

RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION
August 2011-December 2012

**PRACTICAL NURSING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
2011-2012 PROGRAM WHICH CONSISTS OF:**

FALL SEMESTER 2011 SPRING SEMESTER 2012 FALL SEMESTER 2012

EARLY APPLICATION IS ENCOURAGED as enrollment is limited!!

The Practical Nursing program application deadline is March 15th 2011. Students are advised to plan ahead and enroll before the program starts in order to complete some of the required general and/or developmental classes. If students need any developmental courses, they must be completed prior to admission in the Practical Nursing Program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed RRCC application form with \$20 application fee (if not previously paid).
2. Medical immunization record.
3. Official high school transcript or GED transcript, as well as official college transcripts from previously attended institutions. Request all transcripts to be sent directly to RRCC's Registration/Admissions Office.
4. Results of the College Placement Test (CPT). If test results indicate a need for developmental courses, students will be required to complete or demonstrate satisfactory progress in all of these courses prior to admission to the Practical Nursing Program. The College Placement Test (CPT) will be waived for transfer students who have successfully completed college level coursework in reading, writing, and math. Waivers are not approved without official high school and/or college transcripts. CPT can be proctored and taken at any MnSCU College. Contact RRCC for more information.
5. Completed prerequisites for the Practical Nursing Program:
 - a. Nursing Assistant, Registered (NAR) **or**
 - b. Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide **or**
 - c. Introduction to Nursing course.

Contact RRCC for course availability.

Applicants with physical limitations are asked to discuss them with RRCC Disabilities Coordinator available at (218) 285-7722 or 1-800-456-3996.

Practical Nursing

The Rainy River Community College Practical Nursing Program was established in 1974. The program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing. A cohort of 30 students is admitted each August and another the following spring. RRCC awards a Diploma in Practical Nursing at the culmination of the three semester program. Graduates of the nursing program are eligible to take the state examination to qualify for licensure in Minnesota. Passing the examination permits the graduate to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The nursing program at Rainy River Community College is a member of the Itasca Nursing Education Consortium (INEC), a group of northeastern Minnesota post-secondary schools offering various levels of nursing education.

The facilities of Rainy Lake Hospital and Clinic, Falls Good Samaritan Communities, Lakewood Health Care of Baudette and Littlefork Medical Center are utilized as clinical care sites whereas the theory component of the nursing program is held in the classroom/lab on campus.

Admission:

One class is admitted each semester with the program beginning Fall Semester.

- Early application and placement testing allows the student to prepare for entrance into the program. Students are advised to plan ahead in order to complete the prerequisites. (NAR completion required before classes begin.)
 - Accepted students will be required to show proof of immunization, current Mantoux screening (within 45 days of clinical) and pass the State of Minnesota criminal background study.
 - Current CPR or CPR accreditation gained during Fall semester.
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- RRCC is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. We are an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and educator.
 - All classes and/or programs are subject to change or cancellation in the event of an emergency.
 - Fees, charges and policies are as of the publication date and subject to change. Please see our website www.rccc.mnscu.edu for updated information.
 - Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the material contained within this application. However, all policies, procedures, academic schedules, program information, and fees are subject to change at any time by appropriate action of the faculty, the College administration, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees or the Minnesota Legislature without prior notification. The provisions of this application do not constitute a contract between the student and the College. The information in this application is for use as an academic planning tool and is subject to change at any time.

NURSING PROGRAM DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, SIGN, AND RETURN FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE NURSING PROGRAM:

TRANSERING NURSING CLASSES: RRCC will not accept nursing courses taken from other schools to complete the Practical Nursing Program. Please refer to the Practical Nursing Diploma Graduation Worksheet.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: I understand that there are conditions for which accommodations may be appropriate under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Nursing Program will make all reasonable accommodations required by law for otherwise qualified individuals. To receive accommodations, I must contact the Office for Students with Disabilities.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS: I understand that any care costs incurred during the period of time I am a student in the Nursing Program will be my responsibility.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: I understand that it is the position of the clinical facilities and the College that, as a nursing student, I am not an employee of either the clinical facilities to which I am assigned or the College for purposes of Workers' Compensation insurance.

STATE OF MINNESOTA BACKGROUND STUDY: An integral part of the Nursing Program is the clinical experience program. To provide this experience, the College contracts with local health care facilities. Minnesota law requires that any person who provides services which involve direct contact with parties and residents of a health care facility have a background study conducted by the State. The school will initiate the background study by asking me to complete a form so that a criminal background check can be conducted. The result of the background study will be disclosed, as needed, to the College's Director of Nursing, faculty and to any clinical site where I am placed, should the clinical site request the data. If, as a result of the background study, I am disqualified from direct contact, I will not be allowed to participate in the clinical experience. If I refuse to cooperate in the criminal background study, the clinical site will refuse to allow me to participate in the clinical experience. The Practical Nursing Program requires experience in a clinical setting, so if for any reason I cannot participate, I will be terminated from the Program.

DATA PRACTICES ADVISORY AND INFORMED CONSENT: The information on the IMMUNIZATION RECORD FORM is collected because the clinical sites require health information about student nurses. The information will be used to determine whether I meet the clinical site's health requirements for care providers. A clinical site may refuse participation based on data provided on this form. The information collected is private data. The information provided will be disclosed, should the clinical site request the data. I am not legally required to provide this information to the College, however, refusal to provide the information requested on the IMMUNIZATION RECORD FORM will result in a clinical site refusing to accept me at its facility. The Practical Nursing Program requires experience in a clinical setting, so if for any reason I cannot participate, I will be terminated from the Program.

I hereby authorize the College to release the information on the IMMUNIZATION RECORD FORM and CRIMINAL BACKGROUND STUDY to any facility to which I am assigned during my tenure in the Practical Nursing Program, should the facility request the information. This authorization is valid for the duration of my tenure in the Practical Nursing Program.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date