



**CREDENTIAL**  
Ontario College Diploma

**PROGRAM CODE**  
Fall: 0619

**AREA OF INTEREST**  
Health

**LOCATION**  
Thunder Bay

**DURATION**  
2 -year

### Overview

Confederation College's Practical Nursing program is a two-year program with an emphasis on providing nursing care to stable, predictable patients.

Courses in the Practical Nursing program cover a wide variety of topics including nursing theory, human relationships, technical concepts in health care, anatomy, physiology, health assessment, and pharmacology. You'll develop the nursing skills needed to help people at various stages of life and health.

You may also want to consider our Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing four-year degree program, a joint program with Lakehead University. The collaborative BScN program offers more comprehensive learning and the advantage of two institutions with a rich history in nursing education. It also provides you with more career opportunities.



### Top Highlights

- Graduates are eligible to write the examinations required to practise and register with the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Program includes clinical hours so that you get on-the-job experience working with other experienced Registered Practical Nurses
- Our Practical Nursing program is currently approved (Category 1) by the College of Nurses of Ontario ([www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org)). Current graduates from this program are eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Practical Nurse in Ontario.



### Employment Opportunities

Graduates will be eligible to write the examinations for registration in the Province of Ontario. Graduates may expect to find employment in acute care hospitals, complex chronic care/rehabilitation facilities, long-term care settings, and in the community.



### Experiential Learning

Labs, Placement



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# Practical Nursing

## Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

## Additional Required Courses

- Grade 11 Mathematics (College or University Preparation) &
- Grade 11 or 12 Biology (College or University Preparation) &
- Grade 11 or 12 Chemistry (College or University Preparation)

## Alternative Pathways

If you find you do not possess the necessary admission requirements (or equivalency), we encourage you to consider our Pre-Health Sciences program which will provide you with the necessary preparation to apply to this program. Completion of the Pre-Health Sciences program does not guarantee admission to the Practical Nursing program in a subsequent year.

## Recommended Skills

In order to practice as a Registered Practical Nurse in the Province of Ontario, students must be graduates from an accredited, two year Practical Nursing diploma program and be successful on a provincial examination administered by the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Students entering a Practical Nursing diploma program must have a concrete understanding of the sciences, general mathematical functions and have sound communication skills (reading, writing and language comprehension).

## Mandatory Fieldwork/Placement Requirements

Prior to entering any clinical setting you **MUST HAVE** all of your field requirements completed.

If your field requirements are not completed prior to starting your placement, you will not be allowed to begin placement. To avoid disappointment, the process of getting your requirements completed should be done at the beginning of summer.

Visit [confederationcollege.ca/practicalnursing/programinfo](http://confederationcollege.ca/practicalnursing/programinfo) for a full list of requirements.

## Articulation Agreements

Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credits earned throughout this program to be transferred to programs at other colleges and universities.

Visit: [confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements](http://confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements) for more information.

## First Semester

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| CS 050 | College Writing                        |
| GE     | General Elective                       |
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| HS 125 | Anatomy & Physiology I                 |
| PN 125 | Professional Practice I                |
| PN 126 | Foundations - Nursing Practice         |
| PN 128 | Therapeutic Nurse Client Relationships |
| PN 130 | Technical Concepts in Health Care      |
| PN 131 | Nursing Arts Lab I: Fundamentals       |
| PY 299 | Developmental Psychology               |

## Second Semester

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| CS 217 | Communication for Health Professionals |
| HS 225 | Anatomy & Physiology II                |
| PN 225 | Clinical Practice I: Chronic Care3     |
| PN 226 | Nursing Arts Lab II: Chronic Care      |
| PN 227 | Nursing Care Across the Lifespan       |
| PN 228 | Nursing Assessment                     |

## Third Semester

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| PN 322 | Professional Practice II          |
| PN 326 | Clinical Practice II: Acute Care3 |
| PN 327 | Nursing Arts Lab III: Acute Care  |
| PN 328 | Pharmacology I                    |
| PN 329 | Medical-Surgical Nursing I        |
| PN 330 | Pathophysiology I                 |

## Fourth Semester A - Compressed

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| N 422  | Clinical Practice III: Complex Care3 |
| PN 426 | Nursing Arts Lab IV: Complex Care    |
| PN 427 | Pharmacology II                      |
| PN 428 | Pathophysiology II                   |
| PN 429 | Medical-Surgical Nursing II          |
| PN 527 | Clinical Practice IV: Preceptorship  |

## Fourth Semester B - 8 Weeks

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| PN 527 | Advanced Nursing Practice |
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