The program is divided into three levels. Each level must be satisfactorily completed in order to progress to the next level of study. The entire program of study consists of 1,350 clock hours and may be taken on a full-time or a part-time basis. Both day and evening classes are offered. Graduates meet the qualifications for admission to the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing.

Program Options

Full-time day program (19 mos.)
M-Th 9 am-3:15 pm

Part-time day program (20 mos.)
M-F 9 am-1:15 pm

Part-time evening program (18 mos.)
M-Th 5:45-10 pm plus 8 am-3:15 pm alternating Saturdays

Provisions are made in all sections for legal holidays and summer vacation.

Course of Study

Level I

Introduction to Nursing I
- Nursing Readiness
- Microbes and Man
- Communication Skills
- Human Behavior
- The Human Body in Health & Disease

Fundamentals of Nursing
- Nutrition
- Growth & Development through the Life Cycle

Level II

Care of the Individual Through the Life Cycle, Part I
- Maternal Child Health
- Care of the Individual Through the Life Cycle, Part II

Fundamentals of Nursing
- Nutrition
- Growth & Development through the Life Cycle

Level III

Care of the Individual Through the Life Cycle, Part II
- Personal & Vocational Relationships
- Concepts & Challenges in Client Care
- Clinical Practice in Nursing Level III

Clinical Affiliates

Students gain practical experience in all aspects of nursing care they receive through a variety of settings. During the program students may be assigned to any of the following:
- Brunswick Psychiatric Center
- Canaan Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- Congregation Beth Israel Nursing Residence
- Greenvale Jewish Geriatric Center
- Winthrop-University Hospital
- Mt. Sinai Hospital
- St. Johnland Nursing Center
- St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center
- St. Catherine of Siena Nursing Home
- Veterans Administration Medical Center
- Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk

Progression & Retention Policy

Achieve a grade of “C” (75%) or better in each nursing unit and/or course, a “B+” (85%) in Pharmacology, and a “Pass” grade in each level of clinical instruction. Students are required to maintain satisfactory attendance and complete one hour of independent practice each month.

Graduation Requirements

Criteria for successful completion of the program are:
- Achievement of a transcript grade of “C” or better for each area of study
- “B+” or better in Pharmacology and a “Pass” grade at each level of clinical instruction.
- Satisfactory completion of all financial obligations
- Total hours of community service
- Fullfillment of attendance requirements
- The minimum time frame for course completion cannot exceed one and a half times the length of the course

Students must meet all of the above before being certified for the licensing examination.

Transfer Credits

Transfer of credit from other educational institutions is not acceptable because Western Suffolk BOCES Adult Career & Technical Education is not a credit-bearing institution. The Practical Nursing program must be completed in entirety to obtain a certificate of completion.

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Mission Statement

Western Suffolk BOCES provides career training and literacy programs to help adults meet their career goals by developing skills essential for gainful employment, job advancement and new career opportunities.

Western Suffolk BOCES Non-Discrimination Notice

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Western The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Western Suffolk County, New York does not discriminate on the basis of age, religion, creed, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, weight, disability or handicap in the educational programs or activities it operates and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This policy of non-discrimination includes the recruitment, hiring and advancement of employees; salaries; pay and other benefits; counseling services to students; student access to course offerings; lateral political action, educational programs and other activities; and the business activities of the Board. The coordinator of activities relating to compliance shall be the Compliance Officer Paula Minghelaio who may be contacted at 507 Deer Park Rd., Dix Hills, NY 11746 or 631/968-6000 x 204 or plmingjob@wsboces.org.
Why choose BOCES?
✓ Be eligible for licensure as an LPN in as little as 13 months
✓ Attend full-time or part-time
✓ One of the largest Practical Nursing Programs in NYS with over 50 years of experience
✓ 81% State Board pass rate for 2013.
✓ Experienced faculty with diversified educational and clinical backgrounds
✓ Financial Aid and tuition payment plans available to those who qualify
✓ Opportunities to pursue higher education through affiliation with registered nursing programs at local colleges
✓ Multiple educational resources including: nursing skills lab, computer lab, library and audiovisual aids
✓ Job placement services available
✓ Little Tots Child Care Center available to eligible students
✓ Student assistance and counseling at our Career Center
✓ Advanced placement is available in the BOCES School of Surgical Technology within one year of graduation.

How do I apply?

Application Process
Take the Pre-Entrance Examination (Test of Essential Academic Skills). This exam is scheduled several times each year and is administered in BOCES at Wilson Tech’s Northport campus.

Successfully passing the Pre-Entrance Exam (TEAS) entitles you to continue with the application process but does not guarantee acceptance into the program. After you are admitted into the school, we will notify you of the date of registration.

Admission Requirements
The School of Practical Nursing reserves the right to deny admission based upon failure to complete admission requirements.

1. Satisfactory achievement on the Pre-Entrance Examination (Test of Essential Academic Skills). To receive an invitation to apply, candidates must achieve above the 50th percentile on the TEAS. If you have a current IEP and are requesting testing modifications, call (631) 261-3721.
2. Completed application form and non-refundable $60 fee
3. Official transcript indicating high school diploma or equivalency
4. Personal interview and writing sample
5. Proof of citizenship or legal residency
6. References
7. Student Liability Insurance

Financial information

Installment payment plan and financial aid are available for those who qualify.

Tuition: $19,599 (subject to change July 1)
A stethoscope and bandage scissors are included. Additional Costs: $1,850 (approx.)

Gainful Employment Information
To help prospective students make informed choices, details about tuition, graduation rates and more are available as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 at www.wsboces.org/pn-gainemploi.

Satisfactory Academic Progress
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