

## **LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING Certificate**

Dalton State College Division of Technical Education offers a nursing program leading to a certificate in Practical Nursing. This program provides graduates with the knowledge and clinical expertise necessary to give direct nursing care to patients in a variety of settings. Some clinical experiences involve out-of-town travel and evening hours. The program of study includes general education and nursing theory which provides opportunities to care for patients of all ages. This program is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX LPN) for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensure. There are specific practices and/or acts delineated in the Nurse Practice Act which may prevent a candidate from being granted a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. For more information, contact the Practical Nursing Department at 706/272-2658.

LPN Program admission requirements are:

1. Official acceptance to Dalton State College
2. Submit an autobiography (Personal history, education, work experience, influences on the decision to pursue a health occupations career)
3. Submit three professional references (i.e. instructors, employers, co-workers). Send or call in the names and complete mailing addresses to the LPN department. A form will be sent to each reference.
4. Complete each program pre-requisite (ALHT 1110, BIOL 1100, ENGL 1100, MATH 1102, READ 1100) with a "C" or better and achieve a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on these same program pre-requisites.
5. Science, math and/or nursing courses must have been taken within three years of re-admission or transfer into the program, or they must be repeated.

Students meeting the above criteria are not guaranteed admission to the Licensed Practical Nursing program. Since enrollment in the program is limited, those students meeting pre-nursing requirements will be evaluated by program faculty and the most qualified will be selected.

The following documents must be submitted each year the student is enrolled:

1. Physical examination report, with documentation of required immunizations
2. Dental status report
3. CPR certification (American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer or American Heart Association Health Care Provider)

In addition to tuition, fees, and textbooks the student must meet the following expenses:

1. Uniforms and Lab Supplies - \$260.00 (approximately)
2. Liability Insurance - \$30.00
3. Testing - \$95.00 (4 NLN's and LPN Assessment)
4. NCLEX Exam for Licensure - \$240.00

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This program requires proof of computer literacy.

Course	Number		Credit Hours
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION</b>			
ENGL	1100	Communication Skills <b>or</b>	
ENGL	1101	English Composition I	3
READ	1100	Reading Skills <b>or</b>	
ENGL	1102	English Composition II	3
MATH	1102	Medical Mathematics	3
ALHT	1110	Allied Health Terminology I	3
ALHT	1111	Allied Health Terminology II	3
BIOL	1100	Human Biology	3
<b>MAJOR FIELD COURSES</b>			
CAPS	1101	Introduction to Computers	3
LPNS	1103	Introduction to Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2
LPNS	1105	Pharmacology	3
LPNS	1109	Nursing Skills I	4
LPNS	1111	Nursing Skills II*	4
LPNS	1120	Medical/Surgical I*	6
LPNS	1121	Medical/Surgical II*	6
LPNS	1130	Medical/Surgical III*	6
LPNS	1140	Obstetrics*	5
LPNS	1141	Pediatrics*	5
LPNS	1150	Nursing Leadership I	2
LPNS	1151	Nursing Leadership II*	2
		Total	66

\* Includes clinical hours.

\*\* Credit-by-examination may satisfy this requirement.

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