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CREDENTIAL YEAR 2017-18

NURSING CAREER LADDER CURRICULUM

Credentials

Nursing Assistant Training Program skills certificate	16 cr.
Nursing—Licensed Practical certificate	44.5 cr.
Nursing—Registered AAS degree (ADN)	63.5 cr.

Major Description

Schoolcraft offers students four options when preparing for a career in this vital healthcare field:

- Nursing assistant training prepares students for entry-level health care positions, primarily in extended care facilities. This seven-week course may be taken alone or with other courses to attain a nursing assistant training program skills certificate. Both options prepare students to take the competency evaluated nursing assistant (CENA) exam for placement on the Michigan nursing assistant registry. The nursing assistant program is approved by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The nursing assistant preparation courses are offered each semester.
- The nursing-licensed practical (PN) certificate option may be completed in approximately one year and prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). This option is available to students at the end of the first year of the registered nursing associate degree sequence.
- The nursing-registered associate degree in applied science qualifies students to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN) and provides the academic background needed to enter a bachelor of science in nursing degree program.
- Another option allows licensed practical nurses (LPNs) advanced placement into the associate degree nursing program with eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).

The practical and registered nursing programs are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and provide nursing theory and clinical practice in caring for adults, children, and families to prepare students for entry-level positions in a variety of healthcare settings.

Practical and associate nursing courses must be taken in sequence and a minimum grade of 80% in each nursing course is required for progression to the next course. Academic courses other than nursing must be completed according to program requirements. Students are admitted once a year in the fall semester.

National Median Salaries for Nursing-related positions *(source: US BLS)*:

RN:	\$69,790
LPN:	\$43,420
NA:	\$26,250

Nursing Career Ladder Curriculum

The nursing career ladder curriculum (NCLC) offers options for practical nursing (PN) and registered nursing (RN) associate degree (ADN) education. Students are admitted into the ADN program and are eligible to apply for licensure as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) following successful completion of the PN program requirements at the end of the first academic year. Students who continue and successfully complete the ADN program, are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse (RN). Michigan licensed practical nurses (LPNs) may apply for advanced placement into the ADN program.

The associate degree and practical nursing program are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing. For more information on MI-Board of Nursing approval and licensure please contact:

LARA Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Health Care Services
Board of Nursing
611 West Ottawa Street
P.O. Box 30670
Lansing, MI 48909-8170
517-335-0318
bhcsinfo@michigan.gov
www.michigan.gov/LARA

Nursing Career Ladder Curriculum *(continued)*

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The nursing associate degree and practical programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). For further information, please contact:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850

Atlanta, GA 30326

404-975-5000

www.acen.org

info@acenursing.org

Nursing: Registered AAS Degree (ADN)

Schoolcraft program code # AAS.00000

Nursing courses are open only to students who are officially admitted to the nursing career ladder curriculum.

The associate degree nursing program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This program provides advanced nursing theory and clinical practice in caring for adults, children and families to prepare graduates for entry-level positions in hospitals, long-term care facilities, medical offices, home health and other community settings.

Students who satisfactorily complete the associate degree nursing program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) as a step in obtaining licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

The nursing program has pre-admission and admission requirements that are reviewed annually. It is essential to contact the Admissions and Welcome Center for a copy of the current program requirements. Students who do not complete the final admission requirements by scheduled deadlines will be deferred to another admission year. Students may only defer one time without having to repeat the application process. Courses must be taken in sequence. A minimum grade of 80% in each nursing course is required for progression to the next course. Academic courses other than nursing must be finished according to program requirements. Computer lab use and testing is required in this program. See Computer Use policy 3110 at schoolcraft.edu for more information. Students must furnish and maintain uniforms and supplies as required by the department and clinical facilities.

This program is offered at the Livonia Campus. Students are admitted once a year, at the beginning of the fall semester. All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete all college and program requirements qualify for an associate in applied science degree.

This program requires a special admissions process. Contact the Admissions and Welcome Center at 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu to complete an application.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

*Admission Prerequisites and Supportive Courses**

BIOL 236**	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
PSYCH 201	Introductory Psychology	4
MATH 113***	Intermediate Algebra for College Students	4
	Total Credits	13

First Year—Fall Semester

First Year—Winter Semester

NURS 104	Pharmacology for Nurses	3	NURS 107	Medical Surgical Nursing	4.5
NURS 105	Nursing Foundations of Practice 1	4	NURS 108	Surgical Medical Nursing	4.5
NURS 106	Nursing Foundations of Practice 2	4.5	ENG 101	English Composition 1	3
HUM 106	Introduction to Art and Music	1		Total Credits	12
	Total Credits	12.5			

First Year—Spring Session

NURS 128	Maternal-Child Nursing 1	5
	Total Credits	5****

Second Year—Fall Semester

Second Year—Winter Semester

NURS 205	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	4.5	NURS 248	Maternal-Child Nursing 2	5
NURS 246	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4	NURS 250	Advanced Concepts in Registered Nursing	4.5
ENG 102	English Composition 2	3		Total Credits	9.5****
	Total Credits	11.5****			

PROGRAM TOTAL 63.5 CREDITS

Nursing: Registered AAS Degree (ADN) (continued)

*COLLS 130 Applied Learning Theory for Nursing Majors is a suggested elective for pre-nursing students to develop study skills and success strategies. PSYCH 201 Introduction to Psychology is a supportive course not a prerequisite course and may be taken later as long as it is completed by the end of the first academic year.

**Students may also take the BIOL 237-238 Anatomy and Physiology course sequence which may be preferred for BSN programs.

***Or equivalent or higher math course.

****Students should work with an advisor/counselor if more credits are needed per semester to qualify for financial aid.

Nursing: Licensed Practical Certificate (Practical Nursing Program)

Schoolcraft program code # 1YC.00017

Nursing courses are open only to students who are officially admitted to the nursing career ladder curriculum.

The practical nursing program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This program provides basic nursing theory and clinical practice in caring for adults, children and families to prepare graduates for entry-level positions in long-term care facilities, medical offices, hospitals, home health and other community settings.

Students who satisfactorily complete the practical nursing program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) as a step in obtaining licensure as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Students who wish to pursue this option must successfully complete the Advanced Concepts in Practical Nursing course at the end of the first academic year along with the other first year courses within the associate degree of nursing program.

The nursing program has pre-admission and admission requirements that are reviewed annually. It is essential to contact the Admissions and Welcome Center for a copy of the current program requirements.

Courses must be taken in sequence. A minimum grade of 80% in each nursing course is required for progression to the next course. Academic courses other than nursing must be finished by the completion of the nursing courses. Computer lab use and testing is required in this program. See Computer Use policy 3110 at schoolcraft.edu for more information. Students must furnish and maintain uniforms and supplies as required by the department and clinical facilities.

This program is offered at the Livonia Campus. Students selecting the practical nursing program option at the end of the first year of the ADN program sequence may then complete the registered nursing (ADN) program without further application or admission requirements. Students are admitted once a year with the registered nursing (ADN) students, at the beginning of fall semester. All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion.

This program requires a special admissions process. Contact the Admissions and Welcome Center at 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu to complete an application.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

*Admission Prerequisites and Supportive Courses**

BIOL 236**	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
PSYCH 201	Introductory Psychology	4
MATH 113***	Intermediate Algebra for College Students	4
	Total Credits	13

First Year—Fall Semester

NURS 104	Pharmacology for Nurses	3
NURS 105	Nursing Foundations of Practice 1	4
NURS 106	Nursing Foundations of Practice 2	4.5
	Total Credits	11.5****

First Year—Winter Semester

NURS 107	Medical Surgical Nursing	4.5
NURS 108	Surgical Medical Nursing	4.5
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3
	Total Credits	12

First Year—Spring Session

NURS 128	Maternal-Child Nursing 1	5
	Total Credits	5****

First Year—Summer Session

NURS 139	Advanced Concepts in Practical Nursing	3
	Total Credits	3****

PROGRAM TOTAL 44.5 CREDITS

Nursing: Licensed Practical Certificate (Practical Nursing Program) (continued)

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**Students may also take the BIOL 237-238 Anatomy and Physiology course sequence which may be preferred for BSN programs.

***Or equivalent or higher math course.

****Students should work with an advisor/counselor if more credits are needed per semester to qualify for financial aid.

Advanced Placement Option for LPNs

The associate degree nursing (ADN) program offers an advanced placement option for licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who are interested in becoming registered nurses (RNs). LPNs must be licensed in Michigan and candidates are placed in the ADN program sequence based on a thorough review of academic records and nursing experience/employment background. LPNs are admitted on an ongoing basis to start the nursing courses in the fall semester of each academic year. The number of LPNs admitted depends on space availability and this number may vary per year.

This program requires a special admissions process. Contact the Admissions and Welcome Center at 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu to complete an application.

Nursing: Nursing Assistant Training Program Skills Certificate

The Nursing Assistant Preparation course is open only to students who are officially admitted to college. Contact the Admissions and Welcome Center at 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu for more information.

Students may take the Nursing Assistant Preparation course (NATP 110) alone or may complete the course along with the other courses listed if a Schoolcraft skills certificate is desired. Both options provide students with eligibility to take the state CENA (competency evaluated nursing assistant) exam. The state of Michigan exam is comprised of written and clinical skills evaluations.

This curriculum is designed to prepare the student for an entry-level nursing assistant position with potential for employment opportunities primarily in extended care facilities with some application to hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, and patients' homes. Classroom lectures, hands-on practice of skills as well as supervised experience in an extended care facility are provided. This program meets federal and state requirements and is offered at the Livonia campus.

Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them and assist with meeting any financial aid requirements per semester. Students must meet health and clinical requirements, have a negative drug screen on first attempt, and pass a criminal background check. Computerized testing is required during this course. All required courses for the Schoolcraft College skills certificate option must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or better.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

First Year—Fall Semester

NATP 110	Nursing Assistant Preparation	10
BIOL 236**	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
HUM 106	Introduction to Art and Music	1
	Total Credits	16

*Students who may transfer to a baccalaureate program should elect the BIOL 237–238 Anatomy & Physiology course sequence. BIOL 236 or the BIOL 237-238 combination must be completed with a 3.0 or better for future nursing program admission.

All courses may be applied toward the associate in general studies degree.