

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Practical Nursing– Evening Option Certificate

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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 nursing homes, hospitals, clinics, and offices. The evening option is the same curriculum as that offered for the day option, but is spread over two academic years and two summer sessions. Classes are admitted in the fall semester. Some courses are offered over two semesters. Classes and clinical experience are scheduled on various evenings typically between 4 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The theoretical, skills, 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.

Upon completion, the Certificate in Practical Nursing is awarded.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking admission to the Practical Nursing program will be evaluated by GPA and total number of college-level credits completed at MassBay. Priority for admission is given to current MassBay students. Applicants must also meet all other required course prerequisites for the program. Minimum eligibility for admissions to this program includes:

- MassBay Placement into Freshman English I (EN 101) or completion of College Writing (WR 100) 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. Refer to the Competitive Programs Admissions requirements.

CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) and SORI (Sexual Offender Registry Information) background checks are required prior to clinical placement and will be conducted in accordance with state regulations. CORI and SORI results are confidential. (Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime, or with a pending criminal case, must meet eligibility requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing for licensure.)

Proof of CPR certification is required on or before the first day of the first semester and must be submitted to the Division of Health Sciences. The Healthcare Provider Card (from the American Heart Association) and the Professional Rescuer Card (from American Red Cross or National Safety Council) are the only types of CPR certification that meet this requirement. Students may enroll in a Health Care provider course through the Office of Corporate & Community Education.

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<i>First Year</i>		
<i>Semester 1</i>		
BI 113*	Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology	3
BI 118	Elements of Microbiology	1
HL 111	Essentials of Nutrition	2
PN 105	Issues & Trends in Practical Nursing I	1
PN 107	Principles of Pharmacology I	2
	credits:	9
<i>First Year</i>		
<i>Semester 2</i>		
PN 102	Foundations of Practical Nursing	10
	credits:	10
<i>First Year</i>		
<i>Summer</i>		
PN 108	Nursing Process Intercession	2
PS 118	Life Span Psychology	3
	credits:	5
<i>Second Year</i>		
<i>Semester 1</i>		
PN 106	Issues & Trends in Practical Nursing II	1
PN 110	Principles of Pharmacology II	2
PN 120	Nursing Care of the Adult & Aged	14
	credits:	17
<i>Second Year</i>		
<i>Semester 2</i>		
PN 130	Nursing Care of the Family	7
	credits:	7
	Total Credits:	48

* A combination of Anatomy & Physiology I (BI 115) and Anatomy & Physiology II (BI 116) fulfills this requirement.

PROGRAM FOOTNOTES

A grade of C or higher is required for all Practical Nursing (PN) and science courses.