however, a \$15 nonrefundable admission fee will be applied the first time you register for classes.
2. Request that your high school guidance counselor and/or college registrar’s office send high school and college transcripts (if applicable) directly to Cincinnati State, Office of Admission Records. Hand-carried transcripts are not accepted. If you have a GED, send a copy of the original transcript of GED scores to the Office of Admission Records.
3. Please see information on admission requirements at www.cincinnati-state.edu. Search “welcome to admission.” Once admitted to the college, students will schedule an advising appointment to prepare for the selective admission process. Students must meet with a program advisor to plan courses, understand requirements, and maximize points for application. See website for requirements and deadlines.

Financial Aid

Students are advised to work closely with a Financial Aid advisor and are cautioned to be aware of Financial Aid limits.

Program Advisors

Students not yet admitted to the college are assisted by the Admissions Office and should call (513) 569-1544.

Advisors in the Health & Public Safety division assist students interested in the Practical Nursing Certificate program, in creating an academic plan, setting goals and scheduling classes. Students can schedule an appointment by logging onto Starfish (via MyCState) or by calling (513) 569-1670.

Background Checks/Licensure Eligibility

All students are subject to background checks which must be completed as part of the Selective Admission application process. Students who have been convicted of felonies and/or misdemeanors are required to contact the Associate Dean of Nursing before entering the program. Students convicted of possession and/or distribution of controlled substances or who have positive drug screens for non-prescribed controlled substances while enrolled in the program will be automatically dismissed.

Requirements for Selective Admission

To apply for selective admission the following criteria must be met:

- ◆ Must be admitted to Cincinnati State with PNC program actively declared as your major
 - ◆ Cumulative GPA 2.5 or above *Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater to remain eligible.
 - ◆ STNA – State Tested Nurse Aide—All students entering the PNC program must verify that they are in good standing on the Ohio State Nurse Aide Registry.
 - ◆ Completion of ENG 101 or ENG 101A with a C or better; student must also provide proven math competency or completion of MAT 105 or MAT 105A (see advisor).
 - ◆ College biology course within 5 years with a C or better. Course must be no more than 5 years previous to the date of Selective Admission application.
 - ◆ Complete all application requirements and submission deadlines for Selective Admission.
 - ◆ Email Selective Admission packet to: PNapplications@cincinnati-state.edu
- I. Once students have met the above requirements to qualify to submit a selective admission application, students must apply for the Practical Nursing Program during the open application period by submitting a PNC Selective Admission application. Please refer to the Cincinnati State PNC website for open application dates. **Acceptance to the PN technical classes (PN xxx) is based upon the applicant’s PNC Progression worksheet scores (see advisor for information).** *Students are encouraged to include documentation of healthcare work history on company letterhead, and any prior military service on DD-214 or associated documentation if applicable.*
 - II. **Applicants notified of acceptance to the PNC Core Curriculum** after submission of the Selective Admission application will be informed of the date for mandatory orientation and of the deadline for completing additional requirements.
 - III. **Submit a CPR Certification.** Certification must be for BLS Provider through American Heart Association or Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers through American Red Cross ONLY for adults, infants, children, and which must include AED training. Online certifications with hands-on demonstration will be accepted. Cards must be signed.
 - IV. **Submit a completed** Cincinnati State Health and Public Safety Division Student Physical Evaluation Form with current immunization records.
 - V. **Proof of health insurance.**
 - VI. **Complete a Criminal Background Check**, including both a BCI and FBI background check. Background checks must be for the nursing profession and care of children and adults. The background checks must be received by the established deadline. Students should be aware that many facilities also require drug screening and additional background restrictions.

Send Materials to: <https://portal.castlebranch.com/IK92> where you will create an account

Failure to complete paperwork in the appropriate timeframe will be grounds for dismissal from the Selective Admission process.