

## Practical Nursing (PNC)

**THE CERTIFICATE:** Practical Nursing

**THE PROGRAM:** prepares you for a career as a practical nurse, who provides direct and competent bedside care for adults and children in nursing homes and hospitals. You will be required to take a rigorous combination of liberal arts and clinical nursing courses over 40 weeks between September and the end of June.

**YOUR NEXT STEP:** take the LPN licensure examination and enter the LPN work force and/or continue your education in an RN program. A direct articulation agreement exists with GCC's associate degree nursing program.

### REQUIRED COURSES

### CREDITS

BIO 194 Comprehensive Anatomy and Physiology (formerly BIO 117) or BIO 196 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
NUR 103 Fundamentals of Practical Nursing.....	11
NUR 105 Practical Nursing Practicum .....	2
NUR 107 Nursing Care of Clients and Families.....	14
NUR 109 Advanced Concepts in Practical Nursing .....	5
PSY 101 Principles of Psychology .....	3
PSY 217 Human Growth and Development.....	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>

The Practical Nursing Certificate program is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration for Nursing.

Students are required to pass every course in the Practical Nursing Certificate curriculum plan. A passing grade is defined as a "C" (74) in classwork and a passing grade in clinical performance. If a course is failed, the student cannot continue in the program.

Nursing requires a special admission process. Students who have met all admission requirements are accepted on a space available basis to the practical nursing program.

Admission requirements for this program are a high school diploma or GED, English Composition I (Eng 101, 103, or 105), Algebra I (MAT 105 (095) or equivalent taken within the last five years with a minimum "C+" grade), and one course from the following list taken within the last five years with a minimum "C" grade: one year of high school/college preparatory biology, chemistry, or physics, or one semester of college biology, chemistry, physics, or nutrition. In addition, a completed physical examination and immunization record, as well as a current CPR certification card covering Adults, Children, and Infants, are required.

Informational meetings are held where admission materials are distributed and the curriculum is explained. The meetings are highly recommended, with dates and locations for the meetings available from the Admission office, Practical Nursing Certificate Program office in Northampton (413-582-3055), as well as the GCC Website.

Applicants need to know that individuals with a record of conviction by a Court of Law will be required to provide a complete explanation to the Board of Registration in Nursing in order to be permitted to take the licensing examination (NCLEX-PN) after graduation. The Board's revised policy, Initial Nurse Licensure by Examination or Endorsement; Determination of Good Moral Character now identifies specific criminal convictions which will permanently exclude an individual from initial nurse licensure in Massachusetts due to the egregious nature of the crime. The policy

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also allows initial nurse licensure applicants only one conviction within five years before the submission of an application for initial nurse licensure. In addition, the disposition of any criminal conviction must be closed for a minimum of one year before the submission of a nurse licensure application; any other criminal case must also be closed at the time of application. For any questions on this, be sure to call the program coordinator. Some of the clinical facilities require that students meet the requirements of a CORI (Criminal Offenders Record Information) check every six months. Students who fail to meet the requirements of GCC clinical affiliates will not be able to continue in the program.

Extra costs: nursing students are required to purchase uniforms, lab equipment, malpractice insurance, and standardized tests. In addition there are fees for maintaining CPR certification, immunizations, a required physical, and nursing related graduation expenses (i.e., licensure application, NCLEX-PN exams, review course.) Students are responsible for their own transportation between campuses and clinical facilities.

**Students participating in this program must undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check. For more information please refer to page 10.**

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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## Real Estate (RST)

**THE CERTIFICATE:** Real Estate

**THE PROGRAM:** is designed for students desiring to enter the real estate field as a licensed salesperson. Students are prepared to take the state licensing exam after the first semester. Selling and business communication skills, business computer usage, and daily operations of a real estate business are emphasized.

**YOUR NEXT STEP:** find employment in the real estate field.

### REQUIRED COURSES

	CREDITS
BUS 105 Personal Financial Literacy .....	3
BUS 111 The Contemporary Business World.....	3
BUS 119 Principles of Real Estate .....	3
BUS 123 Business Communications .....	3
BUS 125 Principles of Advertising .....	3
BUS 155 Business Law I .....	3
BUS 209 Principles of Marketing.....	3
CIS 140 Microcomputer Software Tools I .....	3
PSY 101 Principles of Psychology .....	3

**TOTAL 27**

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