PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
In the Practical Nursing Workforce Certificate (W.C.) program, students will learn basic nursing and clinical skills as well as medical terminology, computer literacy and medication administration. Whether students are looking for a first career or want to try something new, they have the power to change their future.

Mission/Purpose
The mission of this program is to prepare students for the Florida Board of Nursing National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN), providing access to relevant career education in order to educate and train competent, ethical and confident entry-level practical nurses to enter the workforce.

Application
Available online at fscj.edu/admissions

Entry Requirements
• High school diploma, high school equivalency or college transcript
• FSCJ and Practical Nursing applications
• Background check and drug screening
• Physical examination
• Current AHA CPR Certification
• Provide HESI Admission Assessment (A2) scores. Only scores of 75 percent or better will be considered for admission.
• Check with program to learn about course or program prerequisites.

Total Clock/Contact Hours: 1,350
COURSES

A minimum grade of a “C” or better is required.

HSC 0003 - Basic Healthcare Worker, Clock/Contact Hours: 90
HCP 0121 - Nurse Aide and Orderly (Articulated), Clock/Contact Hours: 35
HCP 0121L - Nurse Aide and Orderly (Articulated) Lab/Clinical, Clock/Contact Hours: 40
PRN 0091 - Practical Nursing 1, Clock/Contact Hours: 210
PRN 0091L - Practical Nursing 1 Lab/Clinical, Clock/Contact Hours: 75
PRN 0092 - Practical Nursing 2, Clock/Contact Hours: 240
PRN 0092L - Practical Nursing 2 Lab/Clinical, Clock/Contact Hours: 210
PRN 0096 - Practical Nursing 3, Clock/Contact Hours: 100
PRN 0096L - Practical Nursing 3 Lab/Clinical, Clock/Contact Hours: 350

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the program completion requirements?
To earn a W.C. in Practical Nursing, students must complete the following requirements:
1. Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
2. Earn minimum prescribed Clock/Contact hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (“C”) on a 4.0 scale on all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
3. Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total Clock/Contact hours required for a certificate’s program requirements at Florida State College at Jacksonville.
4. Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before they may graduate.
5. Earn a TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) score that meets or exceeds the program's exit requirement, if applicable.

Where are the educational courses held?
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, 32218

When is enrollment?
Fall Term
Spring Term
Summer Term

How long is the training?
Program Length: 12 Months
Total Clock/Contact Hours: 1,350

What other programs are related to this field?
Bridge Option: Nursing A.S.

What are the costs for the program?
The approximate cost of tuition and fees is $3,998.* Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives. Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. Check our website to learn more about full cost of attendance and whether you may qualify for financial assistance.

* Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE CAREER PATHWAYS

High School Diploma/High School Equivalency

Medical Assisting W.C.

Medical Assistants
Salary $22K-$38K

Practical Nursing W.C.

Licensed Practical Nurses
Salary $34K-$56K

Nursing A.S.

Registered Nurses
Salary $50K-$81K

Nursing B.S.N.

Staff Nurses
Salary $47K-$88K

Source: Payscale.com

What certification(s) and/or license(s) will students be prepared to test for when they complete the program?
License: Licensed Practical Nurse

What is the average program performance?
(Based on previous program cohorts)
Average Completion Rate: 95%
Average Placement Rate: 96%