

## *Nursing Technology*

# **Practical Nursing Studies**

*Practical Nursing Studies is a diploma program which prepares you for a career as an essential member of the health-care team. This program is valuable if you want to provide nursing care to patients in a hospital, long-term care facility, doctor's office, home care setting, or public health center. You will gain knowledge and skills that are essential for making a difference in the health of members of your community. If you are interested in starting a career in nursing, this program is your first step! Nursing is one of the most interesting and important fields in health care.*

### **What You'll Learn...**

- Ethical and legal responsibilities of the practical nurse
- Major diseases and disorders of children and adults
- Theoretical knowledge to meet basic physical and emotional health care needs
- Nursing skills required to provide bedside care

### **What You'll Earn...**

- Nursing skills and knowledge to be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure examination
- A competitive salary with good opportunities for advancement
- Employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings including acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health care, and physicians' offices
- The Delaware Tech reputation sought by employers

### **Why You'll Succeed...**

- Graduates from the Terry Campus Practical Nursing program have a high pass rate on the NCLEX-PN licensure examination offered by the Delaware Board of Nursing
- Licensed Practical Nurses are important members of the health care team
- Credits from the Practical Nursing program can be applied to the Associate Degree Nursing program at the Terry Campus

# Practical Nursing

You may enroll in the Practical Nursing Studies program on either a full-time or a part-time basis prior to beginning clinical nursing courses. Some students may need refresher courses at the basic or pre-tech level. In addition to other criteria, it is required that students complete the NLN pre-examination for the PN prior to applying for clinical eligibility. Admission into the clinical nursing courses is dependent on successful NLN examination scores or a 2.5 or better grade point average in Composition and Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology. You may request transfer credit for college-level courses taken at other colleges/universities.

Delaware Tech operates on a 16 week semester format in the fall and spring with summer terms beginning at the end of May and in mid-June. You can start taking related courses any semester or summer term; however all nursing courses are offered sequentially and open only to those selected for the clinical portion of the program. Nursing advisors are available to help you schedule courses and to plan your program of study.

## Required Technical Courses

**Nursing Perspectives I** enables demonstration of an understanding of the role of the entry-level nurse as it relates to the legal and ethical standards of nursing practice with an emphasis placed on the development of interpersonal skills used in the workplace.

**Nursing Care of Adults I** introduces the student to the role of the nurse as a member of the multi-disciplinary health care team with an emphasis placed on theoretical concepts and performance of fundamental skills in the care of adults in the long term care setting.

**Nursing Care of Adults II** defines the role for the nurse as a provider of care and member within the discipline of nursing with an emphasis on theoretical knowledge needed for beginning clinical competence when caring for adults in acute care and community settings.

**Nursing Care of Adults III** enables a demonstration of and understanding of the role of the nurse in entry-level practice as a provider of care and member within the discipline of nursing with a continued emphasis placed on theoretical knowledge needed for clinical competence when caring for acutely ill adult client.

## Related Courses

Composition  
Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology  
Critical Reading & Thinking

**Mental Health Nursing** enables the demonstration of an understanding of the role of the entry-level nurse as a provider of care and member within the discipline of nursing in mental health settings with an introduction of theoretical knowledge needed for continued clinical competence when caring for hospitalized mentally ill clients.

**Maternal/Newborn Nursing I** enables the demonstration of an understanding of the role of the entry-level nurse as a provider of care and member within the discipline of nursing in the maternal-newborn setting with an introduction of theoretical knowledge needed for beginning clinical competence in the care of childbearing families and women across the reproductive life span.

**Nursing Care of Children I** enables the demonstration of an understanding of the role of the entry-level nurse as a provider of care and member within the discipline of nursing in pediatric settings. An emphasis is placed on building theoretical knowledge and clinical competence in the care of children and their families.

Human Development  
Applied Clinical Mathematics

## Getting Started

1. Obtain an application by calling (302) 857-1020. Complete and return to Terry Campus with a \$10 application fee.
2. Take the College Placement Test (CPT) *unless college-level math, reading, and English courses have been completed with a "C" grade or better.* The CPT will determine appropriate placement and is scheduled by the Admissions Office.
3. Request that high school and college transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office.
4. Meet with a Delaware Tech counselor to discuss CPT results.
5. Meet with advisor to plan schedule.
6. Apply and register early for the best selection of courses.

❖ The Practical Nursing Program at the Terry Campus is approved by the Delaware Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Information about the program is available from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway- 33rd floor, New York, NY 10006, 212-363-5555