

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 1	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.



About the Program

The Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC) program prepares students for entry into the field of practical nursing. Graduates who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure as a practical nurse (LPN).

The curriculum combines classroom theory with clinical practice to help students develop foundational nursing care skills. Students learn to participate in patient care across a variety of health care settings.

PNC graduates are prepared to work in settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Nursing and rehabilitation centers
- Clinics
- Hospice and home care settings
- Physician offices

Starting Salaries

New graduates earn approximately \$31.00 per hour with a median annual salary of \$64,400 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

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.cincinnatiastate.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.cincinnatiastate.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. Students who have not yet been admitted to the PNC Program by the selective admission application process need to meet with one of the Health & Public Safety advisors.

Background Checks/Licensure Eligibility

All students are subject to background checks which must be completed after being selected to enter the program. Students who have been convicted of felonies and/or misdemeanors are required to contact Dr. Beth Chimento, Associate Dean, 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. When applying for the state licensure exam, the candidate must indicate whether he or she has ever been convicted of a felony or other crimes. The Ohio Board of Nursing may decide that a candidate may not take this exam based on the answer given (Ohio Revised Code 4723.28).

All graduates must submit their fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigations as part of the application to take the NCLEX-PN. The Board's website, www.nursing.ohio.gov, has more information about Ohio law.

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.
- ♦ CNA/STNA – Certified Nurse Aide—All students entering the PNC program must verify that they are in good standing on the Ohio 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@cincinnatiastate.edu

Once students have met the requirements listed above, they may submit a PNC Selective Admission application during the open application period. Application dates, deadlines, the application form, and FAQs with instructions for completing and submitting the form are available on the Cincinnati State PNC website. **Acceptance into the PN technical courses (PN XXX) is based on the applicant’s PNC Selective Admission Score. Students should meet with an advisor for more information about the PNC Selective Admission Worksheet and scoring process.** *Students are encouraged to submit documentation of health care work history on company letterhead and documentation of prior military service, such as a DD-214 or other applicable records.*

Upon acceptance to the Practical Nursing Program, students will receive the mandatory orientation date, deadlines, and additional details about other program requirements. These requirements include CPR certification for a healthcare provider, a health and physical examination, immunizations, proof of health insurance, and a fingerprint FBI/BCI criminal background check. All requirements must be completed by the established deadline before students may begin the clinical components of PN 102 or enter the second semester of the program. Do not complete these items until instructed to do so.

Program Director

Dr. Beth Chimento, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE

Has overall responsibility for the program. Anyone with an arrest record or licensure issues should contact:

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Program Chair

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Responsible for students enrolled in the technical (PN) program courses.

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