

# Practical Nursing - Diploma

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West Burlington Campus, and select courses available at the Keokuk Campus

You have a calling to help others, you are compassionate, you want to give back. A career in nursing provides rewards beyond measure.

Other programs in the Nursing pathway are [Nursing Aide](#) which is a one-class course offered in afternoons in many locations and in hybrid format to accommodate high school students and working individuals.

Successful completion of the [Nursing Diploma](#) program can be completed in Summer, Fall and Spring semesters (11-months) allows the student to test for the NCLEX-PN for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

Successful completion of the [Nursing AAS](#) program can be completed in two years (starting in Summer) allows the student to test for the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a registered nurse.

Admission Criteria for Nursing Programs (#317) applies to this program. Below is a summary of the guidelines for convenience and is subject to change. Application deadlines apply to this program. *Please contact Enrollment Services for more details.*

## Admission Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalency.
- Current Iowa Certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant\*\*.
- Complete and attain minimums in standardized scores within 24 months of review for acceptance into the program:
  - ACT
    - Reading: 19
    - Math: 19
    - English: 17
    - OR Composite of 20
  - SAT
    - Reading/Writing: 330
    - Math: 510
    - OR Composite of 1040
  - Next-Gen ACCUPLACER:
    - Reading: 248
    - Writing: 260
    - ALEKS:
      - Math: 14
- Complete the following classes with a grade of C or better:
  - BIO-168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
  - BIO-186 Microbiology

## Additional Requirements

- Students are required to attend nursing orientation and complete the following requirements once admitted to the program.
- Students will be required to pass a mandatory background check.
- Students will be required to submit (at their own expense) a completed physical examination form and immunizations for health care providers.
- Current certification in CPR-Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers\*\*.
- Current certification in Mandatory Reporter-Adult & Child Abuse\*\*.
- Signed Confidentiality Agreement.
- Current HIPAA Certification.
- Current Blood Borne Pathogen certification.

\*\*Certifications may be obtained at Southeastern Community College. Students should work with a Student Success Advocate for the appropriate courses and dates to obtain these certifications.

All health career programs require students to earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or above in all coursework within the program. All other eligibility requirements must be met. See a Student Success Advocate for further information or assistance with these requirements.

View Program Outcome and Accreditation information at <https://nursing.iowa.gov/>

For specific information regarding program rules and expectations, please view the [Nursing Program Handbook](#).

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## Program Requirements

Prerequisite	Credit
BIO-168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO-186 Microbiology	4
Semester Total.....	12
Summer Semester	Credit
ENG-105 Composition I	3
PNN-160 Introduction to Nursing Practice	2
PSY-121 Developmental Psychology	3
Semester Total.....	8
Fall Semester I	Credit
PNN-222 Pharmacology I	1
PNN-534 Nursing I	12.5
Semester Total.....	13.5
Spring Semester I	Credit
PNN-311 PN Issues and Trends	1
PNN-535 Nursing II	12
Semester Total.....	13
Program Total.....	46.5