

- Students must complete the following required entrance exams with the listed minimum score:
 - ATI Critical Thinking Exam with a score of 60 or higher.
 - HESI-LPN to ADN Entrance Exam with a score of 850 or higher.

Courses		Credits
ADNR-1132	Pathophysiology I	2
ADNR-1134	Pathophysiology II	2
BIOS-2050	Nutrition & Diet Therapy	3
BIOS-2250	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (and lab)	4
BIOS-2260	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (and lab)	4
BIOS-2460	Microbiology	4
CHEM-1050	Introductory Chemistry	4
ENGL-1010	English Composition I	3
PSYC-1810	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC-2150	Life Span: Growth and Development	3

Recommended Plan of Study for Second Year with Advanced Placement

2nd Year (fall)		Credits
ADNR-1160	Health Assessment*	2
ADNR-2112	Care of the Older Adult	2.5
ADNR-2122	Principles of Pharmacology II	2
ADNR-2126	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
ADNR-2141	Adult Health & Illness III	4
Total Credits		13.5

* Can be taken as a prerequisite course.

2nd Year (spring)		Credits
ADNR-2124	Principles of Pharmacology III	1
ADNR-2134	Maternal Child Nursing	3.5
ADNR-2151	Adult Health and Illness IV	3.5
ADNR-2175	Transition to Practice	3.5
Total Credits		11.5

Nursing (Practical)

DI.5116A (46.5 Credits)

Diploma

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This three-semester program is designed to prepare the student to become a licensed practical nurse capable of providing nursing care under the supervision of a licensed healthcare professional. Theory and practice are integrated into a sequence of selected learning

experiences proceeding from the simple to complex in such a manner as to produce a competent, safe practitioner.

After successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). The Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Nebraska Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402.471.4917 and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000, acenursing.org.

Technical Standards

Nursing is a profession that requires not only the accumulation of research-based nursing knowledge, but also the development of technical skills, professional attitudes, and professional behavior. These established technical standards may act as a guide to the prospective student to the expected level of competency during the completion of a nursing program in preparation for a career in nursing. Graduates of the WNCC Nursing Program will:

- **Critical Thinking**

Apply knowledge and experience in the determination of appropriate patient care. Examples of situations in which the nurse must apply critical thinking include prioritizing patient care, making safe judgments related to medication administration, and dealing effectively with interpersonal conflict.

- **Direct Care**

Apply knowledge and experience in the assessment of patients in order to assess and provide direct nursing care services. Examples include assisting patients in repositioning and walking, performance of CPR, and providing care and close monitoring for extended periods of time.

- **Collection of Patient Information**

Apply knowledge and experience in the assessment of patients in order to perform nursing care. Examples include assessing heart and lung sounds, examining the skin and wound conditions, noting abnormal odors that may indicate illness, and palpating organs.

- **Communication**

Effectively communicate in English both verbally and in written form with patients, patient families, and other health care professionals. Examples include teaching patients and/or families about medications, documenting in the health care record, and reporting changes in conditions to the health care provider.

- **Professional Attitude and Behavior**

Demonstrate a commitment to an environment of mutual respect, trust, integrity, and reliability in interactions with patients, their families, and other healthcare professionals. Examples of professional attitude and behavior include on-time attendance at assigned shifts, choosing to be an active member of the team by not working in a chemically impaired state or performing personal business and/or communication at work, and by accepting responsibility for one's actions.

- **Safety**

Apply knowledge and experience in the assessment of safety in patient care treatment and environment. Examples of safety in nursing care include accurately calculating or confirming medication dosages, noting items in the patient care environment that may create a physical hazard, ensuring asepsis, and responding appropriately in the event of a threatening situation.

Demonstrate proficiency in and strict adherence to guidelines for the provision of care.

Clearly articulate job responsibilities and limitations during patient care, depending upon the level of education, training, and licensure.

Objectives

At the conclusion of the WNCC practical nursing program, the student:

- Implements safe care practices to minimize the potential harm to patients, self, and the health care team.
- Implements holistic patient-centered care.
- Implements professional communication skills to facilitate shared decision making in provision of patient-centered care and in promoting effective team functioning.
- Implements findings from current evidence-based practice in provision of patient-centered care and to improve clinical processes.
- Demonstrates values and beliefs consistent with professional standards, ethics, and legal regulations in practice of nursing while adhering to established college and clinical agency policies and procedures

Notes

- For admission requirements to the program contact the Nursing Department at 308.635.6060 or visit the Health Sciences Division office in the John N. Harms Center on the Scottsbluff campus.
- Students must have a current BNA on the Nebraska registry or registry in the students' state of residency.

- Students must demonstrate math competency either by ACCUPLACER® score or having completed MATH-0160 and being Intermediate Algebra ready.
- A minimum grade of "C" must be attained on all prerequisite courses.
- Students are required to undergo a criminal background check as part of the admission process. Students will not be fully accepted into the program until the background check is cleared and immunization requirements complete.
- Students may also take BIOS-2250 and BIOS-2260 to meet the LPNR-1110 or BIOS-1160 requirement.

Gainful Employment (GE) – For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed this program, and other important information, please visit our website at wncc.edu/equity.

Recommended Plan of Study

1st Semester		Credits
BIOS-2050	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
ENGL-1010	English Composition I	3
LPNR-1110	Body Structure and Function	4
	or	
BIOS-1160	Intro to Human Anatomy & Physiology	
PSYC-1810	Introduction to Psychology	3
Total Credits		13

2nd Semester		Credits
BIOS-2460	Microbiology*	4
LPNR-1250	Concepts of Nursing	7
LPNR-1270	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	5.5
NURS-1410	Pharmacology I	2
Total Credits		18.5

**Can be taken as a prerequisite*

3rd Semester		Credits
LPNR-2280	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	5.5
LPNR-2290	Care of the Family	5.5
LPNR-2720	Strategies for the LPN in Practice	2
NURS-1480	Pharmacology II	2
Total Credits		15
Total Diploma Credits		46.5