Prerequisite Course Guide for Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Programs in Washington State Nursing

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For a complete list of Washington State Board of Nursing-approved nursing programs visit, https://nursing.wa.gov/education/nursing-education-programs/approved-nursing-education-programs, and click on "Nursing programs in Washington (PDF)".

Spreadsheet Notes

• This spreadsheet was created to be a general guide to support potential nursing students in mapping out their nursing education. It is reviewed and updated twice a year (generally in late spring and mid-fall) and may not contain the most up-to-date information. **For the most up-to-date information on each program, you must visit the program website.**

• Nursing programs have additional requirements to apply. These requirements can vary from program to program. Be sure to carefully review the application requirements for any program you want to apply to.

Some additional requirements can include the following (this is not a complete list of all possible requirements). Visit the program website for more detailed information.

- Completion of a Pre-Admission Exam (PAX Exam), or the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Some programs require a specific PAX Exam or TEAS Test score. **Visit the program website for more detailed information.**
- An active, unencumbered Washington State Nursing Assistant license.
- Proof of current immunization status: Vaccinations must be up-to-date and current.
- A background check performed by the Washington State Patrol and with a "No Record On File" report with the Department of Social and Health Services. (All nursing students are required to complete a background check. The background check is usually completed through the nursing program you are applying to.)
- American Heart Association CPR for the Health Care Provider. This includes adult, child, and infant, under the guidelines of the American Heart Association. Online CPR courses are not accepted.
- Students can be required to carry personal health/medical insurance throughout their clinical rotations.

• College-level skills in English and math (eligibility for courses numbered 100 or higher) are required before registering for the the college-level nursing prerequisite courses listed on this spreadsheet. Students may need to complete additional prerequisite coursework if they do not yet qualify to register for these college level courses.

• Courses highlighted in yellow are considered core prerequisite courses for most (but

"Planning prerequisite courses can be complicated. Without all of the information or a plan, you risk wasting your time and money. After attending an information session schedule an appointment with an academic advisor to help you plan a sequence of courses for your unique circumstances. If you intend to take prerequisite courses somewhere else, check with an academic advisor about transferability."

From: https://www.whatcom.edu/academics/areas-of-study/healthcare-social-services/nursing/class-sequences

*** Where the pre-requiste is marked with an "(or)", only one class listed is required.**

School	Program Type	Website	Nursing Degree	Nursing Certificate Program	Important Information	ENGL 101	MATH 95 or Higher	MATH 146	MATH 256	PSYC 100	PSYC 200	BIOL 160	BIOL 211	BIOL 241	BIOL 242	CHEM 121	CHEM 131	CHEM 161	NURS 151	NURS 152	NUTR 101	CMST 101	CMST 210	CMST 220	CMST 230	CMST 238	Coll 102(3 Cr.	Notes
Bates Technical College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN) (The LPN program has two full-time options)	https://www.batestech.edu/programs/practical-nurse/	N/A	Practical Nursing	• Must achieve a B/3.0 or better in all classes (may be evaluated by the director on a case-by-case basis, for lower than 3.0). • Students must be a minimum of age 18	X		X		X	X	X		X	X													
Bellingham Technical College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN)	https://www.btc.edu/Academics/DegreesAndCertificates/Nursing/Nursing-Certificate-PracticalNursing.html	N/A	Practical Nursing	• All courses must be a minimum of 5 quarter credits or 3 semester credits • X = Prerequisite courses must be completed with a B (3.0) or higher • X = Prerequisite courses must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher • Students must be a minimum of age 18 • Approved healthcare experience required	X		X		X		X		X	X	X (or CHEM 161)		X (or CHEM 121)										
Clover Park Technical College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN)	https://cptc.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/catalog/program-descriptions/nursing/practical-nursing-certificate/	N/A	Practical Nursing	• A student must achieve an average of a "B-" for all pre-requisite courses • Some CPTC courses are transferable to other Washington State educational Institutions. Visit the program website for more information • Students must have a passing grade in Coll102.	X		X		X		X		X	X	X											X	
Edmonds College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN)	https://www.edmonds.edu/programs-and-degrees/areas-of-study/healthcare-and-health-sciences/nursing/	N/A	Practical Nursing	• Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in prerequisite courses with no less than 2.0 in any one course. • Minimum six months of recent patient care experience. • Complete the TEAS test • Complete a proctored essay • 35 total prerequisite credits	X		X		X		X (or Bio 211)	X (or Bio 160)	X (can sub Bio 231)	X (can sub Bio 232	X												
Green River College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN) The LPN Program has five options 1. Full-time LPN Program 2. Part-time Hybrid LPN Program 3. Full-time Medical Assistant (MA) to LPN Program 4. Part-time Hybrid MA to LPN Program 5. Part-time Online LPN Program	https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/degrees-programs/nursing/practical-nursing/	N/A	Practical Nursing	• A minimum grade of 2.5+ is required in each nursing and supporting course, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0+ is required for all pre-requisite courses. • One course may be in progress at the time of application. • Courses taken as part of a career or technical program (i.e. NAC, MA, Surgical Tech, etc.) may not be equivocal. • If you have questions about course requirements, please schedule an appointment with the Health Occupations Advisor for further assistance.	X		X (or Math 256)	X (or Math 146)	X	X	X (or Bio 211)	X (or Bio 160)	X	X						X	X (CMST 101, or CMST 210, or CMST 220, or CMST 230, or CMST 238)	X (CMST 101, or CMST 210, or CMST 220, or CMST 230, or CMST 238)	X (CMST 101, or CMST 210, or CMST 220, or CMST 230, or CMST 238)	X (CMST 101, or CMST 210, or CMST 220, or CMST 230, or CMST 238)	X (CMST 101, or CMST 210, or CMST 220, or CMST 230, or CMST 238)		
Olympic College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN)	https://www.olympic.edu/academics/academic-pathways/healthcare/nursing/practical-nursing-program-overview	N/A	Practical Nursing	• Required prerequisite courses must be completed with a 2.0 grade or higher.	X				X		X (or BIOL 211 as prereq for BIOL 241 taken at OC)		X	X	X (or CHEM 141 as prereq for BIOL 241 taken at OC)			X (must be completed with a 2.2 or above.)	X (must be completed with a 2.2 or above.)								
Spokane Community College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN)	https://scc.spokane.edu/What-to-Study/Degree-Description?id=4621&strm=2251	N/A	Practical Nursing	• Students may apply to the Practical Nursing program after completing the required support courses. • If applicants are not currently students at Spokane Community College, they must apply for admission. • Students may apply to the program while still completing ENGL& 101 and MATH& 146. • All Support courses must be completed with at least a 2.5 GPA before students will be accepted into the program.	X		X		X		X		X	X													
Yakima Valley Community College	Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN)	https://www.yvcc.edu/academics/practical-nursing/	N/A	Practical Nursing	• A minimum grade of C (2.0) must be achieved in all required prerequisites with a cumulative GPA of 2.0. • Students must maintain at least a 2.0 (C) grade point in each nursing course throughout the program. • Any nursing prerequisite course taken at another institution must have a letter grade. Pass/Fail grades may not be accepted.	X	X			X		X		X	X													