

# PRACTICAL NURSING

## Campus Location

Lemley Campus, Health Sciences Center

## Occupational Focus

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.

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the 2008-09 Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

## Who Can Attend?

Adults

## Scheduling Information

The program is 1463 hours of contact time in length. Both the daytime and the evening programs are offered with varying start dates. The daytime program takes approximately 13 months to complete. The evening program can be completed in approximately 15 months.

Call Admissions and Enrollment at 918.828.5260 for specific start dates.

Daytime classes meet Monday through Friday from 7:55 am to 2:55 pm.

Evening classes meet Monday through Thursday from 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

## Entrance Requirements

- Adult students only
- 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 828-1216 for exact dates and times.
- Practical Nursing students that do not currently have certification as a Long Term Care Nurse Assistant (LTCNA) or Home Health Nurse Assistant (HHNA) or Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (AUA) will begin classes approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the beginning of program classes to obtain a CNA certification.

## 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. There is a \$15 fee for adults.
  - 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 828-1216.
  - Have a current American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider card -or- a current American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer card.
  - Provide transportation to clinical sites.
  - Adult students must pay a \$22 liability insurance fee for clinicals.

## Career Majors

### Licensed Practical Nurse - 1463 Hours\*

Core Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology as well as Long Term Care Assistant are included in this career major. This career major prepares the student to become a licensed practical nurse, an important member of the health care team who works under the supervision or direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. Students will learn the role of the LPN and how to care for a variety of patients including geriatric, pediatric, oncology, and pre/post operative patients. Students will learn how to identify patient problems, identify appropriate interventions and evaluate nursing care. Graduates of this career major will be eligible take the NCLEX-PN and become licensed through the Board of Nursing.

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### CNA/AUA - 480 Hours\*

This major is a combination of the Nursing Assistant and Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (AUA) majors. Students will learn the skills needed to perform personal care for patients in various care facilities. They will also learn the more advanced skills in the AUA training such as how to perform sterile specimen collection, urinary catheterization, and feeding per gastrointestinal tube. Students will need to obtain certification of completion and may receive AUA certification from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

### Certified Medication Aide - 61 Hours\*

Students must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED and already be a certified long term care nursing assistant through the Oklahoma Department of Health. Students must have six months of experience to qualify for certified medication aide certification. Students in this career major will learn how to properly administer medication to patients orally, topically, vaginally, rectally, transdermally, and by ear, nose, eye. They will also learn about ethics in this profession, recognition of improper medication, and how to properly document the medication given. Students will also complete a special course on insulin administration.

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## Tuition

Adult -\$2.50/hour\*

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## Books/Supplies

Approximately \$1,550 (subject to change)  
Lab fees - \$75

## College Credit

College credit is available for the majority of Tulsa Tech's full-time programs through Rogers State University, Oklahoma State University-IT or Tulsa Community College. Advanced standing credit may also be granted for some of our programs. The number of hours varies depending on the program length, the college granting the credit, and the student's plan of study. Check with your Tulsa Tech counselor for more information.

## Employment Opportunities

Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nurse Assistant, Advanced Unlicensed Assistant

## Tulsa-Area Salary

\$12.96 - \$20.00/hour

## Financial Aid

Scholarships are available for eligible students. Call 918.828.5280 or email [financialaid@tulsatech.org](mailto:financialaid@tulsatech.org) for detailed information.

## Application Process

Adult application packets are available in the counseling offices on each Tulsa Tech campus. For any questions regarding the application process, contact Tulsa Tech Admissions and Enrollment office at 918.828.5260, email [admissions@tulsatech.org](mailto:admissions@tulsatech.org) or check out our website at [www.tulsatech.edu](http://www.tulsatech.edu).

## Courses by Career Majors

### Licensed Practical Nurse - 1463 Hours\*

Core Medical Terminology  
Anatomy and Physiology I  
Anatomy and Physiology II  
Long Term Care Nurse Assistant Course  
Concepts of Nursing  
Fundamentals of Nursing  
Clinical I - Basic Nursing  
Pharmacology and Intravenous Therapy Skills  
Medical Surgical Nursing I  
Clinical II - Medical Surgical Nursing (Part I)  
Medical Surgical Nursing II  
Clinical III - Medical Surgical Nursing (Part II)  
Pediatric Nursing  
Maternal and Newborn Nursing  
Clinical IV - Maternal/Newborn, Pediatric & Mental Health  
Mental Health Nursing  
Transition to Practice  
Clinical V - Transition to Practice

### CNA/AUA - 480 Hours\*

Nursing Assistant  
Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (Theory and Clinical)  
Professionalism

### Certified Medication Aide - 61 Hours\*

Certified Medication Aide  
Advanced CMA-Insulin Administration

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