

# Practical Nursing– Evening Option Certificate

## **DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

### *Fall Semester Start*

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to meet the educational needs of those who wish career entry as a licensed health care worker. Graduates are employed in various health care settings such as extended care facilities, hospitals, clinics, and offices. The evening option curriculum of the Practical Nursing Program is conducted over two academic years and two summer sessions beginning in the fall semester. Classes and clinicals are scheduled on various evenings, typically between 4:00 pm and 11:30 pm. The theoretical, lab, and clinical components of nursing courses must be taken concurrently and sequentially.

The Practical Nursing Program has been approved by the Board of Registration in Nursing in Massachusetts. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses.

A minimum grade of 75% is required for progression in all Practical Nursing courses.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students seeking admission to the Practical Nursing Program (PN) will be individually evaluated on the basis of Grade Point Average (GPA) and a point's system rubric. Students must also meet the following additional criteria for eligibility for acceptance into the practical nursing program:

- High School diploma or equivalent, or Associate Degree or higher
- MassBay Placement into Freshman English I (EN 101) or completion of College Writing (EN 100) or with a grade of C or higher.
- MassBay Placement into Intermediate Algebra (MA 098) or completion of Introductory Algebra (MA 095) with a grade of C or higher.
- Successful completion of Reading Assessment Test with a score of 72 or higher.
- HESI admission (A2) exam score of 70% or better in Overall Composite (all subjects combined) will be given priority. Students may take the HESI exam a total of 4 times. HESI exam scores are valid for one year, at which time the exam must be retaken.
- Completion of BI 115 Anatomy & Physiology I (BI 101 required), BI 116 Anatomy & Physiology II, and BI 118 Elements of Microbiology within a 5 five (5) year timeframe with a grade of C or higher at the time of matriculation into the Practical Nursing Program. Students can repeat a science course only once to achieve C or higher.
- In addition to the pre-requisites and co-requisites for the Practical Nursing Program, the following courses are included in the points system to be considered in the competitive admissions process: EN 101, CH 101, MA 098, SK 96, PS 101, BI 123 (see admission scoring rubric on website: <http://www.massbay.edu/Academics/Health-Sciences/Nursing-Program/Practical-Nursing-Program.aspx>).

Upon acceptance into the Practical Nursing program, students are expected to attend a mandatory new student program orientation. Students in the program are required to obtain certain immunization and health records and submit documentation thereof by published deadlines which are program-specific and determined by clinical rotation start dates. A complete list of the required immunizations can be found on Division of Health Sciences' web pages of the MassBay website by clicking the link, "Health and Background Check Requirements." Immunization requirements are in accordance with clinical site requirements and Massachusetts state law. If the student does not meet the initial published deadline, s/he will not attend the clinical rotation.

Proof of CPR certification is required for the program. The Healthcare Provider Card (from the American Heart Association) and the CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Card (from the American Red Cross) are the only types of CPR certification that meet this requirement.

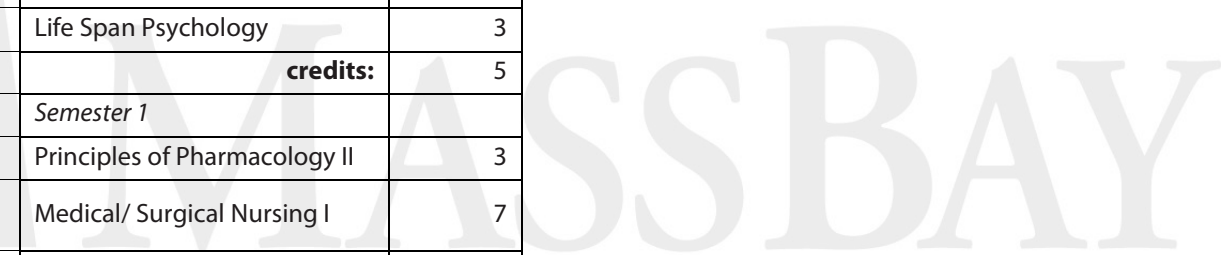
The student must complete the CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) form to authorize a search of conviction and pending criminal case information under Standard Required Level I by the DCJIS (Department of Criminal Justice Information Services). The student must also complete the SORI (Sex Offender Registry Information) form. The CORI and/ or SORI Report is returned with a finding(s), it may or may not prohibit progression in a Health Sciences Program. A National County Criminal Background check will be conducted as a part of the student's completion of the clinical requirements.

More information is available on the [Division of Health Sciences pages](#) on the MassBay website.

For more information about the costs of this program and employment opportunities after completion, please visit our gainful employment page: <http://www.massbay.edu/gainfulemployment.aspx>

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<b>COURSE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester 1</i>	
HL 103	Medical Terminology	3
HL 111	Essentials of Nutrition	3
PN 105	Issues & Trends in Practical Nursing I	1
PN 107	Principles of Pharmacology I	2
	<b>credits:</b>	10
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester 2</i>	
PN 102	Foundations of Practical Nursing	10
	<b>credits:</b>	10
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Summer</i>	
PN 109	Introduction to Medical/ Surgical Nursing	2
PS 118	Life Span Psychology	3
	<b>credits:</b>	5
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Semester 1</i>	
PN 110	Principles of Pharmacology II	3
PN 121	Medical/ Surgical Nursing I	7
	<b>credits:</b>	10
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Semester 2</i>	
PN 122	Medical/ Surgical Nursing II	7
PN 130	Care of the Family	7
	<b>credits:</b>	14
	<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>49</b>


  
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