

## Admission Requirements

- ⦿ Be seventeen years of age or older
- ⦿ High School diploma or equivalency certificate
- ⦿ Satisfactory scores on practical nursing aptitude test
- ⦿ An applicant for whom English is a second language shall pass an English proficiency examination

## Application Process

- ⦿ Complete the application form
- ⦿ Return the application to the office of admissions with the \$15 non-refundable application fee (make check payable to Nichols Career Center)
- ⦿ Submit official high school transcript and/or official GED Transcript.

**Note:** All applicants with completed packages, and required test scores will be contacted to schedule an interview.

## Student Selection

Student selection is based upon a ranking system by the admissions committee. Applicants are ranked on the entrance exam score, health care experience, a nursing job shadow, and a personal interview.

Acceptance is contingent upon successfully completing a physical examination, immunizations, drug screen, and criminal background check.

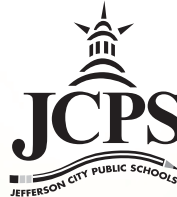
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## Accreditations/ Certifications

The Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.



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# Practical Nursing



## NICHOLS Career Center



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in futures*

- One year full-time educational program
- Clinical experience obtained in local hospitals, nursing homes, and agencies
- Upon successful completion, the student is eligible to apply to take the licensure examination

# The Profession

A practical nurse is a person prepared by an educational program to perform selected acts to promote health or to care for people experiencing alterations in normal health processes.

All such nursing care shall be given under the direction of a person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe medication and treatments or under the direction of a registered professional nurse.

A Career Technical Practical Nurse education helps the student acquire skills, and knowledge essential to his/her role as a competent practical nurse in his/her community.

The Practical Nursing Program is a one-year program for both men and women. It is a full day-time educational program meeting Monday through Thursday, class hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The classrooms are in Nichols Career Center, 605 Union, Jefferson City, Missouri. Clinical and classroom experience (1375 clock hours) is obtained at Nichols Career Center and in local hospitals, nursing homes, and agencies. Successful completion of the program will qualify students to apply to take the State Board of Nursing examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. The program does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure exam.

Opportunities for employment include staff nursing in hospitals, private duty nursing, nursing in clinics, public health agencies, doctors' offices, nursing homes and home health. An adult counselor is available for assistance.



# Clinical Affiliates

Students rotate through a planned program of clinical instruction in local health care agencies. These facilities participate in annual campus crime reports.

The Nichols Career Center Program of Practical Nursing is affiliated with the following Health Care Agencies:

- Fulton State Hospital, Fulton, MO
- St. Marys Health Center, Jefferson City, MO
- Capital Region Medical Center, Jefferson City, MO
- Family Medicine of Jefferson City, MO
- Heisinger Lutheran Home, Jefferson City, MO
- St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Jefferson City, MO
- Mid-Missouri Medical Consultants, Inc., Jefferson City, MO
- Jefferson City Public Schools, Jefferson City, MO
- Adams Street Place, Jefferson City, MO



# Graduate Competencies

Upon completion of the program, the Graduate Practical Nurse will be able to:

- Display responsibility in directing and delivering nursing care in compliance with the Missouri Nurse Practice Act.
- Utilize the nursing process in planning, providing, and evaluating individualized care which meets the patients/clients basic needs.
- Exhibit effective interpersonal relationships with patients/clients, significant others, and members of the health care team.
- Participate as a resourceful member of the health care team to meet the patient's/client's physical, psychosocial, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs throughout the lifespan.

# Curriculum

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| Level I   | Pre-clinical Period (1-16th week) |
| Level II  | Clinical Period (17th-32nd week)  |
| Level III | Clinical Period (33rd-41st week)  |
| Level IV  | Clinical Period (42nd-48th week)  |

- Classroom courses Include:
- Body Structure and Function
- Fundamentals of Nursing
- Personal and Vocational Concepts
- Basic Medications
- Medical Surgical Nursing I and II
- Pediatric Nursing
- IV Therapy
- Maternity Nursing
- Geriatric Nursing
- Nutrition
- Leadership and Management
- Mental Health
- Life Span

# Financial Assistance

Students, who are eligible, may receive financial assistance from the Federal or state government. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to establish eligibility for grants and student loans. The Nichols Career Center FAFSA code is 013664. Financial assistance may include the following:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Stafford Loans
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Veteran's Benefits
- A+
- Trade Re-authorization Act (TRA)
- Missouri Access Program
- GAMB Incorporated

