

Practical Nursing

Education for Life

A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is someone who has graduated from a state-approved school of nursing, passed the NCLEX-PN Examination (national licensing exam), and is licensed by a state board of nursing to provide patient care as an LPN. LPNs work in many diverse areas, both inside and outside of the hospital setting.

WHY CEI NURSING?


The CEI PN program is approved by the state of Idaho. Graduates from the PN program earn an Intermediate Technical Certificate (ITC) and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN exam. Our first-time pass-rates for this exam are traditionally among the highest in Idaho and in the nation. Completion of this program and licensure as an LPN also allow the student who wishes to further their education to apply to CEI's PN-RN bridge program. This "bridge" program allows the graduate to earn their Associates of Applied Sciences in nursing, and enables them to be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam. During the PN program, 2 courses (Nursing Pharmacology and Mental Health Nursing Principles) are taken at the RN level to facilitate the bridge program option without requiring those courses be retaken.

Our costs are low. With one of the lowest tuitions rates in Idaho, our program is not only proven to produce graduates with a high rate of NCLEX success, but at a reasonable cost.



Our faculty hold advanced degrees, and our small class sizes promote individual attention and encourage high levels of peer collaboration. Our realistic and state of the art skills and simulation labs support active learning in real world like situations. Our students obtain direct patient care through our many clinical partners.

THE CURRICULUM

The CEI PN (ITC) program is a 32-week program consisting of 2 semesters. The program requires full-time attendance, Monday through Friday (no classes are held in the summer). The successful student should expect to spend at least 40-60 hours per week in the program.



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CAREERS AND SALARY	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	PROGRAM COST	MORE INFORMATION
Eastern Idaho average entry wage: \$35,742 Eastern Idaho median wage: \$46,575 Idaho Statewide average entry wage: \$39,346 Idaho Statewide median wage: \$47,453 https://lmi.idaho.gov/oes	Two semesters 28 program credits 14 Pre-requisite credits 42 Total Credits	Approximately \$9,000; including tuition for pre-requisite courses and in-program tuition and fees/supplies.	CEI Admissions: (208) 524-3000 ext. 4 Or https://cei.edu/programs-of-study/health-professions/practical-nursing

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ADMISSION PROCESS

- Application deadlines for Spring semester start are October 1st at midnight.
- Application deadline for Fall semester start are March 1st at midnight.
- Applications are online. Student must be registered as a CEI student one month prior to the program application deadline (CEI application is free). Prior to program application, student must have:
 - a completed background check by Precheck (see CEI nursing website for process)
 - have either their CNA, EIRMC's Startech, or have taken CEI course "Introduction to Nursing" (anticipated start for this course Fall 2023)
 - Completed all pre-requisites (or in-progress if through CEI) with at least a C+ and prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - Recommendation letter
 - TEAS/ACT/SAT scores
 - Physical Form
 - Immunization record.

PREREQUISITES

BIO227- Human Anatomy and Physiology

BIO227L- Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory

BIO228- Human Anatomy and Physiology II

BIO228L- Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory

ENGL101-Writing and Rhetoric

One of the following:

MATH 143- College Algebra OR

MATH 153- Statistical Reasoning (preferred)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Admission into the nursing program is currently non-competitive. Qualified applicants are accepted as they apply after processing. This means qualified applicants are accepted on a "first qualified that apply, first accepted" basis.
- Each cohort (admission cycle) has space for 30 students.
- Acceptance to the program is conditional upon completing all prerequisites with at least a C+, passing a random drug screen, and attendance at a nursing orientation.
- Accepted students must complete program required immunizations and maintain compliance with immunizations throughout the program.
- All students in the nursing program must achieve at least a C+ in every course in the program.
- Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites.
- Candidates should understand that this is a rigorous program. Dedication, professionalism, and strong organizational skills are required for success.

Semester 1	Semester 2
ARN 120 Nursing Pharmacology (3)	ARN 220 Mental Health Nursing Principles (3)
HCT 125 Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals (1)	NRS 207 Introduction to Maternal/Child (3)
NRS 117 Essential Fundamental of Nursing (4)	NRS 230 Leadership for the Practical Nurse (2)
NRS 117L Essential Fundamentals of Nursing Lab (2)	NRS 243 Foundations of Medical-Surgical Nursing II (5)
NRS 143 Foundations of Medical-Surgical Nursing I (5)	
Total: 15	Total: 13