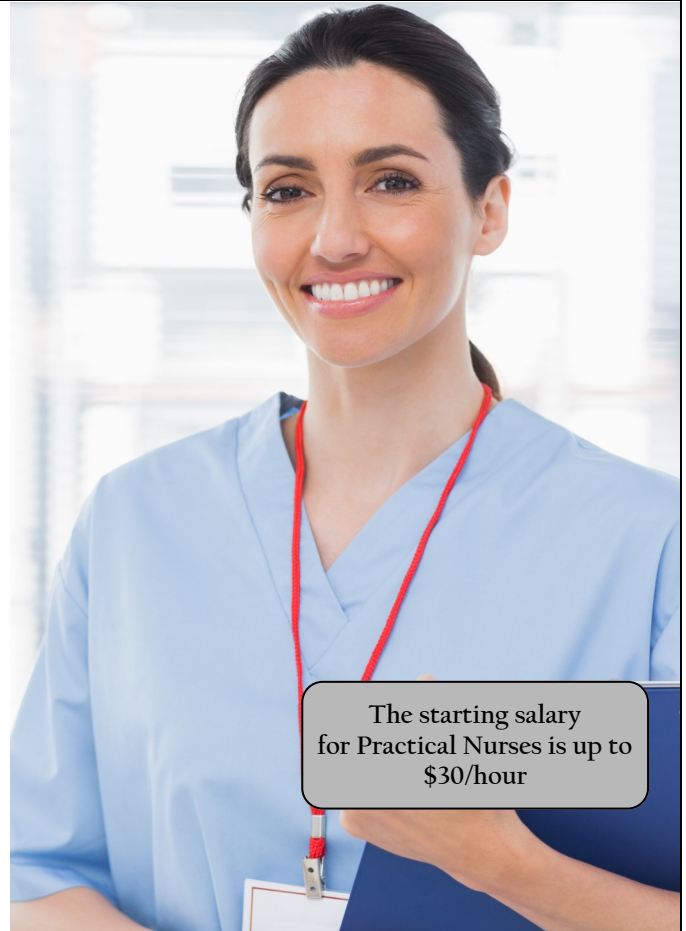


# Diploma PRACTICAL NURSE PROFESSIONAL

**Program Start Dates: January, May, and September**

## Why Choose Columbia College's Practical Nurse Professional Program?

- The Practical Nurse Diploma Professional Program at Columbia College is a nationally accredited program approved by the Education Standards Advisory Committee (ESAC). ESAC is affiliated with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA), which is the regulatory and licensure body in Alberta.
- The Practical Nurse Diploma Professional Program at Columbia College has been successfully preparing students for the role of Licensed Practical Nurse since 2007.
- The program offers a low student to facilitator ratio in Theory classes (1-36), Lab classes (1-12) and Clinical Placement (1-8).
- The Practical Nurse Diploma Professional Program at Columbia College offers a Mastery Learning Model, and is one of the few programs in North America to provide this valuable support.
- The Practical Nurse Diploma Professional Program at Columbia College Mastery Learning Model will provide students with up to 500 free additional hours of Mastery Learning Tutorials. These tutorials will provide learners who are experiencing difficulty with additional staff support, to work with them on competencies and skills for further mastery.
- Graduates of the Practical Nurse Diploma Professional Program at Columbia College have achieved 100% success in the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (CPNRE).
- 2017 Practical Nurse graduates achieved a 100% employment rate.
- Compare all of our student outcomes with students attending other Practical Nursing programs.



The starting salary  
for Practical Nurses is up to  
\$30/hour

Once you are registered in the program, Columbia College offers a FREE mandatory program orientation College Skills for Success course to help you to be successful in your program.  
Learn Strategies on Note Taking, Test Taking, Memory, Active Reading, Stress Management and more!

**Columbia College's Practical Nurse Professional Program offers a variety of learning opportunities to build knowledge, nursing skills, critical thinking skills, and interpersonal skills. Columbia's Practical Nurse Program along with its Mastery Learning Approach to education will greatly help you achieve your dream of working in the Health Care Industry!**

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Meet with an Admissions Advisor. No appointment required.

Walk-in hours are:

Monday - Thursday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)

Please visit our website for detailed program and admission information.



### What courses will I take in the program?

- Nursing Theory I
- Anatomy and Physiology/Microbiology
- Growth and Development
- Health & Wellness
- Nursing Lab I
- Adult Health Assessment
- Clinical Experience: Continuing Care
- Mental Health Nursing
- Fundamentals of English Composition
- Pathophysiology
- Basic Concepts of Psychology
- Nursing Theory II
- Team Building / Conflict Resolution
- Nursing Lab II
- Pharmacology
- Nursing Theory III
- Nursing Lab III
- Professional Communication
- Professional Ethics
- Pediatric Nursing
- Maternity Nursing
- Community Health Nursing
- Clinical Experience: Acute Care
- Nursing Transitions
- Clinical Experience: Transition to the Graduate Role

### Credit Transfer

Some transfer credit is available from:

- Bow Valley College
- Grant MacEwan University
- Medicine Hat College
- Mount Royal University
- Prairie College of Applied Arts and Technology
- Red Deer College
- Athabasca University (Post LPN Bachelor of Nursing Program)

### *Introduction:*

Practical Nurses perform nursing assessments, provide nursing care and implement prescribed medical treatments. You will participate in classroom instruction, skills development in the lab, and practicum experience in continuing care, acute care, and a specialty setting.

### *Schedule:*

Classes are normally scheduled to run between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. During the program, students should be prepared to attend classes that may be scheduled in the evenings and on weekends.

For practicum courses, students must be prepared to work shifts during the day and/or evening/ or nights/weekends.

### *What Organizations Have Hired Columbia's Graduates?*

- Alberta Health Services
- Alberta Children's Hospital
- Peter Lougheed Hospital
- Revera
- Wing Kei Centre
- Bethany
- Nurse Next Door
- Primary Care Network
- Foothills Medical Centre
- Rockeyview General Hospital
- Carewest
- Bayshore
- Intercare
- Brylu Staffing
- The Brenda Stafford Trust

### *How long is the program?*

- 80 weeks (approximately 20 months)

### *What are the Program Entry Requirements?*

There are two basic options for admission into the Practical Nurse Professional program:

#### Standard Admission

- Alberta high school diploma, verified by transcript, or non-Alberta equivalent, AND
  - ⇒ English 30-1 with minimum final mark of 60% or 70% in English 30-2 or equivalent,
  - ⇒ Credit in Math 20-1 or 60% in Math 20-2 or equivalent
  - ⇒ Biology 30 with minimum final mark of 60% or equivalent

OR

#### Mature Admission

Students who do not meet the academic requirements listed above can apply through academic assessment. Academic assessment students must meet the following:

- Be 19 years of age or older, and
- Out of high school for 1 year, and
- Successfully meet the entry levels on Columbia College's Accuplacer assessment test or equivalent

#### Additional Requirements

- Attend Columbia College's Practical Nurse Professional Program Orientation prior to the start of the program.
- Admissions interview(s) to determine suitability for the profession and opportunity for success in the program.
- Meet all non-academic requirements

### FREE UPGRADING AVAILABLE

Tuition FREE Academic Upgrading courses may be available to help you meet the entry requirements into this program.