



CREDENTIAL	PROGRAM CODE	AREA OF INTEREST	LOCATION	DURATION
Ontario College Diploma	Fall: 0619	Health	Thunder Bay	2 -year

Overview

You'll Be There When People Need You Most

Start on the path to a fulfilling healthcare career with Confederation College's two-year Practical Nursing program. This comprehensive program prepares you to provide expert nursing care to stable, predictable patients across their lifespan. As a graduate, you'll be eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Practical Nurse in Ontario, opening doors to a wide range of healthcare opportunities.

Our curriculum covers a diverse array of topics, including foundational theory, nursing skills and procedures, pharmacology, pathophysiology, nursing assessment, and clinical practice. You'll develop the expertise to care for patients from infancy to older adulthood, gaining hands-on experience through exciting clinical placements. This program not only equips you for immediate entry into the workforce but also lays a strong foundation for those considering future advancement to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Confederation College is proud to be recognized as a Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) Indigenous-focused Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO) predesignate. Through this partnership with the RNAO, students learn within a culture that values evidence-based practice, Indigenous ways of knowing, and community-centred care.



Top Highlights

- **Clinical Experience:** Gain valuable on-the-job experience working alongside experienced Registered Practical Nurses.
- **Career-Ready:** Graduate prepared to write the examinations required for practice and registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- **Versatile Skills:** Develop a comprehensive skill set applicable across various healthcare settings.



Experiential Learning

Labs, Placement



Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Practical Nursing program are prepared for diverse roles in settings such as:

Acute Care Hospitals, Complex Chronic Care/ Rehabilitation Facilities, Long-Term Care Settings, Community Health Centers, Home Care Services, Clinics and Doctors' Offices, Public Health Units, And more!



Ideal Candidate

- Compassionate, Detail-Oriented, Strong Communicator, Adaptable, A Lifelong Learner



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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 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 for more information.

First Semester

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

CS 217	Communication for Health Professionals
HS 225	Anatomy & Physiology II
PN 225	Clinical Practice I: Chronic Care 3
PN 226	Nursing Arts Lab II: Chronic Care
PN 227	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan
PN 228	Nursing Assessment

Third Semester

PN 322	Professional Practice II
PN 326	Clinical Practice II: Acute Care 3
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

N 422	Clinical Practice III: Complex Care 3
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

PN 527	Advanced Nursing Practice
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Have questions? Want to apply?
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