

Program Outcomes

The faculty of the Practical Nursing Program has set the following program outcomes:

1. At least 80% of practical nursing graduates will pass NCLEX-PN on the first attempt.
2. At least 75% of practical nursing students will graduate within 150% of the time from entry into the program.
3. At least 90% of practical nursing graduates will report employment as a LPN within 6-12 months of graduation.

Student Learning Outcomes

The Practical Nursing faculty believe the curriculum built based upon the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) standards, plus professionalism and leadership, allows for the preparation of the practical nurse to provide quality and safe client care within appropriate healthcare settings and his/her scope of practice.

QSEN Concept: Client Centered Care
A. Deliver quality nursing care to clients and their families from diverse backgrounds in a variety of settings. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate an understanding of the nursing process.• Perform a basic health assessment that includes physiological, psychological, sociological, and spiritual needs of clients and in a variety of settings.• Demonstrate delivery of age appropriate communication in the health care settings.• Provide relevant health education based on client's developmental level and cultural preferences.
QSEN Concept: Teamwork and Collaboration
B. Participate as a member of the inter-professional healthcare team in the delivery of safe, quality client-centered care. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize role and scope of practice of practical nurse.• Collaborate with multidisciplinary health care team to provide quality care.• List multidisciplinary team members within the health care settings.• Identify strengths, limitations, and values in functioning as a member of the health care team.
QSEN Concept: Evidence Based Practice
C. Utilize evidence based rationales and resources when providing safe, quality client-centered care. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define evidence based practice.• Recognize the nurse's role in evidence based practice.• Use evidence based practice to reduce variations in nursing care.

QSEN Concept: Client Centered Care
QSEN Concept: Quality Improvement
<p>D. Participate in activities that improve and promote quality of care in health care settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbalizes understanding of collecting and recording data for quality improvement purposes. • Identify methods to monitor continuous quality improvement. • Implement nursing actions that improve client outcomes.
QSEN Concept: Safety
<p>E. Apply strategies that minimize risk and provide a safe environment for clients, self, and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize hazards of the client’s environment. • Communicate observations and concerns related to hazards to the health care team. • Implement actions that minimize safety risks and environmental hazards. • Identify actions to reduce risk of injury to self and others.
QSEN Concept: Informatics
<p>F. Utilize client care technology in the provision of safe, quality client-centered care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement appropriate use of technology in the health care setting. • Demonstrate the proper use of electronic health record systems according to HIPPA regulations in all health care settings.
Concept: Professionalism
<p>G. Practice in a professional manner while providing client-centered nursing care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate principles of work ethics. • Identify legal aspects that guide nursing practice. • Display professional accountability and responsibility in the delivery of client centered care.
Concept: Leadership
<p>H. Demonstrate the ability to serve as a team leader overseeing client care delivered by team members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply organizational, time management and priority setting skills necessary to provide safe, quality client-centered care. • Delegate tasks within the health care settings that is appropriate in the delivery of client centered care. • Identify ways to resolve client care issues within the health care team.