

**Program Number 31-543-1  
Technical Diploma • Five Terms**
**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

If you're ill or injured, it's comforting to know you're in the care of highly skilled, well-educated healthcare professionals. If you work well under pressure; like math, science, communications, and problem solving; are independent; and have a strong desire to work with and help people—a career as a practical nurse may be the choice for you.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- Integrate Practical Nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing standards.
- Communicate basic information using multiple sources in nursing practice.
- Utilize theoretical knowledge to participate in decision making.
- Apply the nursing process to basic client care across diverse populations.
- Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care.

**CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Lakeshore credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit [lakeshore.edu/future-students/transfer](https://lakeshore.edu/future-students/transfer). Graduates may bridge into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program by passing the PN-NCLEX and completing pre-reqs for the ADN program. The bridge pathway consists of two 1-credit courses (Bridge Skills and Bridge Clinical) taken over the summer. Students would then start the 6th semester ADN courses in fall.

**ADMISSIONS AND FIRST SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS**

- Submit online application.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete Get Started at Lakeshore appointment:
  - Application Check-in
  - College Orientation Overview
  - 1st Time Program Registration

*\*Submit high school transcripts, college transcripts, and test scores. Official transcripts will be needed for transferring college credit(s) and for financial aid purposes.*

**ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS/FUTURE SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS**

If applicable, complete program-specific academic preparedness requirements and enrollment steps prior to enrolling in occupational or core courses. Students will be notified if there is a program waitlist. View the college's program webpage for details: <https://lakeshore.edu/programs-and-courses/career-areas/health-science/practical-nursing>.

**APPROXIMATE COSTS**

\$152.85 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$9.17 per credit student activity fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit [lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid/tuition-and-fees](https://lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid/tuition-and-fees) for details.

**FINANCIAL AID**

This program is eligible for financial aid. Visit [lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid](https://lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid) for more information.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

- To complete the clinical portion of this program, site specific health and immunization documentation will be required.
- Classes may run 4 afternoon/evenings per week and some Fridays and/or Saturdays.
- In order to facilitate the evening hours, the theory classes will extend to a 17 week semester in the final term of the program.
- This program has been approved by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.
- Lakeshore's Practical Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3390 Peachtree Road N.E., Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000 Fax 404-975-5020. [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

**CONTACT**

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Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
<b>Term 1 (Fall)</b>		
31809188	Developmental Psychology	3
31801136	English Composition 1	3
		<b>6</b>
<b>Term 2 (Spring)</b>		
31509302	Human Body in Health and Disease OR 31806177 General Anatomy & Physiology (4 cr)	3
31801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communications	3
		<b>6</b>
<b>Term 3 (Summer)</b>		
31543301	Nursing Fundamentals	2
		<b>2</b>
<b>Term 4 (Fall)</b>		
31543302	Nursing Skills	3
31543303	Nursing Pharmacology	2
31543304	Nursing Intro Clinical Practice	2
		<b>7</b>
<b>Term 5 (Spring)</b>		
31543305	Nursing Health Alterations*	3
31543306	Nursing Health Promotion*	3
31543307	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	2
31543308	Intro to Clinical Care Management	2
		<b>10</b>
		<b>TOTAL 31</b>

\*Begins prior to start of semester.

*Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your academic counselor for details. The tuition and fees are approximate based on 2025-2026 rates and are subject to change prior to the start of the academic year.*

**DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**...introduces the student to the study of human development throughout the lifespan. This course explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Application activities and critical thinking skills will enable students to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor.

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION 1**...is designed for learners to develop knowledge and skills in all aspects of the writing process. Planning, organizing, writing, editing and revising are applied through a variety of activities. Students will analyze audience and purpose, use elements of research, and format documents using standard guidelines. Individuals will develop critical reading skills through analysis of various written documents. Discuss reading and writing academic course support with your Counselor.

**HUMAN BODY IN HEALTH & DISEASE**...students learn to recognize human body structure and function in health and disease states. Students explore the causes, signs, and symptoms of diseases of the major body systems as well as the diagnostic procedures, usual treatment, prognosis, and prevention of diseases commonly diagnosed and treated in the medical office setting. COREQUISITE: 31501302 or 10501101 Medical Terminology and Reading placement assessment equivalent

**INTRO TO CLINICAL CARE MANAGEMENT**...applies nursing concepts and therapeutic nursing interventions to groups of clients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to leadership, management, and teambuilding. Student must have completed all first semester and general education courses. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. COREQUISITE: 31543305 Nursing Health Alterations

**NURSING CLINICAL CARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN**...applies nursing concepts and therapeutic interventions to clients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to concepts of teaching and learning. Extending care to include the family is emphasized. Student must have completed all first semester and general education courses. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. Some Friday day/evening hours are required. COREQUISITE: 31543306 Nursing Health Promotion

**NURSING FUNDAMENTALS**...focuses on basic nursing concepts to provide evidenced-based care to diverse patient populations across the lifespan. Current and historical issues impacting nursing will be explored within the scope of nursing practice. The nursing process will be introduced as a framework for organizing the care of patients. This course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITES: 31806177 Gen A & P or 31509302 Hum Body Hlth Disease, 31809188 Developmental Psych, 31801196 Oral/Interpersonal Comm, 10801195/31801195 Written Comm and CONDITION: 315431 Practical Nursing admission requirements met

**NURSING HEALTH ALTERATIONS**...elaborates upon the basic concepts of health and illness as presented in Nursing Fundamentals. It applies theories of nursing in the care of clients through the lifespan, utilizing problem solving and critical thinking. This course will provide an opportunity to study conditions affecting different body systems and apply evidence-based nursing interventions. It will also introduce concepts of leadership and management. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITES: 31543301 Nursing Fundamentals, 31543302 Nursing Skills, 31543303 Nursing Pharmacology, and 31543304 Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice

**NURSING HEALTH PROMOTION**...focuses on topics related to health promotion for individuals and families throughout the lifespan. We will cover nursing care of the developing family, which includes reproductive issues, pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, the newborn, and the child. Recognizing the spectrum of healthy families we will discern patterns associated with adaptive and maladaptive behaviors applying mental health principles. An emphasis is placed on teaching and supporting healthy lifestyle choices for individuals of all ages. Nutrition, exercise, stress management, empowerment, and risk reduction practices are highlighted. Study of the family will cover dynamics, functions, discipline styles, and stages of development. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITES: 31543301 Nursing Fundamentals, 31543302 Nursing Skills, 31543303 Nursing Pharmacology, and 31543304 Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice

**NURSING INTRO CLINICAL PRACTICE**...is an introductory clinical course that emphasizes basic nursing skills and application of the nursing process in meeting the needs of diverse clients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on performing basic nursing skills, the formation of nurse-client relationships, communication, data collection, documentation, and medication administration. Student needs to be admitted to the Practical Nursing program. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITE: 31543301 Nursing Fundamentals and COREQUISITES: 31543302 Nursing Skills or 31543312 MA Bridge to PN Skills and 31543303 Nursing Pharmacology

**NURSING PHARMACOLOGY**...introduces the principles of pharmacology, including drug classifications and their effects on the body. Emphasis is on the use of the components of the nursing process when administering medications. Student must be admitted to the Practical Nursing program. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITE: 31543301 Nursing Fundamentals

**NURSING SKILLS**...focuses on development of evidence-based clinical skills and physical assessment across the lifespan. Content includes mathematical calculations and conversions related to clinical skills. In addition the course includes techniques related to obtaining a health history and basic physical assessment skills using a body systems approach. This course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. Some Saturday hours are required. PREREQUISITE: 31543301 Nursing Fundamentals

**ORAL/INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**...provides students with the skills to develop speaking, verbal and nonverbal communication, and listening skills through individual speeches, group activities, and other projects. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor.