

Practical Nursing

Certificate

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Fall Semester Start

The Practical Nursing Certificate program is designed to meet the educational needs of those who wish to enter a career as a licensed healthcare worker. Graduates are employed in various health care settings such as long-term care facilities, hospitals, clinics, physician offices, home health, and community health facilities. The Practical Nursing Program is conducted over a 40-week period beginning in the fall and continuing through June. Classes, labs, and clinicals are scheduled on a full-time basis. The theoretical, lab, and clinical components of nursing courses must be taken concurrently and sequentially.

A minimum grade of C, 75%, is required for progression in all Practical Nursing courses.

The Practical Nursing Program has been approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

The Practical Nursing program at Massachusetts Bay Community College on the Framingham, MA campus is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the practical nursing program is initial accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program on the ACEN website: www.acenursing.org/search-programs.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, students must have the following:

- High School diploma or equivalent, or associate degree or higher
- Completed Admissions application
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 calculated from prerequisite and corequisite courses that the student has taken prior to application.
- Assessment Technologies Institute, Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) Exam. No minimum score required.
- Completion of English Composition I (EN 101) with a grade of C or higher.
- Completion of a 100-level math course with a grade of C or higher or placement into a 200-level mathematics course.
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- Completion of BI 215 Anatomy & Physiology I and BI 217 Anatomy & Physiology II, within a five (5) year timeframe with a grade of C or higher at the time student's records are reviewed for matriculation into the nursing program (Note: students may repeat a science course only once to achieve a C+ within the required 5-year period). Challenge examinations are available for BI 215: Anatomy and Physiology I and BI 217: Anatomy and Physiology II if the applicant has completed the coursework, including the associated labs, within the five-year timeframe. Students may repeat each science course only once to achieve a grade of C+ or higher within the required 5-year period.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Each applicant must submit scores from the TEAS for Nursing Students. Students may repeat the test three times within 12 months. Results are valid for three years. TEAS results are considered as one aspect of the applicants' admissions profile. No minimum score is required.

Evaluation

All required components will be compiled into an admission ranking data sheet and reviewed by the Nursing Admission and Progression Committee. Applicants will be ranked based on the following points:

- Admission GPA (calculated from required prerequisite and corequisite course only)
- Average grade of Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- TEAS Composite Score
- TEAS Reading Score
- TEAS Science Score
- TEAS Math Score
- TEAS English & Language Usage Score

Completion of all admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Once students have been admitted to the program the following pre-program requirements must be completed:

Orientation: Practical Nursing students are required to attend the **mandatory** New Student Orientation.

Required Pre-Entry Documentation: After being admitted into a Health Sciences program, students will receive instructions on how to upload required health documentation to an online platform. Students must submit all documents by the published deadline to be eligible to start Health Sciences classes.

- Medical clearance and proof of immunizations as required by state law and outlined in the Division of Health Sciences handbook and in admission paperwork and can be found on the Division of Health Sciences' web pages of the MassBay website by clicking the link, [Health and Background Check Requirements](#).

- Documentation from a healthcare provider of a positive antibody Hepatitis B titer, or of a “non-responder” status. A minimum of 6 months is necessary to complete this process.
- The student must complete the CORI /SORI (Criminal/Sex Offender Record Information) to authorize a search of conviction and pending criminal case information under Standard Required Level 1 by DCJIS (Department of Criminal Justice Information Services). The CORI/SORI completion process is part of the New Student Orientation. A National County Criminal Background check will be conducted as part of the student’s completion of the clinical requirements. More information is available on the [Division of Health Sciences](#) pages on the MassBay website.

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Practical Nursing Certificate Prerequisites

Prerequisites (prior to application)		
COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
BI 215 *	Anatomy and Physiology I w/ Lab*	4
BI 217	Anatomy and Physiology II w/ Lab	4
EN 101	English Composition I	3
	Subtotal for Program Prerequisites	11

*BI 101 (4 credits) pre-requisite if taking BI 215 at MassBay

Practical Nursing Certificate Curriculum Sheet

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester 1</i>	
HL 103	Medical Terminology	3
PN 102	Foundations of Practical Nursing	11
PN 105	Issues and Trends in Practical Nursing	1
PN 107	Principles of Pharmacology I	3
	credits:	18
	<i>Intersession</i>	
PN 109	Introduction to Medical/ Surgical Nursing	2
	credits:	2
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester 2</i>	
PN 110	Principles of Pharmacology II	3
PN121	Medical/ Surgical Nursing I	7
PN 122	Medical/ Surgical Nursing II	7
	credits:	17
	<i>Summer</i>	
PN 130	Care of the Family	7
	credits:	7
	Total Credits:	44