

Virginia Western Community College

PNE 145- HY1

TRENDS IN PRACTICAL NURSING

Prerequisites

Admission to the Practical Nursing Program

VWCC Discipline Specific Course Description

Studies the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse. Covers legal aspects, organizations, and opportunities in practical nursing. Assists students in preparation for employment.

Hybrid: Classes include both online work and on-campus meeting times. Online work may be scheduled (synchronous) or not scheduled (asynchronous)

Semester Credits: 1

Lecture Hours: 1

Required Materials

Laptop Computer, WiFi access, Elsevier Evolve Course Resources 4th Semester Package

Required Textbook

Carroll & Collier-*Success in Practical/Vocational Nursing, From Student to Leader* TENTH

EDITION ISBN: 978-0-323-81017-3

HESI Compass

Note to Instructors

VWCC AND DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. **Evidence-based practice**-Comprehend the latest evidence in nursing education, licensure, and nursing career management.
2. **Culture**-Discuss the significance of nursing from past to present including aspects of cultural diversity.
3. **Informatics**-Analyze aspects of health care in America as it relates to the interdisciplinary team, the health care system, and the use of electronic medical records.
4. **Safety**-Analyze practice within the professions' ethical and legal framework.

5. **Teamwork**-Integrate nursing knowledge with delegation and supervision of medical assistants, certified nursing assistants, and patient care assistants via discussion of clinical experiences.
6. **Patient centered care**-Analyze aspects of health care in America as it relates to patient-centered care.

Critical thinking- Relate challenges, current issues and future concerns with one's own Self- Awareness

VWCC AND DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC TOPICAL DESCRIPTIONS

PNE 145 Course Outline

Unit II Building Blocks for Your Career

Chapter 4: How Practical/Vocational Nursing Evolved: 1836 to Present

- Key Terms
 - Modern Practical Nurses
 - First School of Nursing (1836)
 - Florence Nightingale (1820–1910)
 - Early Training Schools in America
 - Formal Training: Practical Nursing
 - Twentieth Century
 - National Black Nurses Association
 - Iraq War 2003 to 2011 and the Afghan War 2001 to 2021
 - Nurse Leaders in U.S. Government
 - American Nurses Association Movement Toward Two Levels of Nursing
 - American Medical Association Moves to Ease Nursing Shortage
 - Twenty-First Century
 - The Covid-19 Pandemic 2020—Present
 - You Have Come a Long Way!

Chapter 6: Ethics Applied to Nursing: Personal Versus Professional Ethics

- Key Terms
- Description and Scope of Ethics
- Nursing Ethics
- Your Personal Code of Ethics
- Roots of Nursing Ethics
- Ethical Decisions in Health Care
- Ethical Responsibilities of Nurses
- Principles of Ethics
- Role of Beneficent Paternalism

Chapter 7: Nursing and the Law: What Are the Rules?

- Key Terms
- Nurse Practice Act
- State Board of Nursing
- Disciplinary Process and Action
- Nursing Standard of Care
- How the Law Affects Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Criminal Versus Civil Action
- Negligence
- Malpractice (professional Negligence)
- Steps for Bringing Legal Action
- Liability
- Specific Client Situations
- End-of-life Issues

- Good Samaritan Act

Unit III: Relationship-Centered Care

Chapter 10: Cultural Uniqueness, Sensitivity, and Competence

- Key Terms
- Definition Of Culture
- Characteristics Of Culture
- Danger: Ethnocentrism, Prejudice, And Discrimination
- Knowing Yourself
- What We Share In Common
- Knowing Others: Cultural Diversity
- Increasing Your Knowledge Of Culturally Diverse Groups
- Developing Cultural Competence In Health Care Situations
- Care Planning For Culturally Diverse Clients In Your Service Area
- Adapting Plans Of Care For Culturally Diverse Clients

Chapter 11: Spiritual Needs, Spiritual Caring, and Religious Differences

- Key Terms
- Spirituality and Religion
- Spiritual Versus Emotional Dimension
- Importance of Spiritual Care
- Who Needs Spiritual Care?
- Gathering Data for Spiritual Issues
- Meeting the Spiritual Needs of Clients and Their Families
- Pastoral Care Team
- How Clients Meet Spiritual Needs

- The Religious American

Unit IV: Health System-Based Care

Chapter 12: The Nursing Process: Your Role

- Key Terms
- The Nursing Process: The 1950s
- The Nursing Process: The 1970s to the 1990s
- The Nursing Process: 2000 and Beyond
- What Differentiates the Licensed Practical Nurse/Licensed Vocational Nurse Role from the Registered Nurse Role
- Developing Your Plan of Care for Assigned Clients
- Steps of the Nursing Process
- Where are We Now in the Nursing Process?

Chapter 13: Nursing Theory, Research, and Evidence-Based Practice

- Key Terms
- Nursing Theories
- Nursing Research
- Evidence-Based Practice

Chapter 14: The Interdisciplinary Health Care Team: The Role of the Practical/Vocational Nurse

- Key Terms
- Who is responsible for the client's discharge?
- Interprofessional health care team
- Diversity in educational preparation of nurses
- Delivery of nursing care in acute care settings

- Client-centered–relationship-centered care—a philosophy
- The hidden nursing shortage

Chapter 15: Health Care Settings: Continuum of Care

- Key Terms
- Public Versus Private Health Care Agencies
- Types of Hospitals
- Beyond the Hospital Setting
- Ambulatory Services
- Alternatives to Long-Term Care Facilities
- How the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Relates to Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Types of Care
- Other Types of Facilities/Services

Chapter 16: The Health Care System: Financing, Issues, and Trends

- Key Terms
- The United States Health Care System
- Financing Health Care Costs
- How Clients Pay for Health Care Services
- Quality, Safety, and Cost of Health Care
- Restructuring the Health Care System

Unit V: The LPN/LVN: Your Role Today and in the Future

Chapter 17: Collaboration: Leading and Managing

- Key Terms

- Licensed Practical Nurse/Licensed Vocational Nurse as First-Line Leader
- The Diverse Role of the Newly Licensed Practical Nurse/Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Expanded Role of Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational Nursing
- Preparing for a Leadership and Management Role
- Difference Between Management and Leadership
- What Kind of Leader are You?
- Leadership Styles
- Using the Leadership Continuum as a Guide
- Core Knowledge and Skills Needed for Leadership
- Team Building
- Specific Knowledge and Skills Needed for Leadership
- Where to Begin? Job Description for Charge Nurse
- How Long Will it Take Me to Prepare to Be a Charge Nurse?
- A Checklist of Policies, Regulations, and Routines for the Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational Charge Nurse
- Collecting Data as a Charge Nurse
- Common Problems of Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational Charge Nurse
- Assignment and Delegation
- General Considerations
- Using the Nursing Process as a Guide for Assigning Tasks and Delegating Duties
- Putting it All Together
- Reporting at the End of Your Shift

Chapter 18: Workforce Trends: How to Find a First Job You Will Love

- Key Terms
- Licensed Practical Nurse/Licensed Vocational Nurse Demographics
- Nursing: The Licensed Practical Nurse/Licensed Vocational Nurse as a Door to Many Workforce Options and Life-Long Learning
- Countless Workforce Settings Exist: Finding the Right Fit is a Rewarding Challenge
- Operating Room Nursing
- Using Interpersonal Styles to Your Benefit
- Potential References
- Networking Your Way to Success
- Informational Interviews to Create Future Expectations
- References: A Timeless Treasure
- Resumes: The Contributions You Will Make
- Cover Letters: Tailored to Fit the Job You Want
- Answers to Application Questions
- Preparing for the Interview
- Interview Questions and Answers: A Challenging Opportunity
- Making a Lasting Impression
- Discussing Pregnancy Issues
- Preemployment Physical Examination, Drug Screening, and Background Checks
- Resignation with Style
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing Transition to Practice Model
- Staying Satisfied at Your Job
- Professional Organizations

- Continuing Education
- Certification Opportunities
- Registered Nurse Career Pathway

Chapter 19: Licensure and Regulation: Becoming Licensed and Understanding Your State Nurse Practice Act

- Key Terms
- What is the state nurse practice act?
- How does the nurse practice act guide/govern nursing practice?
- Variability of the state's nurse practice act applicable to licensed practical nurse/licensed vocational nurse practice
- Applying for a practical nursing license or a temporary permit
- What is the national council licensing examination for practical nursing?
- Overview of application process
- National council licensing examination for practical nurses administration in the united states and its territories
- A word about national council licensing examination for practical nurses review books and national council licensing examination for practical nurses preparation programs.

SCHEDULE PNE 145 Trends in Practical Nursing Spring 2026		
Date	Class Readings	Tests/Assignments/ HESI Compass
Jan 20th	Course Orientation – Safety Video Start Unit 2- Chapter 4, 6, 7	
Jan 27 th	HESI Exit Exam A	HP 341 9am to 3 pm
Feb 3rd	Start Unit 3- Chapter 10 & 11	
Feb 10th		
Feb 24th	Test 1 on Unit 2 and 3	Test 1
March 3rd	Start Unit 4 Chapter 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	
March 10th		
March 14-22	Spring Break	
March 24 th	Shadow Health: Delegation	Due March 23rd @ 11:59 p.m.
March 31st	Test 2 on Unit 4	Test 2
April 7th		
April 14th	Start Unit 5- Chapter 17, 18, 19	
April 21st		
April 28th	Test 3 on Unit 5	Test 3 on Unit 5
May 5th	Final Exam-HESI Exit Exam B	HP 341 9 am to 3 pm

HESI Compass PN: Crossing the Finish Line	
Date	HESI Compass Course Launch and Onboarding Steps
1/27/26	1. Review Slack messages
1/27/26	2. Enroll in HESI Compass course in Evolve
1/27/26	3. Complete <i>Welcome to Compass</i> in Evolve course
1/27/26 & Weekly	4. Read Coach message and communicate with Coach in a Direct Message (DM): Weekly engagement with the Compass coach by direct message is <u>REQUIRED</u>
01/27/26	5. HESI Exit Exam A: Recommended performance benchmark score of 900
Due Dates: All assignments are due at 11:59 p.m.	Module and Practice Items Instructions: Complete modules 1-10 by the due dates below

	- Each module exam has four attempts; the first attempt is the score recorded in the Performance Tab - Recommended benchmark score is 80%
Feb 3rd	Module 1: Developmental Stages and Transitions NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Health Promotion and Maintenance (6-12% of NCLEX)</i>
Feb 10th	Module 2: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Health Promotion and Maintenance (continued)</i>
Feb 17th	Module 3: Mental Health Concepts NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Psychosocial Integrity (9-15% of NCLEX)</i>
March 3rd	Module 4: Psychosocial Alterations NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Psychosocial Integrity (continued)</i>
March 10 th	Module 5: Coordinated Care NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Safe & Effective Coordinated Care Environment (18-24% of NCLEX)</i>
March 31st	Module 6: Safety and Infection Control NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Safe & Effective Care Environment: Safety and Infection Control (10-16% of NCLEX)</i>
April 7th	Module 7: Basic Care and Comfort NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Physiological Integrity: Basic Care and Comfort (7-13% of NCLEX)</i>
April 14th	Module 8: Pharmacology & Intravenous Therapies NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Physiological Integrity: Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies (10-16% of NCLEX)</i>
April 21st	Module 9: Monitoring Health Problems NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Physiological Integrity: Reduction of Risk Potential (9-15% of NCLEX)</i>
April 28th	Module 10: Physiological Health Problems NCLEX Client Needs Category: <i>Physiological Integrity: Physiological Adaptation (7-13% of NCLEX)</i>
April 28th	Personalized Study Plan A - Complete <u>ALL</u> assigned case studies and quizzes based on HESI A scores - Quizzes are one attempt and case studies are four attempts
3/14-3/22/26	Spring Break: No classes
05/05/26	HESI Exit Exam B: Recommended performance benchmark score is 900
Post program for NCLEX prep	Personalized Study Plan B Recommended to complete all assigned case studies and quizzes based on HESI B scores post program for NCLEX preparation

Note: The Finish Line Document includes an outline and requirements for completing HESI Compass. Dates and requirements are subject to change by course faculty. If discrepancies are noted, please follow the directions of the course instructor. Additional program exit requirements may apply.

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