

Department of Practical Nurse & Health Care Aide

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2025

NP2400: Practical Nursing Preceptorship – 5 (0-0-28) 225 Hours in 8 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS: Office hours vary; please arrange an appointment.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

A concentrated clinical practice experience for consolidation of practical nurse theory and practice. Focus is on Entry-Level Competencies for LPNs and transition to graduate practice.

Note: Available only to Practical Nursing Students

PREREQUISITE(S): NP2200, NP2300, NP2350

COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: All texts and resources used throughout the program.

DELIVERY MODE(S): In person clinical

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of NP2400 learners will be able to:

- 1.) Demonstrate the ability to provide competent nursing care to clients in a practice environment.
- 2.) Demonstrate therapeutic communication skills with clients in a practice environment.
- 3.) Demonstrate the ability to practice in accordance with the Entry-Level Competencies for Licensed Practical Nurses (2019).
- 4.) Demonstrate critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and clinical judgement in a practice environment.
- 5.) Demonstrate self-directed learning.
- 6.) Integrate growth and development, anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology knowledge into nursing practice.
- 7.) Demonstrate personal and client safety in a practice environment.
- 8.) Evaluate evidence to support and implement evidence-informed practice in a selected practice environment.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page

<http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

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Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET) - Midterm	---	Week of May 26, 2025	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET) - Final	Pass/ Fail	Week of June 23, 2025	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Weekly Check-In Updates	Pass/Fail	Due weekly on Sunday at 2359PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Note: In order to successfully complete NP2400 and receive credit, learners must achieve a Pass on all evaluation components.

1. Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET)

****Students must receive a pass in all sections of the PET (Practicum Evaluation Tool) to pass the clinical course.**

The student and preceptor will complete a formative assessment of nursing practice midway and at the end of the course. This will be accomplished through observation, assessment, and evaluation of the student in various activities in the clinical setting. Feedback may be supplemented with input from the clinical site's peers, faculty and staff, and clients/families.

The preceptor will provide the students with a summative written final evaluation at the end of the course.

At midterm, students at risk for failing or failing any section of the PET will develop a learning success plan in collaboration with the clinical instructor. Students must successfully meet the requirements of the learning success plan by the agreed-upon date. At the final, students must achieve a "Pass" in all areas of the PET to successfully complete NP2400.

A copy of the PET is available on the D2L page.

2. WEEKLY CHECK-IN UPDATES:

Students are expected to provide a weekly written overview of their clinical experiences and upload it on MyClass. The overview should include (but is not limited to) a description of their routines, and other experiences or events they had during the week as well as the patients they cared for along with the patient's diagnosis/presenting problem(s). Weekly overviews should be double-spaced, size 12 font, with a minimum of a one page in length and not exceed 2 pages. APA formatting is not required. Students should also include any clinical absences as well as their weekly and cumulative clinical hours. These are due every Sunday at midnight.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Pass/Fail Grading:

Alpha Grade	4-Point Equivalence	Percentage Conversion (unless otherwise specified in the Course Outline)	Descriptor
P	N/A	50-100	Pass
F	N/A	0-49	Fail

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Students will work the clinical schedule of their preceptors. This may include evenings, nights, and weekends.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a student at NWP, you have rights and responsibilities. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in this Course Outline and the PN student handbook and to clarify any areas of concern with the instructor. It is also your responsibility to be familiar with

NWP Policies. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the policies that might impact you while you are here:

- NWP Department of Practical Nurse & Health Care Aide, [PN Student Handbook](#)
- NWP Policies: <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/>
- Preceptor Manual emailed to you and your preceptor

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

Additional Information:

Clinical practice preparation is required in addition to direct course hours. Students who are not adequately prepared to provide safe and competent patient care will not participate in clinical activities.