



PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Median Starting Salary: \$24.54

(7/1/2017 - 6/31/2018 reporting period)

* Based on employment verifications submitted by employees

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Practical Nursing Program at Sumner College is 50 academic weeks in length and includes 75.5 credit hours of combined nursing and general education courses.

Students receive classroom instruction, laboratory practice, and clinical experience in medical, surgical, pediatric, adult, geriatric and community practice settings. Students work as members of the healthcare team under the supervision of qualified practical nurse faculty. Graduates of the program may apply to the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Once licensed, the graduate may be employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

In addition to passing all courses in this program, students must pass the final comprehensive predictor exam with a 75% or higher to be eligible for graduation. Graduates of the program are awarded a Practical Nursing Diploma. Once students have graduated from this program of study, they must pass the NCLEX-PN state exam to become licensed as a Practical Nurse.

Here are a few places our graduates are working:

- Avamere
- Prestige
- HCR Manor Care Salmon Creek
- Kaiser Permanente
- Naphcare
- Columbia Asthma & Allergy
- Frontier Rehab
- Marquis
- Mirabella
- Friendship Center
- Americana Health & Rehab
- Aveanna Healthcare
- Care Center East
- CSL Plasma
- Holgate Community
- Maxim Healthcare
- Western State Hospital
- Brookdale Hillside Senior Center
- OHSU
- Laurelhurst Village
- Women's Healthcare Association
- Vibra
- Cascade Inn
- The Hampton Inn

Classroom size is limited to a ratio of 24 students per lecture session and 12 students per skill labs session. Clinical ratio is 8 to 1.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

The college utilizes the latest technology and advances to prepare students to serve as nursing professionals in the healthcare industry. Simulation and skills labs offer hands-on learning opportunities that utilize technology-based interactive computerized mannequins; focusing on adult health, pediatrics, maternal and newborn nursing. Students are exposed to evidence-based practice in real-life healthcare situations that encourage student participation and the development of critical thinking in a safe and controlled environment.

"I am grateful for Sumner College allowing me to complete my Practical Nursing Program. I had a wonderful experience"

- Judy W. LPN Graduate



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Length of Program: 50 Weeks, 5 Terms

TOTAL CREDITS: 75.5

Diploma Program

Location: Cascade Campus

Instructional Delivery: Residential

Term 1

BIO 131	Anatomy & Physiology I.....	Credits 4.0
NUR 101	PN Nursing Fundamentals I.....	Credits 5.5
MED 101	Medical Terminology.....	Credits 2.0
PHA 101	Introduction to Pharmacology.....	Credits 3.0

Term 2

BIO 132	Anatomy & Physiology II.....	Credits 4.0
NUR 102	PN Nursing Fundamentals II.....	Credits 5.5
NUR 112	PN Clinical Nursing I.....	Credits 2.0
ENG 102	English Composition.....	Credits 4.0
PHA 102	Pharmacology.....	Credits 2.0

Term 3

BIO 133	Anatomy & Physiology III.....	Credits 4.0
NUR 107	PN Nursing Fundamentals III.....	Credits 5.5
NUR 113	PN Clinical Nursing II.....	Credits 2.0
PSY 101	Psychology.....	Credits 4.0
NCL 130	NCLEX Preparation I.....	Credits 2.0

Term 4

NUR 104	PN Nursing Fundamentals IV.....	Credits 5.0
NUR 114	PN Clinical Nursing III.....	Credits 2.0
NUA 115	Alternative Therapies.....	Credits 2.0
NUR 124	Maternal/Newborn/Pediatrics.....	Credits 2.0
NCL 140	NCLEX Preparation II.....	Credits 3.0

Term 5

NUR 180	PN Practicum.....	Credits 7.0
NUR 150	NCLEX Predictor Testing.....	Credits 3.0
NUR 190	Nursing Leadership.....	Credits 2.0



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Upon completion of the practical nursing program, the graduate will be eligible for licensure as a licensed practical nurse and will:
- Adhere to standards of practice for legal, ethical, and regulatory parameters of the licensed practical nurse
- Integrate concepts, theory, and research from the physical and social sciences and nursing as a basis for professional nursing practice
- Effective and professional communication with clients and the health care team
- Safe and caring interventions provided for a diverse client population across the lifespan
- Integrate Florence Nightingale's elements (OMEGA-7) as an organizing framework for critical thinking in approaching health care and the nursing process
- Maintain personal and professional development through lifelong learning

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

We strive to create an educational environment that fosters the development of ethical, competent, and caring nurses that will shape and lead our future nursing workforce. It is our responsibility to provide our students with the knowledge, skills, and ability needed to become successful in their chosen field. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a practical nurse.

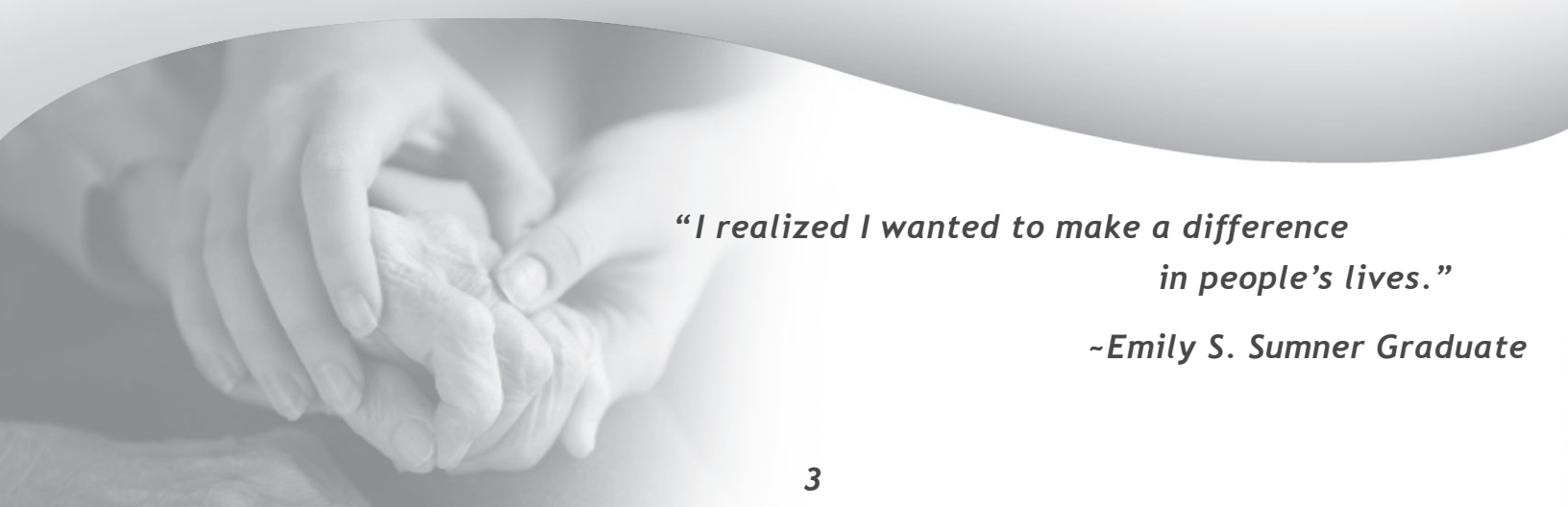
ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Individuals applying for the practical nursing program must meet the following requirements to be considered for admittance. Applications may be hand delivered or submitted via email, or mail; faxed applications will not be accepted. Submission of an application does not guarantee admission into the program. Previous enrollment in a program at Sumner College does not guarantee admission into the program. Work experience in the medical field is not required to be considered for acceptance into the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma or GED Applicants must possess one of the following and be at least 18 years of age:

- a) Students must provide a copy of their high school diploma (or recognized equivalent) or signed attestation verifying prior education.
- b) GED or equivalent issued from a state authority



***“I realized I wanted to make a difference
in people’s lives.”***

~Emily S. Sumner Graduate

Essays: 5 Points

The Practical Nursing program will demand an extensive amount of your time for classroom instruction, skills lab, and clinical experiences. Attendance is mandatory for all parts of the program. Being absent or tardy is considered unprofessional behavior. The nursing program is guided by ethical and professional principles. Essay questions are reviewed and points are awarded on a scale of 0-5.

The essay questions are as follows:

1. Why are you pursuing a career as a nurse?
2. What makes you capable of being a nurse?
3. Explain in detail how you will commit to the demands and responsibilities of a nursing program.

Directions

- Place name at the top of each essay
- Essays should be typed, double-spaced, in 12 pt. Times New Roman font
- Title each essay with the question
- Begin each essay on a separate page
- All essays must be a minimum of one page in length

Accuplacer Test: 5 Points

Applicants must submit a Accuplacer test request form prior to taking the exam. There is a \$15.00 non-refundable testing fee due at the time you reserve your testing date. This fee is applied to the registration fee upon admittance to the program. Applicants must provide a form of Government ID (ex: driver's license) to sit for the Accuplacer test.

The Accuplacer test is comprised of three different sections covering Math Diagnostics, Reading Diagnostics, Writing Diagnostic. Each section is weighted equally. The test is a multiple choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, and writing. The objectives assessed on the Accuplacer test are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.

A minimum score of 4 points must be awarded on the Accuplacer test to proceed in the application process.

References

Applicants must submit a minimum of one letter of recommendation. The college strongly recommends that the letter is submitted on professional letterhead and includes contact information. Acceptable letters of recommendation may include current or previous supervisors, hiring managers, or academic instructors. Please contact the admissions department with additional questions.

Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts must be submitted with a student's application to be considered eligible for transfer.

Application Submission

Applications can be submitted by hand delivery to the Admissions Office, via email, or standard mail.

In an effort to go paperless the college requests applications be emailed. Please contact your Admissions Representative with questions.

Mail:

Sumner College Cascade Campus
Attn: PN Application
8338 NE Alderwood Road Ste. #100
Portland, OR 97220

Email:

admissions@sumnercollege.edu

Admissions Appointment or Info Session

All applicants are required to attend a mandatory appointment or an info session with a Sumner admissions representative. This appointment focuses on admissions and program requirements, curriculum and credit hours, class schedules, clinical experience, and NCLEX preparation. Prospective students have the opportunity to discuss any questions they may have about the program or the college at this time. Additional admission appointments may be arranged at the request of the student.

Final Selection

Applicants who earn a minimum of 7 points out of 10 by submitting their accuplacer test, essays, and references will be eligible for the final cohort selection.

PROGRAM POLICIES

Health Forms

All Students are screened for immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Tuberculosis in accordance with Sumner College policies. All students are required to submit proof of immunization for the following, prior to their initial clinical practice site visit: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Tuberculosis; Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis Toxoid (within the last 10 years), and Hepatitis B or titer. The Hepatitis B series must be started by the stated deadline, and can be completed during the first term of the program.

Students must possess certain abilities and skills necessary to provide and maintain safe and effective care. Students must be able to perform the physical requirements necessary for the practical nursing program. An immunization form must be completed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and be submitted before the beginning of the program.

Drug Screening

A drug screen is required for admittance into the practical nursing program. Any evidence of drug use or a positive drug screen may result in an automatic dismissal from the program. The drug screen must be completed prior to the start of clinical. This date is determined by the college. Random drug screens may be conducted during the 5 terms of the program.

Criminal Background

All students enrolled in the practical nursing program will be required to complete a criminal background check. The criminal background check gives permission for an agency to access all criminal case data including conviction, non-conviction, and pending data. Depending on the contents of the student's criminal record, participation in clinical or field placement may be denied. In addition, a sex offender check may be required.

Failure to complete or participate in any required agency screening will result in the practical nursing student not being placed at that agency, which may lead to possible dismissal from the program.

Why Sumner College?

Prerequisite coursework is not required

Program is designed to be completed in 50 weeks

Skills labs provide hands on practice
to prepare you for clinical experiences

The College has been accredited since 1978 with
a focus on high quality, career focused education

The College schedules all of the courses to assure
course requirements can be met in 5 terms

Graduates will be prepared to sit for the
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NCLEX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Graduates of a Nursing program will be reimbursed for the fees to sit for the NCLEX if they pass it on their first attempt within 45 days after their original scheduled Graduation Date as stated on their enrollment agreement. Please note that students that have repeated a term for reasons including, but not limited to, unsatisfactory academic progress or a leave of absence will not be eligible for the NCLEX Reimbursement Program. Reimbursement costs include the state application fee (any state), the costs of fingerprinting, and the Pearson Vue exam fee. Reimbursement checks will be sent within 14 business days after the date in which the student has contacted the college via email to confirm they passed the exam. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the college if they sit for the test during the 45 day period to be eligible for reimbursement. Please email NCLEX@sumnercollege.edu for additional information.

***“The teachers are there supporting you,
they are interested in your success and that
makes a huge difference in motivation.”***

***- Kristen W.
Sumner Graduate***



TRANSFER CREDITS

Students wishing to transfer credits must complete the Sumner College Transfer Credit Request Form included in college application. Submission of this form does not guarantee approval of transfer credit.

Official transcripts must be received by Sumner College for evaluation before the first day of class.

Students wishing to transfer credits from an accredited institution will be required to provide an official, sealed transcript that must be sent directly to Sumner College from institutions attended. When considering transfer credit, institutions must be recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Sumner College may request a college catalog or additional course information when evaluating coursework from other institutions. If these items are requested, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain this information. All transfer credit must comply with residency and curriculum requirements.

Maximum transfer credit for all applicants wishing to transfer previous coursework is 25%.

Final determination is the decision of Sumner College.

Transfer credit will be evaluated by the Director of Education and submitted to the Registrar. The transferability of a course depends upon many factors, including but not limited to the scope of the course and content, date in which the course was completed, credit hours, and accreditation. If an applicant is accepted into the program and wishes to transfer credit, an official transcript must be received before the start of their first day of class.

If an official transcript is not received by the college within the first day of the program, the student will not be awarded transfer credit.

Students should be aware actual degree requirements vary from institution. Transferability of credit is always the decision of the school in which you wish to transfer, and is never within the control of the credit granting institution.