

# Practical Nursing



## Job Outlook

Employment  
Rate  
**87%**

Average Hourly  
Wage  
**\$30.00**

(Canada Job Bank, Nov 2023)

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

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. The program also includes clinical hours so that students obtain on-the-job experience working with other experienced Registered Practical Nurses. As a result of theoretical, practical and clinical training, students in the Practical Nursing program develop the nursing skills needed to help people at various stages of life and health.

Our Practical Nursing program is currently approved (Category 1) by the College of Nurses of Ontario ([www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org)). Graduates are eligible to write the examinations required to practice as a Registered Practical Nurse in Ontario and to register with the College of Nurses of Ontario. They can find employment in acute care hospitals, complex chronic care/rehabilitation facilities, long-term care settings, and in the community. Currently the number of job seekers is insufficient to fill the job vacancies. This labour shortage is expected to persist through to 2028 and beyond.

Credential Upon Completion	Ontario College Diploma
Annual Fees (CAD)	\$21,796 + \$1,905 program costs (2024-25)
English Proficiency	IELTS 6.5 (no band lower than 6.0, minimum band in speaking 6.5)
Eligible Applicants	High School Diploma + Grade 12 math, biology & chemistry
Intake	September and January