



Program Map 2021-2022

## Practical Nursing

*Certificate: Career Certificate in Practical Nursing*



### Program Description:

This program is designed to provide you with classroom theory and clinical experience in nursing skills. The program includes the scientific principles of nursing care common to all patients and the development of the beginning skills necessary to implement a nursing care plan. Guided learning experience in the care of selected patients is provided in community facilities. Upon completion of the program, you will be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN® exam for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing.

**Length: 1350 contact hours/45 occupational credits**

### Contacts:

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**Program Map** to choose courses, with your program navigator's assistance, and track your progress toward milestones and the completion of the program. Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students.

### Pre-Degree Requirements / Recommendations for Success

- A. Completed online SFSC application with Practical Nursing selected as major/program
- B. Demonstrate competency in English, reading, and math as prescribed in the SFSC Catalog
- C. Submission of all official transcripts, including high school/GED transcript and official transcript from each college attended
- D. Complete ATI TEAS® exam
- E. Submission of three reference forms completed by the applicant's current or most recent employer, an instructor/professor, or a person of the applicant's choice that is not a relative (form available on nursing program website). These must be received at the nursing department in a sealed envelope.
- F. Once accepted to the program, you will receive instructions to complete the following:
  - a. Record of physical health exam and immunizations from a licensed physician or nurse practitioner (forms will be provided after contingent acceptance into the program)
  - b. Florida Department of Law Enforcement fingerprinting (will be scheduled prior to enrollment)
  - c. Results of 10-Panel Drug Screen

### Recommended Soft Skills

- Communication
- Compassion
- Critical Thinking
- Teamwork
- Commitment
- Integrity



## Common First Term – Recommended by Program

Term 1					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Contact	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0098	Practical Nursing Foundations Theory	225	Student must earn a final grade of 75% or higher.
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0098L	Practical Nursing Foundations Clinical	300	Student must earn final grade of satisfactory.
Total Semester Contact Hours =				525	

Remaining Courses To Complete Degree					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Contact	Prerequisites/Notes
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0379	Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory	245	Prerequisites: PRN 0098; PRN 0098L Student must earn a final grade of 75% or higher.
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0379L	Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I	280	Prerequisites: PRN 0098; PRN 0098L Student must earn final grade of satisfactory.
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0384L	Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical II	150	Prerequisites: PRN 0379; PRN 0379L Student must earn final grade of satisfactory.
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0690	Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Theory	110	Prerequisites: PRN 0379; 0379L Student must earn a final grade of 75% or higher.
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRN 0690L	Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Clinical	40	Prerequisites: PRN 0379; PRN 0379L Student must earn final grade of satisfactory.
Total Program Contact Hours =				1,350	

Please always check online at [College Catalog](#) and meet with your academic advisor or program navigator to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.



## Career Resources

[SFSC's Career Development Center](#) website provides detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer programs.

## Career Information

### Common Job Titles

#### *Licensed Practical Nurse*

Licensed practical nurses are employed in many settings, including, but not limited to: long-term care facilities, hospitals, medical offices, hospice care centers, schools, in military positions, and through home health and private care nursing in clients' homes. Nursing roles may include direct care, team leadership, care navigation and coaching. Licensed practical nurses work under the supervision of registered nurses, advanced practice providers, and physicians.

### Regional Labor Market Information

- Higher than average job growth expected in Florida
- Service District
  - Average Hourly Wage: \$19.95
  - Average Annual Wage: \$41,490

### Career and Labor Market Research Tools

[American Nurses Association](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)



## Transfer Resources

[South Florida State College Transition Program](#)

## Legend

**GPS Coach** = the individual who assists with your orientation to SFSC and gets you started on your path.

**Academic Advisor** = the individual who helps you plan your coursework and recommends the best path for you.

**Program Navigator** = the individual who keeps you on your path and leads you all the way to graduation.