

## Practical Nursing

### Description

Nationwide shortages in the nursing profession have increased the demand for Licensed Practical Nurses. Tulsa Tech's Practical Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing and is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. The program prepares individuals to function as a skilled member of the health care team and is an intense program designed for delivering care to people of all ages and diverse cultures. Students will study human anatomy, physiology, and factors that affect health. Students will develop the basic nursing skills necessary to care for individuals throughout the health and wellness continuum. The curriculum includes the Patient Care theory combined with computer and nursing skills. The clinical component of the program provides experiences that allow students to apply skills learned in the classroom into various hospital and community settings. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to sit for the National Licensure exam. After passing the licensure exam, graduates will have the skills necessary to work as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

- Perform patient care in hospitals & other health care settings
- Train for a high-demand career, working closely with physicians & other health professionals
- Learn nursing concepts & skills by using computer simulations & patient simulators

### College Credit

College credit may be available through TCC, RSU, or OSU-Institute of Technology. For more details call the college relations office at 918-828-5205. All college credit is awarded by the college/university.

### Career Majors/Courses

#### Licensed Practical Nurse

##### Courses

Long Term Care Nurse Assist Course  
 Anatomy and Physiology I  
 Anatomy and Physiology II  
 Core Medical Terminology  
 Concepts of Nursing  
 Fundamentals of Nursing  
 Pharmacology and IV Therapy Skills  
 Clinical 1 - Basic Nursing  
 Medical Surgical Nursing I  
 Clinical 2A - Med Surg Nursing I  
 Clinical 2B - Med Surg Nursing I  
 Speciality Theory A  
 Speciality Clinical A  
 Medical Surgical Nursing II  
 Clinical 3a - Med Surg Nursing II  
 Clinical 3b - Med Surg Nursing II  
 Speciality Theory B  
 Speciality Clinical B  
 Transition to Practice  
 Speciality Theory C  
 Speciality Clinical C  
 Clinical 5 - Transition to Practice

### Entrance Requirements

- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Basic computer literacy
- In this career major, students that do not currently have Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology credit will begin Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology classes approximately 6-8 weeks prior to beginning the rest of their career major classes. Contact the Health Information Line at 918-828-1216 for exact dates and times.
- Practical Nursing students that do not currently have certification as a Long Term Care Nurse Assistant (CNA/LTC/HH) or licensed as an Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (AUA) will begin classes approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the beginning of the program classes to obtain a CNA/LTC/HH certification.

*Note: Have to be a CNA/LTC to obtain HH certificate. Course in LPN CM is LTC/HH*

### Area Salary

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), 2010-11 Edition at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Salary information can be found at The Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) Resource Center at <http://www.onetonline.org/>.  
 O\*NET-SOC Code: 29-2061.00

### Who Can Attend?

Adult students only (age 18 or older)

### Tuition/Fees/Books

- Tuition: \$3,370 - \$4,158.25
- Lab & Required Fees: \$1,116.75
- Additional Required Costs: \$1,433
- Optional Fees: \$16 - \$240

*Additional required costs: books, equipment, tools, uniforms & supplies.*

### Scheduling Information

#### Adults / 22 months Adult sessions:

##### Day Program:

Monday-Friday: 7:45 A.M. - 2:50 P.M.

The day program takes approximately 15 months to complete. New classes begin approximately every 60 days and are selected from applicant periods ending approximately 9 months prior.

##### Evening Program:

Monday-Thursday: 3:30 P.M. - 10 P.M.

The evening program takes approximately 18 months to complete depending on the time of year a class starts. New classes begin approximately every 75 days and are selected from applicant periods ending approximately 9 months prior.

Both programs require a total seat time of 1463 hours, which will consist of classroom, lab and clinical experiences. Though a variety of teaching and learning methods are utilized, this is not a self-paced program and attendance requirements must be met.

Check with Admissions Office at 918-828-5260 for start dates.

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### Credential/Industry Certifications

Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for practical nurse licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.) [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

- A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
- A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
- Admission into the United States in refugee status;
- A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States; Board Approved: 7/92 OBN Policy/ Guideline: #E-05 Board Reviewed w/o Revision: Page 2 of 2 Revised: 9/01; 5/04; 1/25/05; 11/13/07; 5/25/10 H:/SEllis/ Executive/Policies/Education/SchlBulletins
- Approved deferred action status; or A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status. The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on another health-related license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony convictions. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

### Accreditation Agency

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.  
3346 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Phone: 404-975-5000  
Fax: 404-975-5020  
www.nlnac.org

### Additional Requirements

Prior to the start of the clinical practicum, students must:

- Undergo a criminal background check including sex offender registration as required by the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act that requires individuals providing care to children under the age of 18 to be free of any criminal history that would indicate a potential for violent abuse against another person.
- Provide verification of immunizations through vaccination records, titer (blood test) results, or declination statements. A list of specific immunizations may be obtained through the Health Sciences Center by calling 918-828-1216.
- Have a current American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider card.
- Provide transportation to clinical sites.
- Adult students must pay a liability insurance fee for clinicals. This fee is charged for each Tulsa Tech fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th).
- Adult students must pay a drug screening fee for clinicals. The drug screening is required for all students and will be completed sometime before clinicals.
- Adult students must pay a fee to participate in the online immunization tracking system.

NOTE: Fees associated with the requirements above are included in tuition/fees/books section.

### Campus Location

#### Health Sciences Center

3350 South Memorial Drive  
Tulsa, OK 74145-1390  
(918) 828-1200  
FAX (918) 828-1209

### Employment Opportunities

Tulsa Tech's Career Placement Services team builds partnerships with Tulsa area businesses & industry to create opportunities for work-based experiences and job placement. Job search assistance is provided before and after graduation. Services include with employment information, resume building, refining interview skills and life-time access to the Tulsa Tech Job Connect database. Call Career Placement Services at 918-828-5270 or visit [www.tulsatech.edu/jobconnect](http://www.tulsatech.edu/jobconnect) / email [jobconnect@tulsatech.edu](mailto:jobconnect@tulsatech.edu).

2009-2010 year completion & placement data:

- Total Enrolled: 203
- Completion: 33%
- Completed on-time: 99%
- Job Placement: 66%
- Returning Students: 61%
- OPE ID: 005311 / CIP: 51.3901 & 51.1613

### Application Process

Apply ON-LINE at [www.tulsatech.edu/apply](http://www.tulsatech.edu/apply). Applications can also be obtained in the counseling offices on any of the campuses; at the Career Services Center located on the Memorial Complex; or by calling 918-828-5200.

### Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available through several options at Tulsa Tech. For the most up-to-date information, call 918-828-5280 or visit [www.tulsatech.edu](http://www.tulsatech.edu). Some career majors are eligible for federal financial aid. To apply, go to: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).