

Program Overview

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.



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Practical Nursing Certificate Program

The Department of Nursing at Central Ohio Technical College offers a one-year study plan leading to a Practical Nursing Certificate. The curriculum provides a balance of general education and nursing courses and has been developed to provide a strong foundation for academic progression in nursing. Carefully planned clinical laboratory experiences are an integral part of all nursing courses and encompass caring for persons in various age groups who need nursing care for a variety of reasons. Affiliated health care facilities in central and east central Ohio are utilized to provide clinical experiences for students.

Graduates are awarded a Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing and are eligible to apply to take the licensing exam (NCLEX-PN) to become Licensed Practical Nurses. Recipients of the certificate are prepared to function in beginning staff-level Licensed Practical Nurse positions in a variety of health care facilities as members of a health care team.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the plan of study the student will be able to:

- Function efficiently as a member of the health care team to provide safe, competent, quality care that meets the diverse needs of patients in a variety of health care setting.
- Communicate effectively with individuals, families, communities, and members of the health care team.
- Utilize technology and a spirit of inquiry to consider resources to question and guide nursing actions.
- Provide patient-centered nursing care across the lifespan and promote the health of patients within the family context.

- Demonstrate accountability and responsibility for one's own nursing practice consistent with established professional, legal, and ethical standards.

Important Student Characteristics

- Accountability, integrity
- Ability to successfully manage math and science courses
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Computer literacy

Admission Selection/ Requirements

Spaces available in the practical nursing program are limited and selections are made on a competitive basis twice per year at Newark and once per year at Coshocton. Minimum requirements for consideration include:

- Submit the Application for Admission Form online.
- Attend a mandatory Nursing Information Meeting.* (Valid 12 months.) Visit www.cotc.edu/healthinfo meetings for more information.
- Complete COTC placement assessments or proof of waiver eligibility. If applicant places into pre-college coursework, those courses must be completed earning a grade of "C" or higher prior to the nursing application deadline. Pre-college courses based upon placement assessments include the corequisite option for English and Statistics.
- Submit official high school transcript with date of graduation and GPA (cumulative grade point average) indicated. If not a high school graduate, copy of G.E.D. certificate.
- Submit official college transcripts from

all previous and current college and career centers with GPA indicated directly to the Gateway Student Records Office.

NOTE: All international transcripts (high school and college(s)) must be evaluated through a current member or NACES. www.naces.org

NOTE: A full unit of high school Biology or Intro to Biology, or higher college equivalents, or approved COTC transfer credit for Human Biology or Anatomy & Physiology I, all with a grade of C or better is required before the application deadline date.

Course planning is essential and students are responsible for understanding the prerequisite requirements that are not specifically stated.

CPR—American Heart Association Health Care Provider Certificate is strongly recommended while doing pre-requisite courses. Required for clinical sites upon selection.

- Provide verification (card or registry number) of current status as a State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA). The COTC course that provides eligibility for STNA testing is NURS 002 Basic Health Care Skills.
- Completion of Nursing Selection Examination, ATI TEAS Test (Scores valid for 12 months.) Visit www.cotc.edu/healthselectionexams for more information.
- Complete, sign and mail the Practical Nursing Application postmarked no later than the deadline indicated below.

See reverse side for more information.

Applications can be picked up at any COTC Gateway Office during the application period for each cohort. Application dates are approximate. Specific deadline is on the date specific application.

Requirements are subject to change.

If any requirements are not met or required documentation is not received by the application deadline, the application will be pulled from the selection process.

Semester LPN Application Deadlines

Newark:

June 1 (Autumn semester start)
October 1 (Spring semester start)

Coshocton:

October 1 (Spring semester start)

For additional information on Nursing Programs at COTC, please visit: www.cotc.edu/programs.

*Submit official transcripts to:

Central Ohio Technical College
Attn: Student Records
1179 University Drive
Newark, OH 43055

Continuing Education

Central Ohio Technical College supports academic progression and offers an LPN to Associate Degree Nursing program for Licensed Practical Nurses wishing to continue their education and become Registered Nurses. This competitive program is offered at the Newark campus each term and is offered at the Coshocton campus each spring semester and Knox campus each autumn semester pending enrollment.

Career Opportunities

Employment of licensed practical nurses is expected to grow 25% from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. (Source: www.bls.gov.ooh/Healthcare) The licensed practical nurse may choose to work in long-term care and assisted-living facilities, industrial settings, medical offices, private homes or acute care hospitals. The LPN contributes to the plan of care and implements nursing actions within the scope of practice to assist the "whole" person to regain and maintain health.

How do I Start?

New students can complete the **free** online application for admission at cotc.edu/apply. Current or returning students can contact The Gateway at any of our four campus locations for your next steps.

The Gateway:

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| Newark Campus | 740.366.9222 800.963.9275 |
| Coshocton Campus | 740.622.1408 |
| Knox Campus | 740.392.2526 |
| Pataskala Campus | 740.755.7090 |

cotc.edu/gateway

COTC Admissions:

cotcadmissions@mail.cotc.edu

COTC Academic Advising:

cotcadvising@mail.cotc.edu

Faculty Advisors can be reached during the academic year from August to May.

Accreditation/ Membership

The Practical Nursing Program at Central Ohio Technical College is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Phone: 312.263.0456

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COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, Inc., the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status (past, present or future), national origin (ancestry), race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.



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