

Diploma

Practical Nurse Professional Diploma

Become a Licensed Practical Nurse in 20 months.



*New Career Advancement Tuition Discount
available for Health Care Aides!
Contact an advisor for more info*

Your Career in Healthcare Starts Here

Successfully training Licensed Practical Nurses since 2007

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 and Health Care Aides of Alberta (CLHA). Upon graduation and successful completion of the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE), you will be eligible for licensure with the CLHA.

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



80%

Employment Rate
2025-2026



91%

Graduation Rate
2025-2026



\$62K

Per Year
Starting Salary

Type	Diploma <u>(After program completion, graduates will be prepared to take the CPNRE National Exam required to become qualified for licensure across Canada)</u>
Program Delivery	Hybrid (In-Classroom with Online Components) Hybrid theory classes and in-person lab classes
Start Dates	January, May, September
Duration	20 Months (Equal to a 2-year Diploma)
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	\$48,784.00 <i>*Subject to change with new academic year</i> Includes: ✓ Tuition ✓ 500 Tutorial Hrs (Mastery of Learning) ✓ Books ✓ Student Services fees ✓ Learning Materials ✓ Lab Supplies ✓ Clinical Placement (Practicum) ✓ 2 Uniforms & Lab Jacket

Program Entry Requirements

For entry into the Practical Nurse Diploma Program, students can qualify through two pathways: Standard Admission or Mature Admission.

Standard Admission

Prospective students who are **18 years of age and under** can apply through Standard Admission, meeting the following criteria:

- 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

Prospective students who are **19 years of age or older** can apply through Mature Admission, meeting the following criteria:

- Have been out of high school for 1 year
- Have met academic English, Math and Biology requirements or successfully meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER Assessment (English and/or Math) or successfully complete our College Prep Courses (English, Math, and/or Biology). Study materials will be provided for those taking the ACCUPLACER Assessment.

Additional Requirements

- Attend Columbia College's Orientation prior to starting
- Admissions interview(s) to determine suitability for the profession and success in the program
- Columbia's Math 99 Assessment (*note: all applicants must take the MATH 99 Assessment, even those who submit transcripts*)

Clinical Placement Requirements

- Up-to-date immunization record
- Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search
- Heart and Stroke BLS
- N95 Mask Fit Testing

For further information + detailed admission requirements, connect with an advisor @ **403-235-9300** or visit bit.ly/PNDiploma

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

Need to upgrade your academic skills before starting? 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.*