

Practical Nursing

Program Locations:	Peterborough
Program Code:	PN
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Credential:	Ontario College Diploma
Start Dates:	September 04, 2012 - January 07, 2013
Tuition Fees:	\$3,120.25 per semester. Tuition and fees subject to change.



As a Practical Nurse, you are the heart of health care. You will play an integral part in health care by interacting and helping individuals across the life-span.

Program Highlights

Practical Nurses have a role in society that offers a range of choices and opportunities. You will make a difference.

During the four semesters of the Practical Nursing program, you will learn the concepts and skills related to health and nursing. You will also learn nursing practices and interventions in specific health situations. In addition, you will have the opportunity to study courses such as anatomy and physiology, communication, introductory psychology and human growth and development. After successfully completing Fleming's four-semester diploma program, graduates are eligible to write the national examinations with the College of Nurses of Ontario and become registered to practice in Ontario as a Registered Practical Nurse. Graduates wishing to be registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario will be asked to sign a declaration of their status regarding:

- citizenship
- any conviction of a criminal offense under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
- professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity in Ontario
- any mental or physical disorder which makes it desirable in the public interest that the person not practice nursing

Success Stories

"After several career changes, I found the confidence to pursue my lifelong dream of a career in nursing. The program was challenging and gave me the building blocks of critical thinking and communication skills. Clinical placement was an experience unlike any other, and really opened up my eyes to the demands of this profession. I was fortunate to get my job through my placement, in the field of health care that I really enjoy."

Tonia Barber, RPN

Maternal/Child Care Unit, Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Why Choose Fleming

The Practical Nursing program has strong links with Peterborough and the surrounding community's health care facilities and organizations, ensuring students have excellent clinical opportunities to explore various aspects of nursing. Employers in the health care field have recognized Fleming's Practical Nursing program as an excellent program, producing knowledgeable and clinically well-prepared graduates.

Ninety-six percent of Fleming's Practical Nursing graduates in 2011 were successful in passing the national exam to become registered to practice in Ontario as a Registered Practical Nurse. This high standard of pass rate for the exam has been consistent since the inception of Fleming's Practical Nursing program in 2002.

Work Experience

You will have clinical experiences, chosen by faculty, in hospitals and/or community settings throughout the program. The final field practice assignment will enable you to consolidate your knowledge and skills for your role as a graduate of the Practical Nursing program. 3 weeks prior to the first clinical experience, all PN students MUST present the following Non Academic Field Requirements:

- A Standard First Aid Certificate (issued within the last 3 years of the clinical placement date)
- A CPR Level C Certificate (issued within 1 year of the clinical placement date)
- A Police Record Check, including the Vulnerable Sector Screening (issued within 1 year of the clinical placement date)

Is this You?

A love of working with people, as well as a desire to help them to attain their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual potential is critical to your success. As a vital member of the health care team, it is essential that you have the following personal and academic attributes:

- integrity
- empathy
- compassion
- emotional maturity
- good listening skills
- commitment
- accountability
- flexibility
- respect for diversity
- competence in reading, writing and mathematics
- ability to be self-directed

Students would benefit by having basic computer and internet skills including e-mail, word processing, and file management.

Career Opportunities

As a graduate of the Fleming Practical Nursing diploma program, you will have the necessary knowledge and skills to care for individuals, families and groups across the life-span. You will be able to work in acute hospital care settings, community health agencies, industry, clinics, doctor's offices and long-term care facilities.

As a Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) you are able to practice independently in a variety of health care settings. You will seek the collaboration of other health care team members, including the RN, with complex health care issues. You will also have an opportunity to promote health and wellness and prevention of illness through educational programs.

Minimum Admission Requirements

OSSD with the majority of credits at the College (C) and Open (O) level, including:

- 2 College (C) English courses (Grade 11 or Grade 12)
- 2 different Grade 11 or Grade 12 College (C) Science courses (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)

When (C) is the minimum course level for admission, (U) or (U/C) courses are also accepted.

Recommended:

- Grade 11 College (C) Biology

(Although not required for admission, this course will help to prepare you for the program.)

Mature Students

If you are 19 years of age or older before classes start, and you do not possess an OSSD, you can write the Canadian Adult Achievement Test to assess your eligibility for admission. Additional testing or academic upgrading may be necessary to meet specific course requirements for this program. All applicants will be required to achieve course credit in the mandatory sciences, through Secondary School or through Academic Upgrading programs.

*** Students starting in January are required to attend classes over the summer semester.**

Related Programs

Still reviewing your options for a health care career? Depending on your previous education and experience you might also want to consider the Personal Support Worker, Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist Assistant, or the Trent/Fleming - Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Health Requirements

Students need to be in good health. Independent physical mobility and manual dexterity are essential in nursing. A physical demands analysis is available if there is concern regarding the physical expectations of the program. A cognitive analysis may also be required.

Immunization Requirements

The Ontario Hospital Act requires all individuals working in hospitals to be free of communicable diseases. 3 weeks prior to the first clinical experience all students in the PN program MUST present the following:

- A completed immunization record including a Two Step Mantoux Test and vaccination against Hepatitis B. For more information, and to print the required immunization form, please see the Immunization Information page.
Please Note: Immunization against the Seasonal Flu is strongly recommended prior to the first clinical component of the PN program.
- A N95 Mask Fit Testing clinic will be held within the first month of classes

Failure to provide any of the required Non Academic Field Requirements by the specified due date will result in an inability to participate in the mandatory placement components of the PN Program.

Additional Costs

Plan on \$1,800 for Semester 1 for books and supplies.

Transfer Agreements

We are committed to providing students and graduates with flexible options to get maximum recognition of their college studies. Through joint programs and transfer agreements with the following universities, you can apply the learning you acquire at Fleming College to earn a related degree in less time, and at less cost.

- Athabasca University
- Lakehead University
- Ryerson University
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Curriculum for Practical Nursing

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
SCIE 2	Anatomy and Physiology I	60
NRSG 11	Clinical I	84
COMM 79	College Communications for the Helping Professions	37
NRSG 152	Field Preparation/Success Strategies	7
NRSG 61	Health Theory	30
SOCI 25	Human Growth and Development	45
COMP 345	Introductory Computing	45
NRSG 65	Introductory Pharmacology	30
NRSG 151	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention	7
NRSG 149	Nursing Skill Labs I	30
NRSG 91	Practical Nursing Theory I	30

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
SCIE 3	Anatomy and Physiology II	60
NRSG 14	Clinical IIA	84
NRSG 15	Clinical IIB	84
COMM 159	Communicating at Work for the Health Professions	45
NRSG 153	Health Assessment	60
SOCI 36	Introduction to Psychology	45
NRSG 150	Nursing Skill Labs II	30
NRSG 86	Pharmacology Applications A	15
NRSG 92	Practical Nursing Theory II	45

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Hours
NRSG 19	Clinical IIIA	84
NRSG 20	Clinical IIIB	84
NRSG 67	Nursing Care of Families	45
NRSG 78	Nursing Skill Labs III	30
NRSG 195	Pharmacology Applications B	15
NRSG 93	Practical Nursing Theory III	60
NRSG 96	Professional Aspects of Nursing A	15
GENED	General Education Elective	

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Hours
NRSG 23	Clinical IVA	84
NRSG 24	Clinical IVB	84
NRSG 154	Clinical V	440
NRSG 42	Comprehensive Test	6
NRSG 79	Nursing Skill Labs IV	30
NRSG 73	Nursing in the Community	30
NRSG 94	Practical Nursing Theory IV	60
NRSG 97	Professional Aspects of Nursing B	30
NRSG 108	Volunteer in the Community	45

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