

# LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## CURRICULUM GUIDE

Nursing, PN Option  
Certificate of Achievement

Curriculum Code: 0235 (Effective Fall 2009 – Fall 2010)

The Practical Nurse Program at Lansing Community College is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and implements the career ladder concept. The practical nurse program is offered in a full-time or part-time sequence. There are specific prerequisites required for entry into the program. Building on these prerequisites, a student completing the first year receives a Certificate of Achievement and is eligible to take a national examination for Practical Nurse (PN) which is the National Council Licensing Examination–Practical Nurse (NCLEX–PN).

The Practical Nurse (PN) Program prepares an individual to, with supervision from the Registered Nurse, implement a plan of care for clients in a variety of healthcare settings often working in long-term care. The education and scope of practice of the PN is determined by state law. The student must successfully complete this certificate of achievement and the National Council Licensing Examination–Practical Nurse (NCLEX–PN) to practice as a practical nurse.

This is a selective admission program. In order to be considered as a candidate for this program, students must meet basic admission requirements beyond those required for admission to the college. Many of the courses for this program are open only to students officially admitted to the Nursing Program. This curriculum is the first year of the registered nurse program.

### PREREQUISITES

Students should see *Course Descriptions* or *Course Offerings* for course prerequisite information. See the *Assessment and Placement Testing* section for skills assessment and advising information.

### INFORMATION

The admission and/or graduation requirements for this program may change each academic year. **The program requirements below apply only to those students who have been admitted to the program for the 2009/2010 academic year.** For the most recent and complete information, interested students should contact the Admissions Office, Room 203, Gannon Building, telephone (517) 483-1254 or the Nursing Careers Department, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number (517) 483-1410 (Website: [www.lcc.edu/nursing/](http://www.lcc.edu/nursing/)).

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM, PN AND RN OPTIONS

For current information about admission requirements, students must contact the Admissions Office, Room 203, Gannon Building, telephone (517) 483-1254.

### REQUIREMENTS (See Note 1)

CODE	TITLE	TOTAL: 35 CREDITS CREDIT HOURS
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 202	Human Physiology	4
NURS 160	Acute Nursing Care	6
NURS 165	Maternity Nursing Care	4
NURS 166	PN Role in Long-term Care	1
NURS 200	Pharmacology – Nursing (See Note 2)	3
PFWH 163	Healthy Lifestyles	2
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3
WRIT 121	Composition I (See Note 3)	4

**LIMITED CHOICE REQUIREMENTS****TOTAL: 9 CREDITS**Complete the indicated number of credits from **EACH CHOICE** listed below.

<b>CHOICE 1: Nursing Program Areas</b> (Choose one subchoice)	<b>9 Credits</b>
<b>Subchoice 1A: Full-Time Sequence</b>	
NURS 150    Fundamentals in Nursing Care I & II	9
<b>Subchoice 1B: Part-Time Sequence</b>	
NURS 151    Fundamentals in Nursing Care I	5
NURS 152    Fundamentals in Nursing Care II	4
<b>Subchoice 1C: Accelerated Sequence</b> (See Note 4)	
NURS 151    Fundamentals in Nursing Care I	5
NURS 152    Fundamentals Nursing Care II	4
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Current Basic Life Support Certification (BLS) is required throughout the program (EMSB 102 or EMSB 103 or American Heart Association/Health Care Provider or American Red Cross/Professional Rescuer).
2. NURS 200 may be taken up to two years prior to admission to the Nursing Program or concurrently with NURS 150 or NURS 151.
3. WRIT 121 may be replaced by WRIT 122, WRIT 124, WRIT 127, WRIT 131, WRIT 132, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132. Students anticipating transfer to a four-year program should select WRIT 121, WRIT 122, WRIT 131, WRIT 132, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.
4. Students holding a bachelor's degree may qualify for this subchoice.
5. All courses in this curriculum must be completed with a grade of 2.5 or better to earn the certificate of achievement with the exception of MATH 112 which must be completed with a 2.0 or better or proficiency exam, where applicable.

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**Subchoice 1A: Full-Time Sequence

Courses listed in Semester I below must be completed prior to admission to the Nursing Program as part of the Phase I requirements for admission. MATH 112 – Intermediate Algebra is required for admission and may be waived by successfully passing a proficiency exam. Although students are accepted to the program in March, they will be assigned to begin Semester II in either fall or spring semester. A student may not begin a new semester until she or he has successfully completed all of the courses listed in a previous sequenced semester with the grade requirements in Note 5. Some courses may be completed before the designated semester, typically non-nursing courses. NURS200 is the only NURS-prefix course in the full-time program that is offered summer semester.

<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>
BIOL 201	BIOL 202	NURS 160
MATH 112 (or Proficiency)	NURS 150	NURS 165
PFHW 163	NURS 200	NURS 166
PSYC 200		PSYC 205
WRIT 121		

**Subchoice 1B: Part-Time Sequence**

Courses listed in Semester I below must be completed prior to admission to the Nursing Program as part of the Phase I requirements for admission. MATH 112 – Intermediate Algebra is required for admission and may be waived by successfully passing a proficiency exam. Students are accepted to the program in March and will begin Semester II in fall semester. A student may not begin a new semester until she or he has successfully completed all of the courses listed in a previous sequenced semester with the grade requirements in Note 5. Some courses may be completed before the designated semester, typically non-nursing courses. The part-time program requires that NURS courses be taken in fall, spring, and summer semesters.

I	II	III	IV
BIOL 201 MATH 112 (or Proficiency) PFHW 163 PSYC 200 WRIT 121	BIOL 202 NURS 151 NURS 200	NURS 152	NURS 165 PSYC 205
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NURS 160 NURS 166			

**Subchoice 1C: Accelerated Sequence**

Students holding a bachelor's degree must have met or completed the prerequisite requirements listed below prior to admission to the Nursing Program. The accelerated program requires that PN NURS courses be taken over a period of 6 months and includes online methodology and face-to-face instruction. A student may not begin a new semester until she or he has successfully completed all of the courses listed in the previous sequenced semester with the grade requirements in Note 5.

**Prerequisite Requirements**

BIOL 201	MATH 112 or proficiency	PFHW 163	PSYC 205
BIOL 202	NURS 200	PSYC 200	WRIT 121

**Program Requirements**

I	II
NURS 151 NURS 152	NURS 160 NURS 165 NURS 166