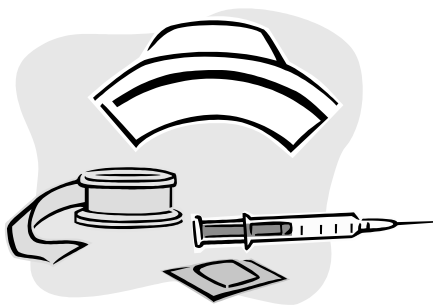




Department of Health Sciences

PRACTICAL NURSE (PN)



ABOUT THE PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM

The Practical Nurse program prepares the student to be a direct care giver in hospitals, long-term facilities, and ambulatory care-clinic settings. This program is designed for students interested in becoming a practical nurse as an entry into the nursing career ladder program. Completion of the practical nurse certificate allows students to progress onto the second year of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree program, or apply for advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree program.

Once a Mesa State Practical Nurse student earns the certificate and passes the NCLEX (State Boards) the student can either exit the program and work as a practical nurse – or, progress to the second year and enter the Associate of Applied Science program. Mesa State practical nurse students who pass their courses with a 76% or better, have their IV Certification, and have successfully passed the NCLEX, have three years from the time of their class graduation to progress to the AAS program without re-entering the competitive admission process. This applies to Mesa State College PN graduates only. All prerequisites for the AAS program must be completed with a “C” or better before students can enter the program.

The potential student must demonstrate college-level proficiency in reading and writing in order to be admitted to this program. This program has selective admission requirements and requirements may change from year to year. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the current admission requirements.

Transfer students who were enrolled in a nursing program at another college will need to take a comprehensive written test and skills test and pass with a 90% or better before being considered for admission to the Mesa State College Practical Nursing Program.

We encourage all students to apply, but be aware that students are admitted contingent upon their passing a criminal background investigation through American DataBank that is conducted at the expense of the applicant.

The tentative class schedule will be: Lecture on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:00-11:50 and 1:00 4:00. Clinicals will be Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 7:00 to 3:00 or 4:00. **Potential students should also be aware that they may have obligations outside of regularly scheduled class times such as health fairs, etc. Students admitted to the program will be required to attend a mandatory orientation before classes begin.**

Contact Tonya Chapin, PN Program Director, at tchapin@mesastate.edu (970) 248-1773 to schedule an advising appointment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Mesa State College Department of Health Sciences admits 30 students to the Practical Nurse program each fall. Prior to being accepted into the PN program, students must apply and be accepted to Mesa State College.

The following non-nursing prerequisites and general education courses are required for admission into the Practical Nurse program.

General Education:

ENGL 111—English Comp. I (3)*

ENGL 112—English Comp. II (3)*

*The numbers in parentheses indicate the credit hours a student earns upon completion of the course.

NOTE: All general education requirements are waived for those students who have previously earned a Baccalaureate of Arts or Science. General education requirements are waived for those students who have previously earned an Associate of Science or Arts degree. (*This does not include either an Associate of Applied Science, or an Associate in General Studies.*)

Prerequisites:

BIOL 209/209L—Anatomy & Physiology I (3 credits-lecture; 1 credit-lab) **

BIOL 210/210L—Anatomy & Physiology II (3 credits-lecture; 1 credit-lab)**

PSYC 233—Human Growth & Development (3 credits-lecture)***

Applicants must have either completed or be in the process of completing their general ed's and prerequisites at the March 1st application deadline (*cannot have courses left to take in the summer semester.*)

****BIOL 209/209L and BIOL 210/210L must have been completed within five years prior to applying to the PN program.**

*** This course is counted with general education courses, but is a prerequisite for the PN program.

If a student plans on continuing on to the LPN-AAS (RN) program after completing the Practical Nurse program, it is strongly recommended that students take BIOL 241—Pathophysiology BEFORE enrolling in the Practical Nurse program.

NOTE: Student who completed any of the general education or prerequisite requirements at a college other than Mesa State College must have official transcripts sent to the Registrar's Office at Mesa State College and request to have a transcript evaluation done.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Apply to Mesa State College** either on-line at www.mesastate.edu, through the Admissions Office, or reactivate application file if you have missed one semester at Mesa State College, declaring Practical Nurse as area of emphasis.
2. **Submit copy(ies) of all transcripts** from other colleges/universities to **MSC Office of the Registrar, (contact previously-attended schools and have them send transcripts to MSC Registrar - who will then do a transcript evaluation and make the decision on which courses taken at a previous college will transfer to Mesa State College.)** Transcript evaluation by Registrar is required for all courses taken at other colleges. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 ("C") on a 4.0 scale for all courses required for completion of the Associate of Applied Science. This policy applies regardless of when the course was taken.
3. **Complete (or be about to complete)** general education requirements and prerequisites. **If currently enrolled in a prerequisite, include an instructor-signed "request for grade" form** (available on PN website) **verifying the grade you are expected to receive.**
4. **Submit a separate PN application to Kelly Loshier in Health Sciences** prior to **March 1** for fall entrance.
5. Applicants must take the "**Kaplan Admission Test.**" The required test measures applicant's basic skills in reading, math, science and English. The cost to the applicant is \$30.00. **Kaplan tests will be scheduled approximately a month before the application deadline.** Applicants will register and pay for the test on the Mesa State College website Health Sciences page.

If a potential student receives a score below 80% in the Math portion of the Kaplan test and is admitted to the Practical Nurse program, the student will then be strongly encouraged to enroll in a short Pharmacology Calculations class in the summer semester before fall classes begin.
6. **Submit a copy of appropriate CPR certification** (CPR/AED for Professional Caregiver (ARC) or CPR for the Healthcare Provider (AHA)).

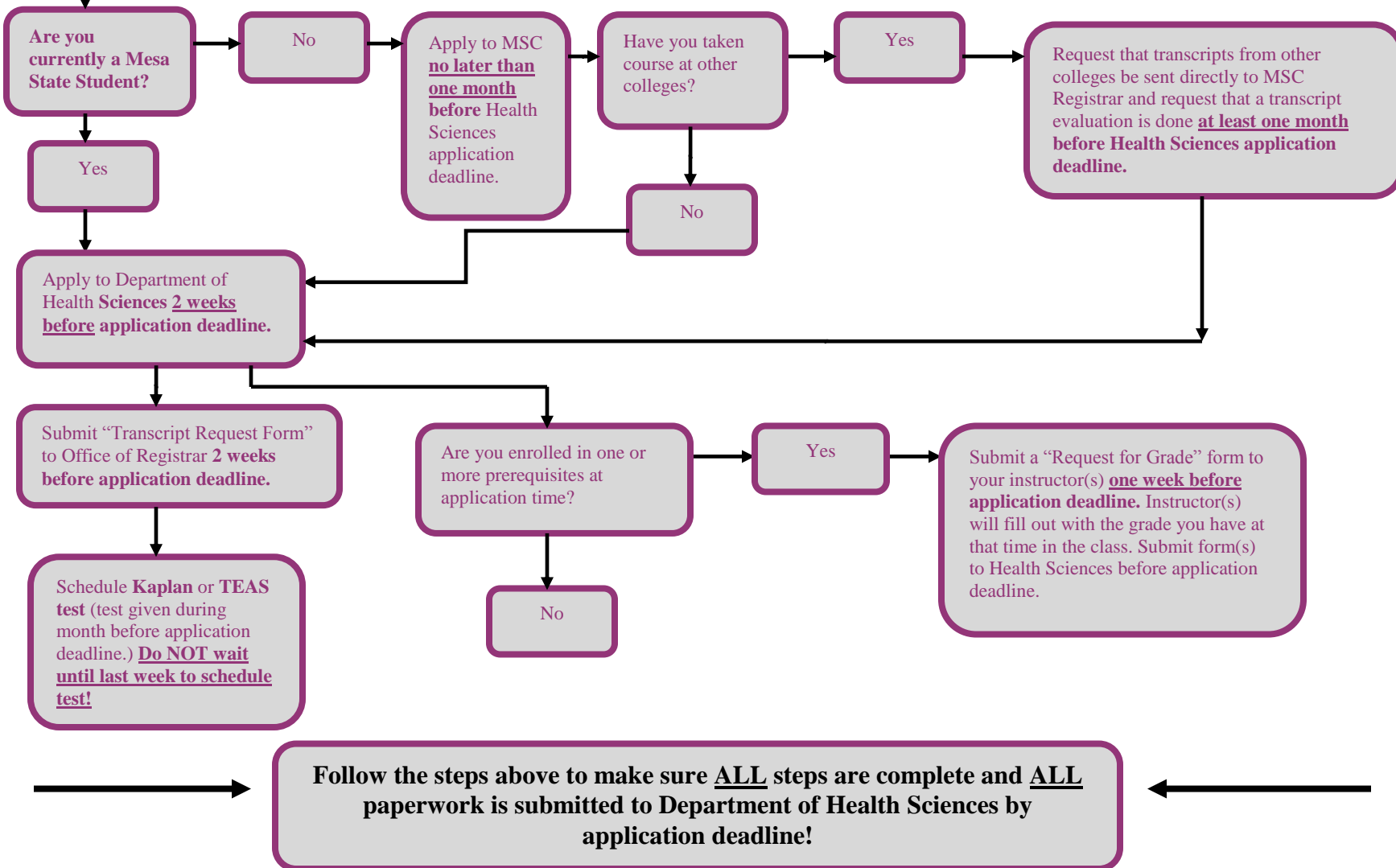
Items 1 through 6 must be completed prior to March 1 for fall entrance.

SEE CHART ON NEXT PAGE FOR APPLICATION PROCESS TIME-LINE

Remember, it is the applicants responsibility to make sure the nursing office has these items on file by the deadline!

How do I apply to the Department of Health Sciences?

Begin here!



UPON ADMISSION TO PN PROGRAM

8. **Pass a criminal background investigation** through American DataBank at <http://www.mesacx.com>. The cost for the student is \$60. Student must fax a copy of "Disclosure and Release Statement" to American Databank (form is on American Databank website) and also turn in a copy to Kelly Losher in the nursing department. You can fax Kelly Losher at (970) 248-1133.
9. **Physical and Immunizations:** students admitted to the PN program are required to have a physical examination along with proof of several immunizations; proof of two Measles/ Mumps/ Rubella immunizations, Varicella, Tetanus (current within 10 years), Hepatitis B (this is a series of three immunizations), as well as a current TB skin test. *(Either a two-step TST within the past 12 months or proof of negative TST documented yearly for 2 years. If the student has proof of a one-step TST within the past 12 months, a one-step TST should be done.)*
10. **Required Professional liability insurance:** students who wish to may apply for insurance through the National Professional Group as a student nurse. The website is <http://www.nso.com>. Should you choose to go through a different company, the policy must be comprehensive general liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage liability with minimum coverage limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 general total limit, and medical professional liability insurance with minimum coverage limits of \$1,000,000 per claim/\$3,000,000 annual aggregate.
11. **Activate your MSC email account** by going to the Tomlinson Library computer room (if not already activated). This account is free for MSC students, and all nursing students are required to activate - and regularly check Mesa State e-mail.
12. **If interested in participating in the AmeriCorps UCAN Scholarship Program**, you must attend orientation at a time and location to be announced. Failure to attend an orientation program will eliminate you from consideration for the program for this semester. For information on what the AmeriCorps UCAN scholarship program is, visit the website www.americorps.gov, or call 1-888-507-5962 or e-mail edawardvoucher@cns.gov.
13. **If student is unemployed, call the Mesa County Workforce Center at 248-0871 at least one month before classes start** regarding possible scholarship dollars. **You must sign up at least one month before classes begin.**
14. **Purchase name tags;** you must have a name tag to do clinicals at area hospitals. See the Administrative Assistant for the PN program. You must fill out a form, pay cash for your name tag (\$5.00 for a pin tag, \$7.00 for a magnet tag), and it will be ordered for you and given to you on the first day of class. Again, you must pay in cash.

Items 7 through 14 must be completed and turned in by the first day of class.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THESE ITEMS ARE

SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE!



Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 248-1020
 (800) 982-6372
www.mesastate.edu

Application for Entrance
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 Grand Junction, CO 81501
 Phone: (970) 248-1721
 Fax: (970) 248-1133
kloser@mesastate.edu

Date _____

Practical Nurse

Submit application along with all required paperwork to *Kelly Losher, Department of Health Sciences, Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501*

Contact Information:

Full legal name _____
Last First Middle Initial Maiden Name

Date of Birth ____/____/____ MSC ID No. _____

Permanent home address: _____
City, State, Zip

Present mailing address: _____
(if different from above) City, State, Zip

Email address (please print clearly): _____

Phone number with area code: () _____ Cell: () _____

Are you a current Mesa State College student? Yes No

Is this the first time you have applied to the Mesa State College PN program? Yes No

Do you have any medical certifications? *(Must involve direct patient care)* _____

***Please provide proof of certifications with application**

Have you completed the following prerequisites?

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| ENGL 111.....English Composition I..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process | Completion semester _____ |
| ENGL 112.....English Composition II..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process | Completion semester _____ |
| BIOL 209Anatomy & Physiology I | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process | Completion semester _____ |
| BIOL 209LAnatomy & Physiology I Lab | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process | Completion semester _____ |
| BIOL 210.....Anatomy & Physiology II | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process | Completion semester _____ |
| BIOL 210L ...Anatomy & Physiology II Lab | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process..... | Completion semester _____ |
| PSYC 233....Human Growth & Development ... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process..... | Completion semester _____ |

(see next page)

Employment Experience:

Dates employed		Name and location where employed	Duties (briefly)
From	To		

Healthcare Experience:

From	To	Any other healthcare experience not previously defined	Duties (briefly)

The admissions committee reserves the right to select the applicants who shall be admitted and that acceptance is provisional upon receipt of required documentation that all requirements have been met.

This application must be received by the nursing department no later than **March 1** for admission consideration to the Practical Nurse Program.

I certify that all the information stated on this application form is accurate and complete. Concealment of facts or false statements may result in dismissal from the program.

Applicant Signature

Date

(see next page)

To have transcripts sent to Health Sciences Department

Take/mail/fax "Transcript Request" form below to the Office of the Registrar, Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 (fax 970-248-1131) and they will forward copies of your transcripts to the Health Sciences Department.



(Tear off this portion and deliver/mail to Mesa State College Registrar's Office)

Transcript Request Form

Registrar: Please send copies of the following to Kelly Losher in Saunders Fieldhouse (1) all transcripts from other colleges, if applicable; (2) transcript evaluation prepared by the Office of the Registrar, if applicable; (3) current Mesa State College transcript, if applicable. Also please complete the gray area below.

Name (please print)

MSC Student ID # (**NOT** MAVcard #)

Signature

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY:

Has applicant been accepted at MSC? Yes No In what program? Baccalaureate Associate
Certificate

Attached: Other colleges attended transcripts: Transcript evaluation:
Current Mesa State College transcript:

Practical Nurse

(see next page)

PN Application Checklist

Additional paperwork that must be submitted with application:

- _____ 1. If currently enrolled in prerequisites at Mesa State College, or any other college/university, include an instructor-signed **“request for grade”** form (available on PN website-application page) verifying the grade you are expected to receive.
- _____ 2. Copy of appropriate **CPR Certification Card** (CPR/AED for Professional Caregiver (ARC) or CPR for the Healthcare Provider (AHA)).

To complete the application process you must also:

- _____ 1. Apply to Mesa State College.
- _____ 2. Submit copy(ies) of all transcripts from other colleges/universities to **MSC Office of the Registrar**, **(contact previously-attended schools and have them send transcripts to MSC Registrar - who will then do a transcript evaluation and make the decision on which courses taken at a previous college will transfer to Mesa State College.)** Transcript evaluation by Registrar is required for all courses taken at other colleges. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 ("C") on a 4.0 scale for all courses required for completion of the Associate of Applied Science. This policy applies regardless of when the course was taken.
- _____ 3. **Submit “Transcript Request” form to Mesa State College Office of the Registrar.**
- _____ 4. **Sign up for the Kaplan Admission Test.** The test dates will be posted on the Mesa State College website – Health Sciences page. The cost to the student is \$30. Applicants will sign up for the test at the website.

The following form “*2010-2011 Petition/Program Sheet*” is for informational purposes only and does not need to be submitted with application.

Once admitted to the program students will fill this form out for graduation purposes.



2010-2011 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Technical Certificate

Major: Practical Nurse

http://www.mesastate.edu/academics/1011_program_sheets.html

About This Degree . . .

This program is designed for students interested in becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse as an entry into the nursing career ladder program. Completion of the Practical Nurse Certificate allows students to progress onto the second year of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree or apply for advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. The Practical Nursing program prepares the student to be a direct care giver in hospitals, long-term facilities, and ambulatory care-clinic settings.

The potential student must demonstrate college-level proficiency in reading and writing in order to be admitted to this program. This program has selective admission requirements and requirements may change from year to year. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the current admission requirements.

POLICIES:

- 1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see your MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the semester prior to the semesters of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you will be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (Exit Exam).

NAME: _____ STUDENT ID # _____

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____
_____ () _____

I, (Signature) _____, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

Signature of Advisor _____ Date _____ 20____

Signature of Department Head _____ Date _____ 20____

Signature of Registrar _____ Date _____ 20____

Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration. See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

Degree Requirements:

- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all MSC coursework
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- 2.00 GPA or higher in all prerequisite and nursing courses. Program sheets are for advising purposes only. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, check with your advisor for additional guidelines, including prerequisites, grade point averages, grades, exit examinations, and other expectations. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all guidelines for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the faculty advisor and/or Department Head.
- A student must follow the MSC graduation requirements either from 1) the program sheet for the major in effect at the time the student officially declares a major; or 2) a program sheet for the major approved for a year subsequent to the year during which the student officially declares the major and is approved for the student by the department head. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, the student should check with the faculty advisor for additional criteria. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all requirements for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the student’s faculty advisor and Department Head.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (9 Semester Hours)

See the current Mesa State College catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is on the general education list of options and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection within the general education requirement.

Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term	Trns
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English (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of “C” or better and must be completed by the time the student enters the PN program)

ENGL 111	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 112	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities or Selected Speech Courses (3 semester hours)

**PSYC 233 Human Growth & Development 3 _____
 **This course is counted with the general education courses, but is a prerequisite for the L.P.N. in Nursing program.

PREREQUISITES (8 Semester Hours)

BIOL 209	Human Anat & Physiology I	3	_____	_____	_____
BIOL 209L	Human Anat & Physiology I Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
BIOL 210	Human Anat & Physiology II	3	_____	_____	_____
BIOL 210L	Human Anat & Physiology II Lab	1	_____	_____	_____

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS (31 Semester Hours)

Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term <th>Trns</th>	Trns
NURS 101	Pharmacology Calculations	1	_____	_____	_____
NURS 106	Fund Med Surg Concepts I	3	_____	_____	_____
NURS 106L	Fund Med Surg Concepts I Lab	2	_____	_____	_____
NURS 107	Foundations of Nursing	3	_____	_____	_____
NURS 107L	Foundations of Nursing Lab	2	_____	_____	_____
NURS 108	Foundations of Nursing II	3	_____	_____	_____
NURS 108L	Foundations of Nursing II Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
NURS 112	Basic Concepts of Pharmacology	2	_____	_____	_____
NURS 117	Nursing Care of Childbearing Family	2	_____	_____	_____
NURS 117L	Nursing Care of Childbearing Family Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
NURS 118	Nursing Care of Children	2	_____	_____	_____
NURS 118L	Nursing Care of Children Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
NURS 156	Socialization into Practical Nurs	1	_____	_____	_____
NURS 172	Fund Med Surg Concepts II	3	_____	_____	_____
NURS 172L	Fund Med Surg Concepts II Lab	4	_____	_____	_____

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSING TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the assigned advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

FIRST YEAR

First Semester		Hours	Second Semester		Hours
ENGL 111	English Composition	3	ENGL 112	English Composition	3
BIOL 209*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3	BIOL 210*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 209L*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	BIOL 210L*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	<u>1</u>
PSYC 233**	Human Growth & Development	<u>3</u>			***7
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*BIOL 209/209L and BIOL 210/210L must have been completed within five years prior to applying to the nursing program.

**This course is counted with the general education courses, but is a prerequisite for the Licensed Practical Nursing program.

***Students desiring to progress onto the Associate of Applied Science or Bachelor of Science in Nursing should check with their advisor to develop a full time schedule of general education and program requirements during this first year.

SECOND YEAR

Third Semester		Hours	Fourth Semester		Hours
NURS 101	Pharmacology Calculations	1	NURS 117	Nursing Care of Childbearing Family	2
NURS 106	Fund Med Surg Concepts I	3	NURS 117L	Nursing Care of Childbearing Family Lab	1
NURS 106L	Fund Med Surg Concepts I Lab	2	NURS 118	Nursing Care of Children	2
NURS 107	Foundations of Nursing	3	NURS 118L	Nursing Care of Children Lab	1
NURS 107L	Foundations of Nursing Lab	2	NURS 156	Socialization into Practical Nursing	1
NURS 112	Basic Concepts of Pharmacology	<u>2</u>	NURS 172	Fund Med Surg Concepts II	3
		13	NURS 172L	Fund Med Surg Concepts II Lab	<u>4</u>
					14
Winter Semester		Hours			
NURS 108	Foundations of Nursing II	3			
NURS 108L	Foundations of Nursing II Lab	<u>1</u>			
		4			

