

About the MPCC

Mid-Plains Community College consists of 18 counties in the West-Central and South-West portion of Nebraska. The MPCC system consists of three separate and distinct campuses in North Platte and McCook. MPCC has one of the finest Practical Nursing programs being offered today. With over a 95% success rate in passing the National Board examination, graduates of MPCC's LPN program are in high demand.

McCook Community College, founded in 1926 as McCook Junior College, was the first two-year institution in Nebraska and offers a truly traditional collegiate atmosphere with on-campus housing and academic program offerings targeted at students of all ages.

North Platte Community College's history began when construction of a new Post Office and Federal Building in North Platte in 1964 opened up a new opportunity for post-secondary academic education in the western part of the state. In 1974, they moved to their current home at the **McDonald-Belton** Building. In 1965, Mid-Plains Vocational-Technical School also located in North Platte, began offering a variety of vocational, Health Occupations, and career focused programs. Today, the **North Platte Community College North Campus** offers state-of-the-art programs in a variety of technical fields.

In 1973 legislative action merged McCook and newly formed North Platte together to become **Mid-Plains Community College**.

MPCC Distance Learning Opportunities

In 1999 MPCC was the first institution in the state to begin offering their Practical Nursing Program via satellite distance learning technology. Students receive the majority of their training in their local community. Classes are taught in McCook, and alternate between Valentine and Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Contact Information

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NONDISCRIMINATION/ADA STATEMENT

Mid-Plains Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, marital status, political affiliation, veteran's status, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Area Director of Human Resources, Mid-Plains Community College-North Campus, 1101 Halligan Dr., North Platte, NE 69101, 308 535-3678 or toll free 800 658-4308, Ext. 3678. Inquiries involving students should be directed to the Area Dean of Student Life, Mid-Plains Community College, 1205 East Third Street, McCook, NE 69001, 308 345-8109, or toll free 800 658-4348, Ext. 8109.

If you are a person with a disability and require an accommodation while attending this college, please contact: Robin Rankin, North Platte Community College-North Campus, 308 535-3637 or 800 658-4308, Ext. 3637; Sherry Mihel, North Platte Community College-South Campus, 308-535-3710 or Jeremy Jorgensen, McCook Community College, 308 345-8128 or 800 658 4348, Ext. 8128.



Health Occupations

Practical Nursing Education

McCook Community College
North Platte Community College
Broken Bow, Imperial, Ogallala & Valentine
Extended Campuses

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Practical Nurse Education Program is a selective admission program. Approval for admission will be granted by the Practical Nurse Educators. Admission requirements must be met before acceptance into the program.

An acceptance form will be sent to those applicants selected and the form must be returned by the specified deadline to secure a position in the class. Some applicants may be selected as alternates. If a position becomes available in the class the alternate will be asked to fill the position.

The applicant will need to have a completed file to be accepted into the Practical Nursing program. Please read and comply with the following admission requirements:

1. Fulfill Mid-Plains Community College's General Admission Requirements (see catalog).
2. Complete application to Mid-Plains Community College specifying interest in LPN program.
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED.
4. Submit official college transcripts if other than Mid-Plains Community College
5. Complete COMPASS testing. Scores will be used to determine eligibility, remedial work may be required prior to admission. *COMPASS Test Scores must meet the nursing criteria of: Pre-algebra 43; Reading 80; and Writing 48.*
6. Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or current employers.
7. Must successfully complete a nursing assistant class within six months of beginning the LPN program, be currently employed as a nursing assistant, or complete a Nursing Assistant skills check off the summer prior to beginning the program if not currently working as a Nursing Assistant.

Once all of the above criteria are met, the applicant will be accepted into the first available class and receive written notification of acceptance. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the Nursing Department when the applicant thinks the file is complete.

The following must be complete by the first day of class:

1. Immunizations must be current (refer to immunization form).
2. Current CPR card (2-man provider).
3. Criminal background check.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The practical nursing program is a full-time, 12 month program leading to a diploma in practical nursing. It prepares students for licensure through the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). The program meets the requirements for accreditation by the Bureau of Examining Boards, Board of Nursing of the State of Nebraska.

Graduates are prepared to provide nursing interventions for patients with commonly occurring health problems with predictable outcomes, under the direction of a licensed practitioner or registered nurse.

PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

PROGRAM: ONE YEAR VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

First Semester (Fall)		Credit Hours
LPNR 1101	Nursing I	1
LPNR 1190	Structure & Function or	
BIOS 1100	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	3
LPNR 1151	Clinical Practice I	4
ADNR 1101	Nursing Concepts I	5
ADNR 1130	Issues & Trends in Nursing I	1
PHAR 1500	Pharmacology	2
		Total 16

Second Semester (Spring)		Credit Hours
LPNR 1220	Nursing II	2
LPNR 1251	Clinical Practice II	4
LPNR 1271	Family Health Nursing	3
LPNR 1290	Care of the Older Adult	2
ADNR 1201	Nursing Concepts II	5
		Total 16

Summer Session			Credit Hours
LPNR 1520	Nursing III		1
LPNR 1550	Clinical Practice III		3
LPNR 1580	Personal/Vocational Relationships		1
LPNR 1590	Mental Health Concepts		1
BIOS 1400	Introduction to Nutrition		3
			Total 9

Progression in the Nursing Program: Students must receive grades of "C" or above in all courses in the nursing curriculum in order to progress to the next semester. If a Student receives a grade lower than a "C" in a course required during a given semester, withdrawal from the program is required. Unsatisfactory clinical performance will result in a non-passing grade for the nursing course.

CAREER POTENTIAL

LPN's provide nursing interventions within the framework of their educational background under the direction of a licensed practitioner or a registered nurse. They practice in environments such as hospitals, long term care facilities, home health and medical offices. Job openings are available throughout the country and in a wide variety of health care agencies. MPCC will assist the graduate in job placement. Salary levels will vary with the geographical area and the type of position.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

LPN's may use their Practical Nurse education and experience to continue their education by completing the following:

- Ⓜ Receiving advanced placement into RN programs (subject to the RN programs' policies.)
- Ⓜ Complete an intravenous therapy post graduate course for certification. (LPNC)