

CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Nursing

Sites in Bottineau, Minot, and Valley City

The faculty are committed to assisting you to access educational opportunities that will help you be successful in the nursing profession. Student nurses study in hands-on practical lab and clinical experiences with a local instructor along with classroom instruction delivered over Interactive Video Network (IVN) and online formats. There are three locations for you to choose from: Bottineau, Minot, and Valley City. Upon completion of the program, you will be qualified to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), as required by all State Boards of Nursing.

Why study nursing?

The demand for qualified, safe and effective nurses is critical throughout North Dakota—most visibly in rural areas. Our purpose is to prepare students for nursing careers who practice safely and effectively in health care systems to meet the needs of clients. This program of study begins with an 11-month **Certificate in Practical Nursing (LPN)** and then advances to the **Associate in Applied Science Nursing Degree (RN)**. Before getting started, you will need to apply to the program. The annual application period is December 1 – March 5 for fall admission.

Career choices

Employment is found in hospitals, nursing homes, health centers, and private clinics, as well as a variety of other settings.

Focused courses for your degree

This program focuses on courses specifically for nursing and include fewer of the general education courses required in an AS degree. Courses you will study include: Foundations of Nursing; Practical Nursing I, II, III; Clinical Practice I, II, III; and Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing.

The Dakota Nursing Program prepares students to be able to work under the supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice nurse, or a licensed practitioner. LPNs and RNs assist with the performance of acts, utilizing specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities for people in a variety of settings. *ND Nurse Practice Act, accessed from www.ndbon.org.*



COURSES REQUIRED

Practical Nursing Certificate

General Prerequisites

- Current CPR certification for BLS Provider
- Math requirements
- ACT composite score of 19 or completion of 12 credit hours of nursing program coursework with a GPA of 2.75 or higher
- A program minimum GPA of 2.75 and a minimum grade of C for all of the nursing required courses.
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.50
- Standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a score in Basic level or higher
- TOEFL or Duolingo exam required for all applicants for whom English is not their native language or who have not attended 4 years of US high school and achieved a HS GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Fall Semester

BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I	4 cr
NURS 120 Foundations of Nursing	3 cr
NURS 121 Practical Nursing I.....	3 cr
NURS 122 Clinical Practice I	3 cr
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3 cr

Spring Semester

BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology II	4 cr
NURS 124 Clinical Practice II.....	3 cr
NURS 127 Practical Nursing II: Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing	2 cr
NURS 145 Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing.....	2 cr
PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology.....	3 cr
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology or ENGL 110 College Composition I.....	3 cr

Summer Semester

NURS 129 Practical Nursing III.....	3 cr
NURS 126 Clinical Practice III	3 cr
ENGL 110 College Composition I or PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology.....	3 cr

Associate Degree Nurse

General Prerequisites

- Completion of DNP Practical Nursing Program OR
- Active and unencumbered license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in North Dakota
- Current CPR certification for BLS Provider
- Completion with a C or better and GPA of at least 2.75 in nursing with the following general courses:
 - ENGL 110 College Composition I
 - PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
 - BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I
 - BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology II
 - PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology
 - PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology
- Pass a preadmission examination (ATI Comprehensive PN Predictor)

Fall Semester

BIOL 202 Microbiology	4 cr
NURS 224 Professional Role Development	2 cr
NURS 225 Alterations in Health I.....	3 cr
NURS 226 Maternal Child Nursing	3 cr
NURS 227 Clinical Application I	4 cr

Spring Semester

NURS 228 Alterations in Health II.....	4 cr
NURS 229 Health Promotion & Psychosocial Nursing	2 cr
NURS 237 Clinical Application II	5 cr
NURS 259 Role Transitions	1 cr
COMM/English elective	3 cr

All courses subject to change.

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