Practical Nursing – AAS

**Course Code** | **Course Title** | **Credits**
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NURS 101 | Introduction to Nursing | 5
NURS 102 | Introduction to Adult Nursing | 6
NURS 231 | Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing | 2
NURS 232 | Adult Nursing | 5
NURS 233 | Adult Nursing Clinical | 5
NURS 245 | Maternal Child Nursing | 4
NURS 246 | Maternal Child Nursing Clinical | 2
NURS 250 | Leadership in the Long-Term Care Setting | 2
NURS 251 | NCLEX-PN Review | 1
PHRM 205 | Pharmacology for Nursing | 3

**Related/General Education Courses**

- **BIOL 220** | Anatomy and Physiology I | 3
- **BIOL 220L** | Anatomy and Physiology I Lab | 1
- **BIOL 221** | Anatomy and Physiology II | 3
- **BIOL 221L** | Anatomy and Physiology II Lab | 1
- **ENGL 110** | College Composition I | 3
- **ENGL 120** | College Composition II | 3
- **FYE 101** | Science of Success | 1
- **MICR 202** | Introductory Microbiology | 3
- **MICR 202L** | Introductory Microbiology Lab | 1
- **NUTR 240** | Principles of Nutrition (and Diet Therapy) | 3
- **PSYC 250** | Developmental Psychology | 3
- **SOC 110** | Introduction to Sociology | 3
- **Humanities Elective—PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues** | 3

**Total Required Credits**

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The NDSCS Practical Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000, and has full approval from the North Dakota Board of Nursing, 919 South 7th Street, Suite 504, Bismarck, ND 58504, 701-328-9777.

This program requires access to a personal laptop and printer, capable of completing the assignments/testing required by the program, with a current operating system and webcam/microphone. Tablets and Chromebooks are not compatible with online classes/testing.

**Admission/Selection Requirements**

Applicants will be admitted to the program following a selection process which needs to be completed prior to the deadline date(s) of October 15 or April 1. Applicants that apply after the deadline(s) can complete the selection requirements and be placed on a waiting list. If openings become available, they may be selected, based on points, until the first day of class.

1. Complete the NDSCS Application Process for Admission. Refer to the NDSCS website at www.NDSCS.edu/Admissions for details.
2. Applicants without a United States high school transcript (four years), will be required to complete English language proficiency exam(s) and meet the benchmark score(s) prior to continuing the selection process. Contact the program to schedule the assessments if this applies.
3. Complete the Supplemental Program Application for the Practical Nursing Program.
4. Submit a high school transcript /GED with a 2.0 GPA or higher. If an applicant fails to meet the high school /college GPA of a 2.0, the following requirement applies: they must complete, or be in the process of completing, at least 12 general education credits from the nursing curriculum and achieve a "C" or higher to apply to the program.
5. Submit official ACT and/or placement testing results to Enrollment Services. Results must meet the criteria to enroll in ASC 93 Algebra Prep I the first semester of the program OR submit an official transcript with ASC 93 completed with a "C" or higher.
6. Complete a program selection examination and meet the program benchmark composite score of 45. Exam can be retaken once.
7. Review Essential Functions for Practical Nursing Students and submit the Essential Functions Verification form.

**Criteria for Selection**

A point system is utilized based on the following criteria: High School GPA or GED, assessment scores, most current college GPA (12 credits or more), grades in college level BIOL 220/220L, 221/221L and MICR 202/202L.

It is highly recommended the applicant contact the program periodically during the selection process to assure file completion. Incomplete files will not be considered for selection.

**Selection process details contact information and forms are in the Practical Nursing-AAS Program Information and Selection Process Booklet available at www.NDSCS.edu/Nursing (click on Program Selection Process) or contact the program at AlliedHealthCareers@ndscs.edu.**

Program Selection Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.

For accepted students, specific immunizations, criminal background checks, CPR certification (Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider by American Heart Association (AHA) OR Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers from American Red Cross (ARC) ONLY), and health insurance are required by the program. Additional requirements could include but not limited to; drug screening/ finger printing, state background checks, and COVID-19 vaccinations dependent on clinical site-specific student prerequisites. "All requirements must remain current while in the program and will be at the students’ expense."

**Award**

Upon successful completion of the required courses (“C” or higher), students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Practical Nursing and be eligible for the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).