

# LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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**NOTE: Students must earn a final grade of C or better in all required courses/Technical Requirements and achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0. A grade of C or better is required in ENGL 1110G Composition and designated Mathematics courses.**

## Total Credits required for Certificate: 55

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 55 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>Select one course from four of the following six content areas for a total of 12-14 credits.<sup>1,2</sup></i>		12-14
This degree requires courses from Areas I, II, III, and IV; students do not need to select any other General Education courses to complete the requirement.		
Area I: Communications		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
Area II: Mathematics		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra <sup>3</sup>	
	or MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics	
Area III: Laboratory Science		
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
Area V: Humanities		
Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts		
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
<b>Program Requirements</b>		
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences	4
BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NURS 130	Foundations of Pharmacology	5
NURS 134	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment	1
NURS 134L	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment Lab	2
NURS 136	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
NURS 136L	Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab	2
NURS 147	Adult Health I	4
NURS 147L	Adult Health I Lab	2
NURS 149	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 149L	Mental Health Nursing Lab	1
NURS 224	Maternal Child Nursing	5

NURS 224L	Maternal Child Nursing Lab	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>55</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Each course selected must be from a different area and students cannot take multiple courses in the same area.
- <sup>2</sup> See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- <sup>3</sup> MATH 1220G College Algebra or MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics is required for the certificate but students may need to take prerequisites to enter the course.

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## A Suggested Plan of Study - Licensed Practical Nurse

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

Semester 1	Credits
(Prerequisites)	
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences 4
BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors) 4
ENGL 1110G	Composition I 4
MATH 1220G or MATH 1130G	College Algebra or Survey of Mathematics 3
<b>Credits 19</b>	
<b>Semester 2</b>	
Level One (Fall)	
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior 3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology 3
NURS 134	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment 1
NURS 134L	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment Lab 2
NURS 136	Foundations of Nursing Practice 4
NURS 136L	Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab 2
<b>Credits 15</b>	
<b>Semester 3</b>	
Level Two (Spring)	
NURS 130	Foundations of Pharmacology 5
NURS 147	Adult Health I 4
NURS 147L	Adult Health I Lab 2
NURS 149	Mental Health Nursing 3
NURS 149L	Mental Health Nursing Lab 1
<b>Credits 15</b>	
<b>Semester 4</b>	
Level Three (Fall)	
NURS 224	Maternal Child Nursing 5
NURS 224L	Maternal Child Nursing Lab 1
LPN Exit HESI Exam	
<b>Credits 6</b>	
<b>Total Credits 55</b>	