

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

The Practical Nursing (PN) program at Medical Professional Institute (MPI) has been granted Initial Approval by the Massachusetts Board of Nursing on September 12, 2007.

Mission Statement:

Through a program in nursing theory and practice incorporating the physical, social and applied sciences, MPI PN prepares its students with the technical knowledge, functional skills and decision-making abilities to provide entry or technical level nursing practice for the care of diverse populations with well-defined health care needs in structured health care settings. The program will also prepare students for the NCLEX-PN to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) who are valued members of the healthcare community.

Length of Program/ Program Hours:

The Practical Nursing Program is a certificate program consisting of three (3) 15-week semesters, over a 12-month period. The start date will be on January 7th, 2008 with holidays and breaks corresponding to those of Medical Professional Institute. The total clock hours is 1170, of which 945 hours are nursing courses and 610 hours will be spent in clinical rotations.

Clinical Affiliations

The clinical instruction is an integral part of the Practical Nursing Program. At affiliated clinical facilities students will be under the direct supervision and guidance of the nursing instructors. Some clinical affiliates require a criminal background check of current nursing students. These agencies have the right to deny clinical placement at their facility if the student has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor. Transportation is the responsibility of the student to and from the clinical site. Since clinical experiences are scheduled at various times, students must plan for and meet the irregular time requirements as well as for their own transportation.

The following are affiliated facilities that will serve as clinical sites for students in the Practical Nursing Program:

- Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Boston
- Shaugnessy Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, Salem
- Bear-Hill Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Stoneham
- Don Orione Nursing Home, Boston
- Epoch Senior Living, Melrose
- Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Jamaica Plain
- Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury

Curriculum

Course		Total hours	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Semester Credits
<i>Winter Semester</i>						
HAP101	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	45	45			3
MAT101	Essentials of Math	15	15			1
PN101	Fundamentals of Practical Nursing*	300	75	65	160	10
<i>Spring Semester</i>						
HAP102	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	45	45			3
MIC101	General Microbiology	30	30			2
PHA101	Principles of Pharmacology I	30	30			2
PN102	Nursing Care of the Adult and the Aged*	300	75		225	10
<i>Summer Semester</i>						
HGD101	Human Growth and Development	30	30			2
PHA102	Principles of Pharmacology II	30	30			2
PN104	Foundations of the Nursing Profession	45	45			3
PN103	Family Health and the Aged*	300	75		225	10
TOTAL:		1170	495	65	610	48

*Communication, ethical and legal, nutrition, nursing care skills, professional practice, emotional well-being and rehabilitation are integrated into the three primary nursing courses.

Tentative Schedule

- Group I: Monday to Friday, morning and evenings
- Group II: Monday to Friday evenings, and weekends

Students who intend to work while in the program are strongly advised not to take more than 16 hours of employment because of the intensity of the program and its irregular schedules. Employment schedule must not interfere with school activities.

PAYMENT AND FEES:

Tuition: \$16,000

Tuition for the Practical Nursing Program is billed as a flat rate for the whole school year. Any student taking additional courses outside the curriculum will be charged per credit rate.

Additional Fees/Costs: All fees and costs are approximate and are subject to change.

Testing Fee*	\$ 30	Pin & Ceremony	\$ 150
Application Fee**	\$ 50	CORI	\$ 20
Textbooks	\$ 793	Laboratory Fee	\$ 250
Uniforms	\$ 52.50	Stethoscope	\$ 52.50
Graduation	\$ 30	Educational Resources, Inc. (ERI)	\$ 200

* Testing fee due upon taking Entrance Exam (Step One of Application process)

** Application fee due upon registration (Step Two of Application process)

Sallie Mae funding and payment plans are available.

This program is pending approval by the USDOE for Title IV funding (Financial Aid).

ADMISSIONS POLICY: Admission is very competitive. Students will be accepted annually based on completion of specified admission criteria. Acceptance is contingent upon space availability in each program.

Application Deadline: The application deadline is **November 20, 2007** with classes starting in January 2008.

Application process

STEP ONE: Applicants must schedule and take a PNP Entrance Test. Tests can only be taken two times in one enrollment period and must be taken at least 30 days apart. To schedule a test you must pay a \$30 testing fee in Enrollment Services.

Testing Dates: October 19, 22, 25, 26, November 1 and 2, 2007

STEP TWO: Once you pass the PNP Entrance Test you will receive the Application Form. Submit the completed application along with required forms stated in Section II B of this catalog including the 1 page essay. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required for the processing of this application.

STEP THREE: After the application is received, and requirements are completed (See requirements below), a personal interview with the Admissions Coordinator, Nursing Faculty member and/or Academic Director is required.

STEP FOUR: Selection and Notification

Requirements:

Applicants for the PNP must complete the following requirements at the time of application:

- Receive a 70% or higher on the Practical Nurse Entrance Exam*
- A completed application form including personal statement with appropriate fee. *
- Evidence of graduation from high school or equivalent (GED) including transcript (if received outside of the United States, diploma and transcript must be submitted with an official translation into English)*
- Students may submit official college transcripts for review to receive transfer credit for course work successfully completed with a "C" or better. *
- An updated resume*
- Three references from employers, teachers, and/or counselors to verify that the applicant is of good moral character - references from family members are **not** permitted and highly discouraged from friends.*
- An interview with an admissions representative and program director.
- A recent physical examination record from a medical doctor stating the physical capability of the applicant to perform the tasks of a health care provider, including immunizations required by the Massachusetts Department of Health – form will be provided to all accepted students.
- A statement of general health signed by the student within 30 days of start date.
- Students entering the Practical Nursing Program who are pregnant or become pregnant during the course of the program will be required to present monthly signed statements from their physician stating that it is permissible for them to continue in the program and must be able to complete all clinical requirements as scheduled.
- Provide proof of participation in a comprehensive health insurance plan or comparable health insurance coverage for the duration of the program, if enrolled in 9 or more quarter credits, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 15A: Section 18. *
- Proof of current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification throughout the entire program. * (*Call MPI or check the website for schedule of CPR courses*)
- Give permission for a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check.
Some clinical agencies prohibit clinical participation based on a conviction in a court of law. This will then not allow successful completion of the program. In addition, all applicants for licensure as RN or LPN must be of "good moral character" as required by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing. Court record/past conviction may present a barrier to eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) or as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). The Board of Registration in Nursing's "good moral character" requirement can be found online at www.state.ma.us/reg/boards/rn/

* **Please note that the following information must be received before courses begin.**