



Practical Nursing Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the CLTCC Practical Nursing program?

The CLTCC Practical Nursing Technical Diploma traditional day program is five (5) semesters in length, approximately 18 months. The Technical Diploma program includes 58 credit hours and a minimum of 1735 clock hours. At successful completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to apply for Practical Nursing licensure with Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE).

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Practical Nursing includes the Technical Diploma required courses and five transferrable general education courses that provide Practical Nursing graduates a pathway to pursue advanced education degrees such as an ASN or BSN. The AAS program includes 73 credit hours and 1960 clock hours.

When does the Practical Nursing class start?

CLTCC starts a new traditional day practical nursing class (cohort) every Fall Semester (August). Evening programs are currently offered at three CLTCCC Campuses – Alexandria, Ferriday, and Huey P. Long. Please contact the individual campus for evening program start dates. AAS transferable general education courses are offered each semester – contact CLTCC for the semester course offerings and schedules.

What are the admission requirements for Practical Nursing?

Regular admission requirements based on LSBPNE and CLTCC admission guidelines include:

- *Submit an on-application at www.cltcc.edu/apply*
- *Must have a High School Diploma or Equivalent*
- *Meet the minimum entrance scores for Practical Nursing Technical Diploma or Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing in Reading, English/Writing and Math on an approved entrance assessment - ACT, Accuplacer Next Generation, etc.*
- *Meet the minimum WorkKeys National Career Readiness Assessment score/certificate level required for Practical Nursing (Bronze Level)*
- *Pass a pre-admission LSBPNE and College required criminal background check. Students are not fully accepted into a nursing/allied health program until receipt and review of criminal background check and approval by clinical agencies if applicable*
- *Consent to and pass a pre-admission Drug Screen -- the student will be informed and directed of the random drug screen process. The drug screen must be collected and performed at a designated, approved CLTCC drug screening lab*
- *Provide a certified copy of birth certificate or valid US passport*
- *Complete a CLTCC health certification (physical examination) from a licensed healthcare provider and provide proof of required immunizations.*

Selective Admission -- CLTCC Practical Nursing Program maintains a selective admission process in addition to the general admission requirements of CLTCC. The selective admission process is utilized when the number of eligible practical nursing applicants exceed the maximum number student admission spaces/ slots per cohort.

PRACTICAL NURSING CRITERIA UTILIZED IN SELECTIVE ADMISSION PROCESS:

- *ACCUPLACER OR ACT Scores -- Reading, Math, Language/Writing*
- *WorkKeys Work Readiness Certificate Level (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum)*
- *Date of Application*
- *High School GPA or GED/HiSET Conversion to GPA*
- *Enrollment in and successful completion of CLTCC Pre-Nursing, High-School Dual Enrollment, or other Allied Health Courses*
- *Current Allied Health Certificate and Work Experience (Nurse Assistant, PCT, EMT, etc.)*

Is financial aid available? *Yes, the Practical Nursing program is eligible for state and federal financial aid based on individual student eligibility. Additional financial aid information is available at the CLTCC Campus.*

For more information, please contact a CLTCC Campus Student Services/Enrollment Specialist staff.