

# NURSING - PRACTICAL NURSING

The Practical Nursing program prepares individuals to practice within the legal scope of practical nursing under the supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, licensed physician, or dentist. The use of the nursing process at the practical nursing level toward the maintenance of health and prevention of illness, the observation and nursing care of persons experiencing changes in their health processes, and the evaluation of health practices of patients are emphasized.

Classroom instruction in theory and basic nursing skills is provided by multiple delivery methods. Under the guidance of program faculty, students gain valuable experience in the care of all ages in a variety of health care settings and/or community agencies - hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and childcare centers. (Transportation to the community agencies is the responsibility of each student.)

Acceptance in the Practical Nursing program is based on a selective admission process.

Progression in the Practical Nursing program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Note: The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) may deny a nursing graduate admission to the NCLEX-PN Exam if an individual has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony that involves acts that bear directly on the qualifications of the graduate to practice nursing.

The practical nursing program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College, located in Paducah, KY, is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
(404)975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the practical nursing program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>

Effective September 11, 2024, the Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on September 11, 2026.

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Note: Upon granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of initial accreditation is the date on which the nursing program was approved by the ACEN as a candidate

program that concluded in the Board of Commissioners granting initial accreditation.

## Diplomas

- Nursing - Practical Nurse - Diploma (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-practical-nursing/nursing-practical-nurse-diploma/>)
  - Practical Nurse Pathway 1 – Traditional (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-practical-nursing/nursing-practical-nurse-diploma/#practicalnursepathway1traditional>)
  - Practical Nurse – Pathway 2 – Traditional Modified (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-practical-nursing/nursing-practical-nurse-diploma/#practicalnursepathway2traditionalmodified>)
  - Practical Nurse – Pathway 3 – Modular (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-practical-nursing/nursing-practical-nurse-diploma/#practicalnursepathway3modular>)

## Certificates

- Kentucky Medication Aide - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-practical-nursing/kentucky-medication-aide-certificate/>)
- Medicaid Nurse Aide - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-practical-nursing/medicaid-nurse-aide-certificate/>)