PRACTICAL NURSING (PNDP)

Funnel your passion for helping others into a nursing career

Prepare for a career as a registered practical nurse (RPN) with a combination of hands-on training and a strong foundation in nursing theory. Cambrian's program is approved by the College of Nurses of Ontario (cno.org). Graduates from this program are eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Practical Nurse in Ontario. Our program features smaller class sizes and practical learning in Cambrian's high-tech nursing labs.

You'll advance your skills and gain real-world experience by working alongside health care professionals, with over 700 clinical hours in diverse placements in the community. Upon graduation, you can apply to write the CNO registration exam and are eligible to apply to become a registered practical nurse in Ontario.

Program highlights

- Capped enrolment
- Hands-on training in high-tech nursing labs
- Clinical placements in various settings
- Grads can apply to write the CNO registration exam and apply to become an RPN in Ontario
- Free tuition and funding supplies for eligible Ontario residents through the Learn and Stay Grant

Program of study for 2027-28 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
BIO 1035	Anatomy and Physiology for Practical Nursing	3
HEA 1110	Clinical Readiness & Preparedness	1
PND 1000	Health Assessment	4
PND 1003	Nursing Theory I	3
PND 1016	Nursing Practice I	4
PND 1017	Professionalism and Communication	3
One General Education Course [1]		3
	Credits	**21**
Semester 2		
ENG 1121	Research & Writing/Health Sciences	3
PND 1008	Pharmacology I	3
PND 1212	Health Promotion Throughout the Lifespan	3
PND 1213	Nursing Practice II	4
PND 1214	Clinical Practicum I	6
PND 1215	Nursing Theory II	3
PTH 1210	Pathophysiology for Practical Nursing I	3
	Credits	**25**
Semester 3		
PND 1011	Pharmacology II	3
PND 1315	Nursing Practice III	4
PND 1316	Nursing Theory III	3
PND 1317	Clinical Practicum II	6
PTH 1310	Pathophysiology for Practical Nursing II	3
One General Education Course. [1]		3
	Credits	**22**
Semester 4		
IND 1072	Ind Perspectives on Care	3
PND 1412	Clinical Consolidation	12
PND 2325	Professional Growth	3
	Credits	**18**
	Total Credits	**86**

[1] For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (https://cambriancollege.ca/general-electives/).

Admission requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C) or (U)
- Any grade 11 (U) or (C) or grade 12 biology (U)
- Any grade 11 (U) or grade 12 chemistry (C) or (U)
- Any grade 11 (C), (U) or (M) or grade 12 mathematics (C) or (U)

Please note: A minimum combined overall average of 70% is required in the prerequisite courses listed above

Note: Cambrian College's Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees (PHPG) program is the designated preferred preparatory program for admission to Cambrian College's limited enrolment Health Sciences programs. Limited enrolment programs are identified within the detailed program descriptions. The minimum GPA and grades required for successful admission will be determined by the quality and quantity of the applicant pool.

Additional Admission Requirements

- Current Basic Cardiac Life Support Certificate Level (HCP) Health Care Provider (must be renewed annually)
- Current Standard First Aid certificate (must be current for the entire program)
- Respiratory Mask Fit Testing (N95-3M Models)
- Criminal Record Check, including Vulnerable Sector Check (contact your program coordinator if you have a positive CPIC)
- WHMIS Certification
- AODA Certification
- Ministry of Labour Worker Health and Safety Awareness in Four Steps Training (Bill 18)
- Proof of immunization status at registration for the following:
  - Two-step TB test (Tuberculosis Screening)
  - Varicella
  - Polio
  - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (Note: If born after 1970, must have two measles vaccinations)
  - Current Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis
  - Current influenza immunization (when available for the season)
  - Hepatitis B Vaccination

- Hepatitis A Vaccination(Recommended, not required)
- COVID-19

Note: Criminal record check/Vulnerable Sector Check, influenza immunization, TB skin test, WHMIS, and Basic Cardiac Life Support (HCP) certificates must be renewed annually—a fee is required for these renewals. If not immunized for this disease, proof of previous varicella infection (chickenpox) must be supplied.

Recommendations

- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2027-2028

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2027
SEMESTER 2: Winter 2028
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2028
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2029

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2028
SEMESTER 2: Spring 2028
SEMESTER 3: Winter 2029
SEMESTER 4: Spring 2029

Spring term start

SEMESTER 1: Spring 2028
SEMESTER 2: Fall 2028
SEMESTER 3: Winter 2029
SEMESTER 4: Spring 2029

Accreditation

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Program specific pathways

Graduates from this program (or equivalent) could be eligible for advanced standing in the Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing (https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/honours-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/) program and receive direct entry into year three. Students looking to take advantage of this pathway, must complete the PN to RN Bridge program prior to requesting admission to the Nursing degree program.

Employment opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment opportunities in:

- Acute care hospitals
- Home and community care
- Long-term care facilities
- Specialty and ambulatory care
- Health care facilities, services, and programs

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