



CERTIFICATE - LEVEL I PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) Spring Entry (Evening Program) – Academic Guide

The Academic Guide is a semester-by-semester plan. Level I/PN is offered as a **part-time** evening program with completion in 24-months. Students meeting Level I/PN progression requirements are automatically admitted to Level II Registered Nursing (RN). Students should work with an advisor to customize the academic plan if they need to reach full-time status.

The Bi-level Nursing Program is committed to the development of both practical and professional nursing. Students admitted to Level I/PN complete a course of study leading to eligibility for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The **Career and Technical Education Certificate** is designed for professions that do not require the associate degree.

ACADEMIC PLAN		NOTES
Pre-Requisites for PN Evenings	Cr Hrs.	Pre-Requisites
BIO211 Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Grade of "C" or better within 5 years of program start date.
PSY101 General Psychology	3	Grade of "C" or better
COL100 Freshman Seminar	1	<i>This course may not be required for students who have previously completed 15+ credit hours of college credit.</i>
Total Hours	8	

Spring Semester 1 (FIRST Year)		Semester 1
PNE141 Fundamentals of Nursing	6	Grade of "B" or better
PNE142 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	1	Satisfactory completion
PNE145 Personal Vocational Concepts	1.5	Grade of "B" or better
(*) PSY205 Life Span Human Development	3	Grade of "C" or better
Total Hours	11.5	

Summer Semester 2 (FIRST Year)		Semester 2
PNE144 Introduction to Nursing Pharmacology	3	Grade of "B" or better
Total Hours	3	

Fall Semester 3 (FIRST Year)		Semester 3
PNE163 Pharmacology I	3	Grade of "B" or better
PNE171 Medical Surgical Nursing I	5	Grade of "B" or better
PNE181 Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical	2	Satisfactory completion
Total Hours	10	

Spring Semester 4 (SECOND Year)		Semester 4
PNE 148 Mental Health	2	Grade of "B" or better
PNE 174 Maternal Child Nursing / Clinical	5	Grade of "B" or better
(*) BIO212 Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Grade of "C" or better within 5 years of program start date
Total Hours	11	

Summer Semester 5 (SECOND Year)		Semester 5
PNE 164 Pharmacology II	3	Grade of "B" or better
Total Hours	3	

Fall Semester 6 (SECOND PN Year)		Semester 6
PNE 172 Medical Surgical Nursing II	5	Grade of "B" or better
PNE 182 Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical	2	Satisfactory completion
PNE 195 Capstone Practical Nursing	3	Grade of "B" or better
Total Hours	10	(*) These courses are required pre-requisites for the Level II/RN program.

The Jefferson College Bi-level Nursing Level I/PN Program has **full-approval** from the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN).

LPN NCLEX board pass rate for 2023 was 100.00%, with a five-year LPN board pass rate average of 98.60%.



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Admission Requirements:

1. **Apply** to [Jefferson College](http://www.jeffco.edu) and provide *official* transcripts to the Office of Enrollment Services either electronically or by mail to 1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050.
Meet with an Advising Specialist: advisor@jeffco.edu or 636-481-3209/797-3000, ext. 3209.
2. **ATI TEAS Entrance Exam:** To be considered for admission a candidate must earn a minimum composite score of 58.7% on the TEAS Exam. The [ATI TEAS Exam](#), or Test of Essential Academic Skills, is a standardized test designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering the health science fields. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform successfully in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage.
 - **Study guide:** Study manuals are available for one week check-out at the Jefferson College Library. Study manuals are also available for purchase on the [ATI website](#).
 - **Exam Fee:** The TEAS exam fee is \$85.00 to be paid at the cashier's window prior to testing.
 - **Retest:** Students can retake the ATI TEAS exam **once every 60 days**. During the waiting period students are strongly encouraged to remediate the areas they scored basic or developmental. A Focused Review will be available in your ATI account. Jefferson College will **not** accept test scores taken **prior to the end of the two-month waiting period**, regardless of the score obtained.
3. **GPA Requirement:** Minimum of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale). GPA is calculated utilizing Level I/PN and Level II/RN prerequisite and corequisite courses only.
4. **Prerequisites:** Students must meet all prerequisite requirements *prior* to the nursing program start date.
 - BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology I - *completed with a grade of "C" or better within 5 years of the program start date the applicant applies for. The prerequisite for BIO211 is BIO101 (or high school Biology) and CHM101 (or high school Chemistry) with grades of "C" or better within 5 years of registration date.*
 - PSY101 General Psychology - *completed with a "C" or better.*
 - COL100; COL136; COL101- First Year Experience - *This course **may not** be required for students who have previously completed 15+ credit hours of college credit.*
5. The application for admission, application deadline, and application fee and submission information may be found on the nursing website at www.jeffco.edu/nursing > Application Process > Beginning Level I PN.

Admission is competitive; the Admission Progression Retention (APR) Committee chooses the final selection of applicants based on the following criteria: TEAS exam score, nursing pre/corequisite GPA, and course completion rate.

Department Faculty Advisors: Christine Kelly-Clark, Paige Pellmann, Sarah Peppers, and Jennifer Record

Director of Nursing: Amy McDaniel, MSN Ed., RN

Associate Dean, School of Science and Health: Janet Akers-Montgomery, MET, RT(R)(M)

Employment Outlook/Median Salary 2022*

*Employment information based on current [Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook](#).

Career	Degree Level Required	Growth	Median Salary
Licensed Practical Nurse	Postsecondary non-degree award	5% (Faster than average)	\$54,620 per year \$26.26 per hour

Transfer Information: The Bi-level Nursing Level I/PN Program specific coursework is non-transferrable.

For further/current information, please see the college catalog or www.jeffco.edu/nursing.