

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Doña Ana Community College 2024-2025 Catalog (55 credits)

This certificate program provides an option for those desiring to begin working as licensed practical nurses before finishing the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) program. The certificate curriculum consists of the first two semesters of the ADN program and NURS 224 Maternal Child Nursing. Students must pass a PN exit exam selected by the faculty to qualify for the LPN certificate.

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 I and designated Mathematics courses.

Students must complete all University certificate 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
Core Requirements		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I (Or other approved New Mexico General Education Area I course listed in Level 1 in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog) ¹	4
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3
Related Requirements		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra (MATH 1220G or Higher)	3
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior ¹	3
BIOL 2210 & BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences and Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Or Anatomy and Physiology I SPMD 2210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 2210L for BIOL 2210 - Or Anatomy and Physiology II SPMD 3210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 3210L for BIOL 2225) ¹	8
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors) (or CHEM 1215G General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors) ¹	4
Common Technical Requirements		
NURS 130	Foundations of Pharmacology	5
NURS 134	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment	3
NURS 136	Foundations of Nursing Practice	6
NURS 147	Adult Health I	6
NURS 149	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 224	Maternal Child Nursing	6
Total Credits		55

¹ Courses are identical to those offered at New Mexico State University Las Cruces (main) Campus.

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A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students, and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1		Credits
PRE-NURSING LEVEL I		
Area II: Mathematics		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra (MATH1220G or higher)	3
Area III: Laboratory Sciences		
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors) (or CHEM 1215G General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors)	4
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences (Or Anatomy and Physiology I SPMD 2210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 2210L for BIOL 2210)	4
		Credits
		11
Semester 2		
PRE-NURSING LEVEL II		
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level I		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I (or other approved New Mexico General Education Area I course listed in Level 1 in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog)	4
Area III: Laboratory Sciences		
BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Or Anatomy and Physiology II SPMD 3210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 3210L for BIOL 2225)	4
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
		Credits
		14
Semester 3		
NURSING LEVEL I		
NURS 130	Foundations of Pharmacology	5
NURS 134	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment	3
NURS 136	Foundations of Nursing Practice	6
		Credits
		14

Semester 4

NURSING LEVEL II

NURS 147	Adult Health I	6
NURS 149	Mental Health Nursing	4
Credits		10

Semester 5

NURSING LEVEL III

NURS 224	Maternal Child Nursing	6
LPN EXIT HESI EXAM		
Credits		6

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