Professional Nursing (LPN-RN)

Program Number: H170608

Program Length: 900 Hours

Program Description:

Marion Technical College's Professional Nursing (LPN–RN) program offers Licensed Practical Nurses a fast-track pathway to become Registered Nurses. This 52-week hybrid program builds on practical nursing experience with advanced training in medical-surgical, pediatric, obstetric, psychiatric, and geriatric care. Students gain hands-on experience through clinical rotations in hospitals, long-term care, and community health settings, supported by state-of-the-art simulation labs.

The curriculum emphasizes patient safety, critical thinking, leadership, and evidence-based practice, preparing graduates for the *Next Generation NCLEX-RN®*. A capstone *Senior Practicum Intensive* pairs student with RN preceptors for a seamless transition into professional practice.

Graduates are eligible to apply for the *NCLEX-RN®* and pursue careers in hospitals, clinics, and community healthcare facilities. Developed in alignment with Florida Board of Nursing standards, this program supports career advancement through MTC's stackable nursing pathway, from Nursing Assistant to Practical Nurse to Professional Nurse.

Program Cost and Age Requirement:

Estimated total tuition for Florida residents: $6,855.00 (based on current state-approved rates; subject to change). Additional costs may apply for textbooks, uniforms, screenings, and certification exams.

This new program launches April 2026 and is designed for students 18 years or older who are ready to pursue a career in nursing.

Program Structure:

OCP	Course Number	Course Title	Length
	NSG0080	Nursing Transitions	111 hours
	NSG0081	Concepts of Geriatrics and Pharmacology in Nursing	102 hours
	NSG0082	Psychiatric Nursing	102 hours
	NSG0083	Medical Nursing	102 hours
	NSG0084	Surgical Nursing	102 hours
	NSG0085	Pediatric Nursing	102 hours
	NSG0086	Obstetric Nursing	102 hours
	NSG0087	Professional Nursing	91 hours
A*	NSG0089	Senior Practicum Intensive	86 hours

*The curriculum is competency-based; OCP A is awarded after the student successfully completes all 9 courses in the program. Clinical experiences are arranged with local hospitals and clinical partners to ensure real-world application of classroom learning in diverse medical settings.

Industry Certifications and Licensure Eligibility:

- Registered Nurse (RN) – Eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN upon successful completion of the Professional Nursing (LPN-to-RN Bridge) Certificate program, endorsed by the Florida Board of Nursing. Passing the exam qualifies graduates for licensure as a Registered Nurse in Florida.

Salary Range (Florida):

- Entry-level (10th percentile): $66,670/ year
- Median: $82,850/ year
- Experienced (90th percentile): $110,530/ year

Salary estimates are based on wage data for Registered Nurses in Florida from the National Center for ONET Development, drawing on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics program.

(National Center for O*NET Development. (n.d.). Registered nurses: Local salary information—Florida. O*NET OnLine. https://www.onetonline.org/link/localwages/29-1141.00?st=FL&utm)

Employment Outlook:

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that Registered Nursing is among the fastest-growing healthcare careers in Florida.

- **Florida employment growth, 2022–2032:** +13% (vs. +6% nationally)
- **Annual openings statewide:** Approximately 14,110, including both new positions and replacement needs

Growth is driven by Florida's rapidly aging population, expanding healthcare facilities, and the demand for nurses with advanced skills. Graduates of Marion Technical College's Professional Nursing (LPN–RN) program are well-prepared to step into critical roles in hospitals, clinics, long-term care, and community health, meeting an urgent statewide need for qualified Registered Nurses.