

**Crowder College Practical Nursing Department**  
Program Information

**Accepted Applicants:**

Must apply and receive acceptance to Crowder College

**Program Approval:**

The Practical Nursing Program is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN) and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

**Admission Criteria:**

- a. Have a valid high school diploma or the equivalent, such as GED or HiSet
- b. Complete the TEAS pre-entrance exam
- c. Have good moral character as evidenced by references
- d. Free of Class A or B felonies on criminal background check
- e. Enrolled in the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) with no disqualifying issues per clinical site determination
- f. Acceptable drug screen clearance
- g. Adequate finances and reliable transportation
- h. Ability to perform *Required Functional Abilities*

**Course substitution for students with previous college level courses:**

Students accepted into the nursing program may request substitution of Anatomy & Physiology I & II in place of PN 151 Human Structure and Function. Request for course substitution may be submitted in writing to the Program Coordinator. Transcript indicating completion of these courses with a grade of "C" or better is required. A copy of the institution's course syllabus is required to accompany the written request. If a student is granted course substitution, the student must attend the medical terminology lesson of Human Structure & Function and pass the medical terminology exam with an 80% or greater.

Excerpt from Missouri State Board of Nursing: "20 CSR 2200-3.090 Students (D).

*"Students who are readmitted or transferred shall complete the same requirements for graduation as other members of the class of which they are admitted."*

**Criteria for transfer of credits:**

- a. Submit request in writing
- b. Submit official college transcript
- c. Submit course description, course objectives, and grading scale for all courses completed with passing grade for which applicant is seeking advanced placement

Course substitution requests must be made at least one month before the start of the practical nursing program or in October, if enrolling in second semester only. Final decision regarding advanced placement rests with the PN Coordinator, PN faculty, and Financial Aid staff. If student receives advanced placement and later drops from the program, the student must retake the entire PN nursing curriculum if requesting to re-enter later.

### **Transfer from another nursing program:**

Admission of a student from another accredited nursing program will be considered on an individual basis, ensuring graduation requirements are met and transferring curriculum that has been completed is comparable to Crowder Practical Nursing Program curriculum.

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### **Criteria for Transfer Consideration**

- a. Submit request in writing
- b. Apply for next available school term from original drop date of previous nursing program
- c. Submit an official transcript
- d. Submit course description, course objectives, course grading scale for each course completed with passing grade
- e. Submit letter of reference from previous director
- f. Submit any competencies achieved
- g. Have no markers on criminal background check or Family Care Safety Registry that disqualify from completing clinical experiences per clinical site determination
- h. Pass a drug screen
- i. Pass program administered placement testing for transfer courses, if necessary, with a minimum score of 80% or above

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### **Student Services**

Services available upon acceptance will include, but are not limited to:

- a. Assistance with financial aid processes
- b. Counseling and guidance from the Crowder guidance counselor
- c. Job placement services and instruction on interviewing and resume writing
- d. Professional liability insurance
- e. Access to a computer lab and internet services
- f. Access to the Crowder College library and Cottey College library with school ID

### **Curriculum Plan:**

There are no prerequisites except high school diploma or equivalency. This is a hybrid curriculum and online coursework will be required. All practical nursing classes are taken in the following order and each must be passed in order to progress to the next course.



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<b>First Semester:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
COLL 101	College Orientation	1
PN 150	Personal & Vocational Concepts I	3
PN 157	Human Structure & Function	3
PN 152	Fundamentals in Nursing I	4
<b>First Semester:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks</b>	
PN 153	Fundamentals in Nursing II	5
PN 158	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	6
NURS 141	Pharmacology I	2
PN 156	Gerontology	3
<b>Second Semester:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks</b>	
PN 250	Fundamentals III (Clinical Course)	8
PN 258	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	11
PN 255	Mental Health & Mental Illness	3
<b>Second Semester:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks</b>	
PN 250	Fundamentals III (Clinical Course-cont.)	8
PN 251	Medical/Surgical Nursing II-cont.	11
PN 254	Personal & Vocational Concepts II	2
PN 256	Maternal Child Nursing	5
		<b>Total Hours 56</b>

### **Program Costs**

*See Estimated Expenses*

### **Refund Policy**

Students who have been selected into the program **must** withdraw from the program according to Crowder College withdrawal policy. Failure to attend class does not constitute a withdrawal. Total withdrawal will result in termination of eligibility for financial aid.

### **Financial Assistance**

For more information call the financial aid office at Crowder College, 417-667-0518.

### **Functional Abilities**

To complete the Crowder College Nursing Program, the student must be able to demonstrate the following:

1. Fine and gross motor skills: Sufficient to move freely and maintain balance. Manipulate small objects, lift 25 lbs., move 50 lbs., and demonstrate appropriate body strength.
2. Visual Acuity: Sufficient to accurately see close objects within 20 inches away and distant objects up to 20 feet.
3. Auditory abilities: Sufficient to hear faint sounds of various pitches and tones.
4. Stamina: Sufficient to perform nursing care for 8-12 hours.
5. Sensory functions: Sufficient to perform physical assessment.
6. Reading: Ability to read at 10th grade level or above and demonstrate math abilities sufficient to perform dosage calculations.
7. Emotional stability: Sufficient to handle stress, demonstrate accountability and responsibility for actions and judgments, and provide emotional support to clients.
8. Analytical Thinking: Purposeful outcome directed thinking that aims to make decisions based on sound evidence or critical thinking and analytical skills in the use of nursing process.
9. Therapeutic Relations: Establish therapeutic relationships with clients, peers, and interdisciplinary team members.
10. Communicate effectively: In oral and written modes.