

Program Overview

The McCann Technical School Practical Nursing Program is a full-time program of study that leads to a practical nurse certificate and entitles the graduate to sit for the National Counsel Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The student who passes the NCLEX-PN becomes a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and is qualified to work as an entry-level licensed practical nurse. The Practical Nursing Program is eleven months in length. Classes start in January and graduation is held by mid-November. Classes and laboratories will take place Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Clinical externship hours vary and are typically between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. However, in order to provide a complete and well-rounded curriculum, a limited number of clinical experiences may also be held at different times or in the evening and/or on weekends. The program meets the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing for providing at least 1080 hours of instruction, a minimum of 945 of which are nursing courses. At least 540 hours of the nursing courses consist of clinical experience. In order to meet the above requirements, attendance at all classes, laboratories, and clinical experiences is mandatory. Students whose absences bring their attendance below the above requirements will not be allowed to continue in the program.

The mission of McCann Technical School is to graduate individuals who are technically skilled and academically prepared to meet the challenges of a global economy. Our vision is dedicated to being the recognized leader of quality technical education in the Commonwealth.

The mission of the McCann Practical Nursing Program is consistent with the mission of the parent institution while focusing specifically on practical nursing. The McCann Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare the graduate for competent, ethical, entry-level practice in the care of diverse populations with common or stable health care needs in structured health care settings.

Admission Policies

All candidates for admission to the Practical Nursing Program are required to provide satisfactory evidence of secondary school graduation or its equivalent. Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- ◆ Completed application form.
- ◆ Official high school transcript or official verification of HSE (High School Equivalency) and official

GED/HiSET transcript of scores. Applicants must have achieved a grade of C or above in mathematics and English.

- ◆ Official college or postsecondary transcripts if applicable.
- ◆ Essay for selecting your program.
- ◆ Three (3) letters of reference from guidance counselors, teachers, employers or other professionals.
- ◆ TEAS exam fee.

Candidates are required to submit their application and exam fee in order to be scheduled for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and must score at or above the national program mean to be further considered for admission to the program. The test will be administered at McCann and candidates will be given instructions for obtaining study materials.

- ◆ Students who do not meet the minimum qualifications as evidenced by the TEAS entrance test may retake the exam provided one month has passed and an additional fee has been paid.
- ◆ Qualified students will be interviewed and will submit a second short essay to be written on the day of the interview.
- ◆ Of those students who qualify, admission slots will be granted first to those whose transcripts, TEAS scores, references, interview and writing sample are predictive, in the opinion of the admissions committee, of the greatest potential for success in the program.

Transfer Credits

The program coordinator will evaluate credits for transfer on an individual basis for the following courses: PN 101 Anatomy & Physiology and PN 102 Human Growth & Development. To transfer Anatomy & Physiology I & II, the applicant must have attained a grade of B- or higher and credits for transfer must have been earned within five (5) years of entrance into the Practical Nursing Program. To transfer Human Growth & Development, the applicant must have attained a passing grade and credits for transfer must have been earned within ten (10) years of entrance into the Practical Nursing Program. The applicant must also submit a copy of the course syllabus or catalog course description in addition to an official transcript.

The program does not provide advanced placement or course exemptions for students who have successfully completed a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program.

Accepted Students

Prior to official enrollment, all accepted applicants must give permission for a Criminal Offense Record Information (CORI) investigation pursuant to the Criminal Record Information Act (CORI) as per Massachusetts General Laws. Final admission to the program is contingent upon a satisfactory CORI. A court record/past conviction may present a barrier to eligibility for licensure as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Applicants with a court record/past conviction are advised to carefully review their personal circumstances and the Good Moral Character Licensure Requirement of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (Licensure Policy 00-01) to determine their eligibility to meet legal qualifications for nurse licensure in Massachusetts. Applicants may wish to consult an attorney. A second CORI may be required by our clinical sites during Term III.

Some of our clinical sites require that our students submit to a national criminal background check by fingerprinting. If required, practical nursing students must complete this through the State Applicant Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) and further instructions will be given later in the year.

Health Documentation

Prior to the first day of class, all admitted practical nursing students are required to provide documentation of the following:

- ◆ Physical Exam: Within 3 months **prior to** the first day of class.
- ◆ MMR (Measles, German Measles, Mumps): Proof of 2 MMRs or titer (must submit lab results for titer).
- ◆ Td/Tdap: Proof of one Tdap > age 11; Td or Tdap within last 10 years.
- ◆ Hepatitis B: Proof of 3 vaccines or positive titer (must submit lab results for titer).
- ◆ Varicella (Chicken Pox): Proof of 2 Varicella vaccines or titer (must submit lab results for titer).
- ◆ PPD: Two-step or equivalent, good for entire program. If positive, treatment documentation, CXR, negative for TB symptoms.
- ◆ Meningococcal: Students ≤ 21 must have MenACWY (formerly MCV4) on or after 16th birthday.
- ◆ Influenza: Proof of annual, unless medically exempted.
- ◆ COVID: Proof of 2 COVID-19 vaccines 3-4 weeks apart, depending on manufacturer plus boosters.

- ◆ All immunization requirements must be completed by the first day of class and kept current throughout the program. **Failure to keep requirements current will result in ineligibility to attend clinical experience.**
- ◆ McCann will follow the current immunization recommendations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

CPR Requirements

Accepted students must hold current American Heart Association or Red Cross certification in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the health-care provider level prior to the first day of class. Certification must be valid for the duration of the program.

Estimated Program Costs

Tuition (includes liability insurance)

In-District	\$3,500/year
Out-of-District	\$7,000/year

Fees

TEAS Exam Fee	\$65
Other Fees	\$525**

**Approximate cost for fees includes laboratory fees, ATI testing fees, printing fees, clinical supplies, CPR class, NAPNES student membership.

Other costs

Books	\$725***
***Approximate cost for books is at discounted prices.	
Uniforms	\$143-\$175
Shoes	\$54-\$112 (varies)
Watch with second hand	\$30 (varies)

Future costs (at end of program)

NCLEX Prep Course	\$225 (Mandatory)
Graduation Fee	\$100
NCLEX Testing Fee	\$200
License Application	\$240
Passport Photo	\$20

Students should expect to purchase pens (black ink), loose-leaf notebooks, and other commonly used school supplies.

Financial Aid

McCann participates in the federal Pell Grant and the Massachusetts and Vermont state grant programs.

Curriculum

Term I

Anatomy and Physiology	4 credits
Growth and Development	3 credits
Professional Foundations	1 credit
Pharmacology	1 credit
Fundamentals of Practical Nursing	9 credits

Term II

Concepts of Practical Nursing	10 credits
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Term III

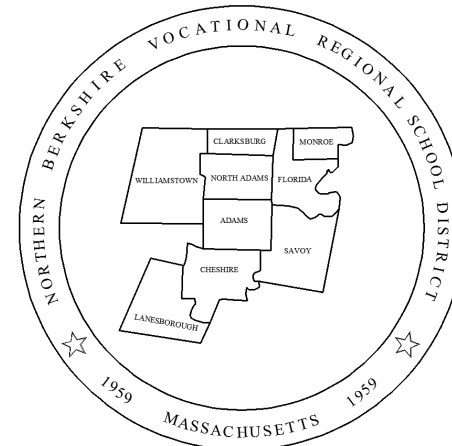
Advanced Concepts of Practical Nursing	8 credits
Issues & Trends in Practical Nursing	1 credit
Family Centered Nursing	6 credits

The graduate of the Practical Nursing Program must sit for the National Counsel Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses and pass to be qualified to work as an entry-level licensed practical nurse. The program also meets the requirements to apply for licensure by examination for the Vermont Board of Nursing.

The McCann Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing> and accredited by COE (Council on Occupational Education) <http://council.org>.

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