

Diploma

Practical Nurse Professional Diploma

Become a Licensed Practical Nurse in 20 months.



Your Career in Healthcare Starts Here

Embark on a fulfilling career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

This nationally accredited program is designed to give students Practical Nursing theory and clinical experience in continuing care and acute care. With a curriculum that includes classroom instruction, lab skills development, and practicum experience, you'll receive a comprehensive education.

This program is licensed by the Alberta Government Private Vocational Training Branch and approved by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA). Upon graduation and successful completion of the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE), you will be eligible for licensure with the CLPNA.

Choose Columbia College's Practical Nurse Professional Program and take the first step towards a rewarding career in nursing.

Quality education employers value.

Connect with an advisor today for detailed program information:

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Program Statistics



84%

Employment Rate
2024-2025



92%

Graduation Rate
2024-2025



\$62K

Per Year
Starting Salary

Type	Diploma to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (After completing the program, students must pass the National Exam)
Program Delivery	Hybrid (Online and In-Person) Hybrid theory classes and in-person lab classes
Start Dates	January, May, September
Duration	20 Months
Class Schedule	Mon - Fri (7:30 am- 4:00 pm) (Clinical placements can occur anytime, any day, including stat holidays, in either 8h or 12h shifts)
Program Fees	\$45,434 *Subject to change with new academic year

Program Entry Requirements

Eligibility for the program can be established through either Standard Admission or Mature Admission, with further details provided below.

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

Mature Student Admission

Students who do not meet the academic requirements listed under standard admission 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 show academic levels needed for our College Preparation Courses

Additional Requirements

- Attend Columbia College's Orientation prior to the start of the program
- Admissions interview(s) to determine suitability for the profession and opportunity for success in the program
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search

Pre-Practicum Requirements

- Heart and Stroke BLS
- N95 Mask Fit Testing

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

Need to upgrade your academic skills before starting college? Our tuition-free College Prep Upgrading courses provide students with the tools they need to succeed in college-level courses.

*Conditions apply. Speak to an advisor for more information.