



Degree

Practical Nursing Diploma

Degree Objective

Graduates of this program are prepared to function as an entry-level practical nurse under the direction of a registered nurse, physician or dentist. They can implement psychomotor technical skills that meet current standards of practice; apply scientific knowledge and skills to meet the biological, psychosocial, cultural and spiritual needs of the patient; provide maintenance, preventative, therapeutic, rehabilitative and/or supportive care; communicate clear, concise, accurate, complete and timely information to members of the healthcare team; use therapeutic communication to build and maintain therapeutic relationships with clients; use the nursing process to gather data, contribute to nursing diagnoses, guide nursing actions and contribute to the plan of care; and provide basic individualized, holistic and culturally sensitive nursing care for patients across the life span in a variety of settings. They can implement a personal practice standard that adheres to the legal and ethical standards of the practical nurse as defined by NFLPN and NAPNES. Graduates value critical thinking, communication, diverse perspectives, technology and information literacy, and post-licensure continuing education as a way to build on previous knowledge and skills and increase competency. Upon successful completion of this program, the graduate will have met the educational prerequisites to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

Admissions Requirements

- High school graduation or equivalency.
- Completion of the Basic Medical Technician, Combat Medic or Corpsman training program through a branch of the United States Armed Forces evidenced by a Joint Services Transcript (JST) or an ACE military transcript from the American Council for Education (ACE).
- School of Nursing Entrance Exam, Health physical and proof of immunizations and CPR certification.
- Clear background check. Minnesota applicants must successfully pass a background check through the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Degree Requirements

- Total Quarter Credits: 62 credits.
- Residency: On campus and online courses.
- General Education Courses: Students must complete General Education courses as stated in the Rasmussen University Course Catalog.
- Maximum transfer limit: 67% of total Program or 34 credits. Students must take a minimum of 43 credits at Rasmussen University. External courses require a C or higher for transfer eligibility.
- Minimum Grades: Students must receive a minimum of 60% (D) to pass in all courses except courses with PRN or NUR prefix course codes which requires 73% (C) or higher.
- Satisfactory Academic Progress: Student must meet SAP as outlined in the Rasmussen University Course Catalog.

METC Program Roadmap for Combat Medic Specialist



Degree Information Practical Nursing Diploma	METC Transferred Credits	Rasmussen University Credits Required
General Education		
ENC 1101 English Composition*		4
MAT 1222 Algebra*		4
PHA 1500 Structure and Function of the Human Body	4	
Practical Nursing Core Courses		
NUR 1172 Nutritional Principles in Nursing		4
PRN 1086 Introduction to Practical Nursing	2	
PRN 1192 Fundamentals of Practical Nursing		6
PRN 1245 Practical Nursing I		6
PRN 1356 Basic Pharmacology	3	3
PRN 1417 Practical Nursing II		6
PRN 1486 Gerontologic Nursing		3
PRN 1555* Psychosocial Nursing		4
PRN 1648 Practical Nursing III		6
PRN 1932** Family Nursing		4
PRN 1971 Practical Nursing Capstone		2
Total Credits	9	53**

*Shaded courses may be completed online

**4 of the 47 credits may be transferred in accordance with Rasmussen University Transfer Policy