

Stark State
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Practical Nursing Program
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Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) work in all medical areas such as hospitals, schools, nursing homes, health care clinics and home care. Upon completion of the program, graduates will receive a certificate of completion and will then be eligible to sit for the NCLEX PN exam to receive licensure.

Stark State College Practical Nursing offers day and evening/weekend programs. The Day Program allows a spring and fall semester start with classes, practice lab, and clinicals held Monday-Friday. There are 52 seats available with each new cohort. The Evening/Weekend Program allows a spring start with class and practice lab 1-2 evenings a week and clinical experiences on Saturdays. There are 30 seats available with each new cohort. All Practical Nursing (PN) classes and labs are held at the Akron Perkins campus. Clinical experiences are at healthcare facilities within a 75-mile radius.

The Practical Nursing website has been created to give you a broad overview about Licensed Practical Nurses; the PN program; and the requirements for admission. Please visit: www.starkstate.edu/lpn

Once you are ready to get started on your pathway to nursing, you will first need to follow the **6 EASY STEPS for new student enrollment**. Admission advisers at the Gateway Center would be glad to help you. You can set up an appointment to get started on the Admissions website: <https://www.starkstate.edu/admissions/>. Please let them know at that time that you are interested in pursuing a **Practical Nursing major**.

Initial Requirements for the PN program:

1. Proficiency requirements:
 - *IDS102 with B or better (or proficiency [Accuplacer Reading Score 246+])
 - *MTH022 with B or better (or proficiency [Accuplacer Math Score 250+])
 - *May also be determined by ACT scores or transcripts
2. Post-secondary GPA of 2.0 or greater. If no post-secondary GPA, a HS GPA of 2.0 or greater is required.
3. FBI/BCI Background check through Stark State Security **Valid for 1 year**
You must obtain a background check from Stark State Security. If applicable, contact the Program Coordinator for a list of offenses that may exclude a student from attending the program. The cost of the FBI/BCI background check is \$70. Appointments are required. Follow this link to schedule your background check: <https://www.starkstate.edu/about/security/background-check-information/>
4. TEAS Test – 58.7 percentile or higher **Valid for 3 years**
The test covers Math, Science, Reading, and English/Language. Study material is available for purchase at www.atitesting.com. The test can be taken more than once – the PN program does not limit the number of times the test is taken or the time frame between taking the test – although applicants are encouraged to utilize remediation resources before retesting. For study tools and how to register for TEAS see the following link: <https://www.starkstate.edu/nursing/teas/>
5. **SSC101 and BIO101 (or equivalent) with a C or better.** These courses may be completed during the 1st semester of the PN program. However, it is strongly recommended that they are taken prior to entering the PN program to ensure a successful foundation.

****Applicants must submit three (3) items (paper copies) to the Akron Gateway Center (Attn: PN Program Coordinator), to be considered for admission (emailed applications will not be accepted): completed PN application, background check email from SSC Security office, and TEAS test results. All items must be turned in together prior to the June 15th deadline for the Fall cohort or the November 1st deadline for the Spring cohort. The Admission Committee will review applications and notify applicants by their SSC email if they are accepted or declined for admission.**



PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCESS POLICY CHECKLIST

Potential applicants must review Stark State College Application Process and Admission Requirements before starting their application process. Please use this form as a checklist to ensure all steps in the process are completed. Applications are kept on file for one year from submission.

PHASE ONE: ALL APPLICANTS

_____ Complete all requirements for admission into Stark State College

_____ Meet the Proficiency requirements:

*IDS102 with B or better (or proficiency [Accuplacer Reading Score 246+])

*MTH022 with B or better (or proficiency [Accuplacer Math QAS Score 250+])

*May also be determined by ACT scores or transcripts

_____ Met the GPA requirements:

* Post-secondary GPA of 2.0 or greater. If no post-secondary GPA, a HS GPA of 2.0 or greater is required

PHASE TWO: APPLICANTS APPLYING TO THE PN PROGRAM MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

(log into mystarkstate.edu to access hyperlinks):

_____ PN Application – found on the SSC Practical Nursing webpage at www.starkstate.edu/lpn

_____ TEAS test – taken at the SSC testing center Main Campus in North Canton or at a remote proctoring location.

Applicants must receive a cumulative score of 58.7 on the TEAS test before submitting application. For study tools and how to register for TEAS see the following link: <https://www.starkstate.edu/nursing/teas/>

_____ Post-secondary GPA of 2.0 or greater, if no post-secondary GPA, a HS GPA of 2.0 or greater. Applicants may request a one-time Academic Forgiveness by completing the [Academic Forgiveness Form](#) and submitting the form to Academic Records/Registrar's Office. If granted, the applicant may proceed in the application to the PN program.

_____ BCI/FBI background check - completed at Stark State College, Main Campus in North Canton.

For more information see the following link: www.starkstate.edu/background-check-information

Applicant will receive an email of verification of eligibility through their SSC email. Please direct all background questions to the Security Office. For PN program have a copy of background sent to the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Submit the following documents to Gateway Student Services at Stark State College, Akron Campus (Attention PN Program Coordinator) : completed application, passing TEAS score printout from ATI website, and the Stark State College Security email verifying BCI/FBI background check (emailed applications will not be accepted).

The application **deadline for Fall admission is June 15th**. The application deadline for the **Spring admission is November 1st**. If the cohort is not filled, the Admission Committee may continue to review applications submitted after that date. Applicants who would like to be considered for the next cohort will need to resubmit the completed documents by the next deadline.

The SSC Practical Nursing program Admission Committee will review all completed applications after the deadline and notify all applicants through their SSC email, of their acceptance or denial.

PHASE THREE: ONLY APPLICANTS ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (details will be sent to students via their SSC email with their acceptance email):

- _____ Orientation – completed as an online video sent with the acceptance letter
- _____ Purchase ACEMAPP account (health management records company) used to upload all student health records, CPR, physical, BCI/FBI, drug screen, and required student forms
- _____ Purchase SSC photo ID badges
- _____ Purchase uniforms
- _____ Purchase Lab supplies
- _____ Purchase ATI online resources
- _____ Purchase textbooks
- _____ Complete all requirements and paperwork included in the orientation packet **and upload into the ACEMAPP account, by the designated deadline:**
- _____ **Official** background check results – obtained from the SSC security office
- _____ 10 panel urine drug screen with negative results
- _____ Health record requirements (physical, immunizations)
- _____ American Heart Association BLS CPR
- _____ New student paperwork
- _____ Purchase Liability insurance

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff, we wish you the best as you begin the process of reaching your goal of becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse!

Stark State College
Practical Nursing Program – Day Program
Fall and Spring semester starts

COURSES – Pre/Co-requisites	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
BIO101	Intro to Anatomy and Physiology	3
SSC101	Student Success Seminar	1

First Semester – 1st 8 weeks

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC100	Nursing 1	4
PNC100L	Nursing 1 Lab	
PNC100C	Nursing 1 Clinical	
PNC101	Pharmacology 1	3

Typical schedule for 1st – 8 weeks:

Monday - Nursing 1 class either 9a-11am or 12:30p-2:30pm
 Tuesday - Nursing 1 lab either 8a-11:45am or 12:15p-4pm
 Wednesday - Pharm 1 class 9am-12pm or 12:30pm-3:30pm
 Thursday - off
 Friday - Nursing 1 clinicals 7:00am-3:30pm
**Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

First Semester – 2nd 8 weeks

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC120	Nursing 2	5
PNC120L	Nursing 2 Lab	
PNC120C	Nursing 2 Clinical	
PNC121	Pharmacology 2	3
PNC121L	Pharmacology 2 Lab	

Typical schedule for 2nd 8 weeks:

Monday - Nursing 2 class either 9a-11am or 12:30pm-2:30pm
 Tuesday - Nursing 2 lab either 8a-11:45am or 12:15pm-4pm
 Wednesday - Pharm 2 either 9a-11am or 12:30pm-2:30pm
 Thursday - Nursing 2 lab either 8a-11:45am or 12:15pm-4pm
 Friday - Nursing 2 clinicals 7:00am-3:30pm
**Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

Second Semester – 1st 8 weeks

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC130	Nursing 3	9
PNC130L	Nursing 3 Lab	
PNC130C	Nursing 3 Clinical	

Typical schedule for 1st 8 weeks:

Mondays - lab either 8a-12pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm
 Tuesdays - class 8am-12pm
 Wednesdays - either 8a-10:30am or 10:30am-1:00pm
 Thursdays and Fridays - clinicals 7:00-3:30
**Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

Second Semester – 2nd 8 weeks

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC140	Nursing 4	8
PNC140L	Nursing 4 Lab	
PNC140C	Nursing 4 Clinical	

Typical schedule for 2nd 8 weeks:

Mondays - lab either 8am-12pm or 12:30pm-4:30p
 Tuesdays - class 8am-12pm
 Wednesdays - either 8-10:30 or 10:30-1
 Thursdays and Fridays - clinicals 7:00-3:30
**Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

Course Sequencing

- Nursing courses must be successfully completed in order: PNC100, PNC120, PNC130, PNC140
- BIO101 must be successfully completed before taking PNC130 and PNC140
- Pharmacology course must be successfully completed in order: PNC101, PNC121
- PNC101 and PNC121 must be successfully completed before taking PNC130, PNC140
- ***Please note that clinical schedules are subject to change based on site availability. This may include adjustments to clinical hours, including potential evening shifts (e.g., 2:00pm to 10:30pm).**

Stark State College
 Practical Nursing Program – **Evening/Weekend Program**
Spring semester start ONLY

COURSES – Pre/Co-requisites	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
BIO101	Intro to Anatomy and Physiology	3
SSC101	Student Success Seminar	1

First Semester – courses offered Spring semester ONLY

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC101	Pharmacology 1	3
PNC121	Pharmacology 2	3
PNC121L	Pharmacology 2 Lab	

Typical schedule for 1st semester:

Wednesdays Pharmacology 1 4:00pm-7:00pm & Pharmacology 2 4:00pm-9:30pm

Second Semester – courses offered Fall semester ONLY

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC100	Nursing 1	4
PNC100L	Nursing 1 Lab	
PNC100C	Nursing 1 Clinical	
PNC120	Nursing 2	5
PNC120L	Nursing 2 Lab	
PNC120C	Nursing 2 Clinical	

Typical schedule for 2nd semester:

Mondays Nursing 1&2 Class 4:00pm-9:30pm
 Tuesdays Nursing 1&2 Lab 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturdays Nursing 1&2 Clinicals 7:00am -3:30pm
** Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

Third Semester – courses offered Spring semester ONLY

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC130	Nursing 3	9
PNC130L	Nursing 3 Lab	
PNC130C	Nursing 3 Clinical	

Typical schedule for 2nd semester:

Mondays Nursing 3 Class 4:00pm-9:30pm
 Tuesdays Nursing 3 Lab 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturdays Nursing 3 Clinicals 7:00am -3:30pm
**Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

Fourth Semester – courses offered Fall semester ONLY

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PNC140	Nursing 4	8
PNC140L	Nursing 4 Lab	
PNC140C	Nursing 4 Clinical	

Typical schedule for 2nd semester:

Mondays Nursing 4 Class 4:00pm-9:30pm
 Tuesdays Nursing 4 Lab 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturdays Nursing 4 Clinicals 7:00am -3:30pm
**Possible clinical times of 2:00pm-10:30pm*

Course Sequencing

- Nursing courses must be successfully completed in order: PNC100, PNC120, PNC130, PNC140
 - BIO101 must be successfully completed before taking PNC130 and PNC140
 - Pharmacology courses must be successfully completed in order: PNC101, PNC121
 - PNC101 and PNC121 must be successfully completed before taking PNC130, PNC140
- *Please note that clinical schedules are subject to change based on site availability. This may include adjustments to clinical hours, including potential evening shifts (e.g., 2:00pm to 10:30pm).**

STARK STATE COLLEGE
PROJECTED COST OF THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM
26-27 SCHOOL YEAR – updated June 2026

COST ITEM		AMOUNT
Tuition - \$219.60 per credit hour		36 total credit hours = \$7905.60
Processing Fee – <i>charged at the time of admission to the college</i>		\$95.00
Security and Maintenance Fee – <i>charged each semester, if taking 4 credit hours or more</i>		\$35.00/semester
Uniforms - <i>estimated amount, purchased upon admission to the PN program</i>		\$160.00
ID badges – <i>purchased upon admission to the PN program</i>		\$20/2 badges
ATI online resources including Standardized Testing and NCLEX-PN Review	\$630.00 prior to PNC100/PNC101 \$630.00 prior to PNC130	\$1260.00
Textbooks - <i>estimated total amount for all PN courses</i>		\$510.00
Lab Bag and supplies - <i>estimated amount for PNC100, PNC120, PNC121, PNC130, and PNC140</i>		\$582.00
Health Requirements (physical, immunizations, drug screen, BLS CPR Certification)		Approx. \$500.00
ACEMAPP – <i>per semester for clinical/program site app</i>		\$50.00/semester
Liability Insurance – <i>charged per academic year during PN program</i>		\$15.00/academic year
BCI/FBI fingerprinting – <i>must be updated yearly and at graduation (sent directly to the OBN)</i>		\$70.00/background check
Make-up Clinical Fees – <i>charged only if absent on clinical day</i>		\$25.00/hour
Graduation Expenses OBN License Application NCLEX License Application Nursing Pin		\$75.00 \$200.00 \$30.00
Estimated Total*		\$11,592.60

****This is an estimate of program costs and is subject to change.***

Stark State College - Practical Nursing Application

Instructions: Please fill out the application COMPLETELY, circle and check mark all that apply.

Required Student Information			
Student Number: S00	First Name:	Middle:	Last Name:
Address:			
City:	State:		Zip:
Stark State Email:			
Phone:		☐ Home ☐ Cell	

Program Eligibility Requirements				
Course	Completed	Grade	CURRENT GPA 2.0 or greater (HS or college transcript)	PROGRAM PREFERENCE (Choose the semester and program you prefer)
MATH proficiency <i>*Pre-requisite</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In progress			Day Program ☐ Fall Semester start ☐ Spring Semester start Evening/Weekend Program ☐ Spring Semester ONLY start
READING proficiency <i>* Pre-requisite</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In progress			
BIO101 <i>**Pre/Co-Req</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In progress		TEAS TEST SCORE (Minimum 58.7%)	BCI/FBI Background Checks Date Completed: _____ <i>*Must be free of ALL disqualifying offenses</i> Attach email from SSC Security Office
SSC101 <i>**Pre/Co-Req</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In progress		Attach TEAS scores from ATI website	
* Courses listed as "pre-requisites" must be completed before applying to the PN Program, with a minimum grade of B **Courses listed as "pre/co-requisites" must be completed before beginning PNC130 , with a minimum grade of C				

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

By signing this form, the student attests that all items are ready for review, accurate, and complete.

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Stark State's Security Office is conducting student background checks. Unless otherwise directed, Background Checks are conducted at SSC Main Campus, 6200 Frank Ave., North Canton, Ohio 44720, S Building, Room S103 and Akron Campus 360 Pekins St. Akron, Ohio 44304.

Background check hours (subject to change)

- Main campus-North Canton: Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- Akron campus: Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am-3:30pm
- Appointments for special circumstances may be accommodated on request. Prior approval will be required. Appointments will not be taken over the phone.

Scheduling, forms and payment

- Click on this link to schedule a background check <https://GatewayAdvising.as.me/Backgroundcheck> No walk-ins will be accepted.
- Print, complete and bring the background check form to your appointment, found at <https://www.starkstate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Background-check-form.pdf>. Hard copies of the form will be available if you are unable to print a copy.
- **Please make the payment before you come to the appointment** unless you are a CCP student, STNA student, or a potential hire. You can pay in person at the College Store on the first floor of the S Building & Akron campus (preferred), Cashier Window on the third Floor in the Student Center (S- Building) on main campus, or online. Credit cards will be accepted.

- **For PN program please make sure to select the Ohio Board of Nursing to obtain a copy of background check.**

Guidelines for everyone's safety

- **Main campus:** Enter through door S1 (main entrance, Main Campus, S Building) where you will be required to check-in with the Security Desk. The background check station is located in S103.
- **Akron campus:** Enter through the main campus doors and check-in with the security office located in room A101 in the main lobby.
- We ask that you arrive at your appointment on time and allow for extra time if you need to pay at the cashier's window.