

Practical Nursing Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ☒ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ☒ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ☒ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ☒ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Contact/Clock Hours: 1350 hours that must be completed and documented. Students should understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

Applicants who **complete all requirements by the published application deadline** will be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements makes you eligible for consideration but **does not guarantee admission** to the program. See the program webpage for [additional admissions information](#).

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Admission to this program is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria.

It is recommended that students have a conference with the program advisor prior to applying to the program. To meet the minimum requirements for consideration and acceptance to the Practical Nursing program, students must:

- ☐ Complete a Florida State College at Jacksonville application.
- ☐ Complete a Practical Nursing program application.
- ☐ Submit one of the following:
 - An official (unopened) high school completion transcript (no diplomas); or
 - An official copy of GED® test scores (a copy will be made and the original returned to the applicant); or
 - College transcript (a minimum of 12 college credits must have been completed if using college GPA). Note: Florida State College at Jacksonville transcripts can be unofficial. Transcripts from outside colleges must be official (unopened).
- ☐ Provide HESI Admission Assessment (A2) scores. Applicants are expected to take a complete HESI A2 exam consisting of 9 sub-tests in one sitting prior to the application deadline. Scores on the following subtests are considered for admission: reading, vocabulary, grammar, math. The four subtest scores must average 75% or higher to be considered for admission. Each subtest (reading, vocabulary, grammar, math) must also have a minimum score of 70% to be eligible for admission to the program.
- ☐ Successful completion of the background and drug screening process upon acceptance into the program.
- ☐ A physical examination will be required upon acceptance into the program. Clinical experience is required part of the Practical Nursing program. In order to participate in a hospital or medical office based clinical, a student will be expected to submit health history information, proof of immunizations, and background screening. To ensure employability in the widest possible manner, all students are required to submit drug screening and criminal background check results and a physical exam to the practical Nursing program prior to enrolling.
- ☐ Provide evidence of current CPR certification (adult, child and infant) achieved through an American Heart Association approved Basic Life Support (BLS) course for Health Care Providers that includes hands-on simulated experiences.

Application Deadline(s)

The 12-month program at **North Campus** admits students in the Fall, Spring and Summer Terms. The 16-month program at **Nassau Center** admits students every 4 terms; the next cohort will admit students in Summer Term 2027.

Application deadlines are May 15 for Fall Term admission, September 15 for Spring Term admission, and February 15 for Summer Term admission.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

- ☐ A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all Professional coursework.

Stay on Track

Meet the career certificate graduation requirements:

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn the required number of clock hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale in all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total clock hours required for the certificate program as a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.
- ☐ Meet or exceed the program's exit requirement(s), if applicable, or meet the criteria to earn a waiver.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=5657

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/5657

Sample Roadmap: North Campus Program

Term 1

Note: CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) with 6 months verified work experience may be eligible for exemption from PRN 0098L.

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0098 – Practical Nursing Foundations	150
PRN 0098L – Practical Nursing Foundations 1 Clinical Lab	150
PRN 0099 – Practical Nursing Foundation 2	150

Term 2

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0099L – Practical Nursing Foundations 2 Clinical Lab	150
PRN 0290 – Medical Surgical Nursing 1	150
PRN 0290L – Medical Surgical Nursing 1 Clinical Lab	150

Term 3

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0291 – Medical Surgical Nursing 2	150
PRN 0291L – Medical Surgical Nursing 2 Clinical Lab	150
PRN 0690 – Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills	75
PRN 0690L – Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Clinical Lab	75

Sample Roadmap: Nassau Center Program

Term 1

Students will complete PRN 0098 and PRN 0098L before moving on to PRN 0099 and PRN 0099L, which will begin in Term 1 and be completed in Term 2.

Note: CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) with 6 months verified work experience may be eligible for exemption from PRN 0098L.

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0098 – Practical Nursing Foundations	150
PRN 0098L – Practical Nursing Foundations 1 Clinical Lab	150
PRN 0099 – Practical Nursing Foundation 2	150
PRN 0099L – Practical Nursing Foundations 2 Clinical Lab	150

Term 2

Students will complete PRN 0099 and PRN 0099L before moving on to PRN 0290 and PRN 0291, which will begin in Term 2 and be completed in Term 3.

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0290 – Medical Surgical Nursing 1	150
PRN 0290L – Medical Surgical Nursing 1 Clinical Lab	150

Term 3

Students will complete PRN 0291 and PRN 0291L before moving on to PRN 0690 and PRN 0690L, which will begin in Term 3 and be completed in Term 4.

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0291 – Medical Surgical Nursing 2	150
PRN 0291L – Medical Surgical Nursing 2 Clinical Lab	150

Term 4

Students will complete PRN 0291 and PRN 0291L before moving on to PRN 0690 and PRN 0690L.

Course	Contact Hours
PRN 0690 – Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills	75
PRN 0690L – Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Clinical Lab	75