Nursing Education
LPN and RN
Graduation Requirements

**College Experience Requirement**
1 credit
Completed _____ Need _____
SDV 108 The College Experience** 1 cr ___

**Practical Nursing - Diploma Program - 10 months**

1. **General Education Courses (Required)***
   18 credits
   Completed _____ Need _____
   BIO 162 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology*** 3 cr ___
   BIO 151 Nutrition*** 3 cr ___
   ENG 105 Composition I 3 cr ___
   BIO 151 Nutrition*** 3 cr ___
   BIO 162 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology*** 3 cr ___

* All general education courses are scheduled into the PN curriculum as co-requisites. However, each of these courses can be taken prior to being admitted to the practical nursing program. A grade of C or better is required in all general education courses.

** The College Experience is required for students who enroll as arts & sciences “pre-nursing” majors, but it is not required for those students enrolled directly in the PN program.

*** High school chemistry or college-level chemistry & high school or college biology is highly recommended as a prerequisite, but not required.

2. **Practical Nursing Courses (Required)***
   25 credits
   Completed _____ Need _____
   PNN 172 Fundamentals of Nursing I (fall only) 4 cr ___
   PNN 231 Pharmacology (fall only) 3 cr ___
   PNN 173 Fundamentals of Nursing II (fall only) 4 cr ___
   PNN 531 Medical - Surgical Nursing I (spring only) 7 cr ___
   PNN 434 Maternal - Child Health (spring only) 4 cr ___
   PNN 532 Medical - Surgical Nursing II (summer only) 3 cr ___

* A grade of C or better is required in all practical nursing classes.

Students must complete 43 credits and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average to be awarded with a diploma in practical nursing.

**Registered Nursing - Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing - 2 years**

1. Successful completion of the practical nursing program and the State Board of Nursing exam are required and a copy of your Iowa practical nursing license must be on file with Southwestern's admissions office. New graduates must have a current Iowa license prior to October 15. If a student has a practical nursing license from a state that is a member of the mutual recognition compact, an Iowa license is not necessary.

RN students must also have completed at least three credits with a “C” grade or higher in each of the following courses: composition I (ENG 105), introduction to psychology (PSY 111), developmental psychology (PSY 121), introduction to sociology (SOC 110), and anatomy and physiology (BIO 162 or BIO 168** and BIO 173**).

2. **General Education Courses (Required)***
   8 credits
   Completed _____ Need _____
   BIO 163 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology (w/lab)** 4 cr ___
   BIO 186 Microbiology ** 4 cr ___

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** Online credit for these courses will not be accepted.

3. **Registered Nursing Courses (Required)***
   35 credits
   Completed _____ Need _____
   ADN 561 Medical Surgical Nursing (fall only) 7 cr ___
   ADN 476 Mental Health Nursing (fall only) 6.5 cr ___
   ADN 563 Comprehensive Nursing (spring only) 10.5 cr ___
   ADN 433 Advanced Maternal-Child Health I (spring only) 4 cr ___
   ADN 561 Medical Surgical Nursing (fall only) 7 cr ___
   ADN 443 Advanced Maternal-Child Health II (summer only) 3 cr ___
   ADN 850 Employment Empowerment (summer only) 1 cr ___

* A grade of C or better is required in all registered nursing classes.

Students must complete the additional 43 credits and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average to be awarded the Associate of Applied Science degree in registered nursing.

This document is for advising and schedule planning purposes only.

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