

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 (Category 1) by the College of Nurses of Ontario. Current graduates from this program are eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Practical Nurse in Ontario. Our program features smaller lab 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 800 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 with Learn and Stay Grant

Program of study for 2024-25 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
PND 1001	Technical Concepts Health Care	3
PND 1105	Human Relations	3
PND 1015	Nursing Practice I	3
PND 1003	Nursing Theory I	3
PND 1004	Professional Growth I	3
PND 1000	Health Assessment	4
BIO 1035	Anatomy and Physiology for Practical Nursing	3
Credits		22
Semester 2		Credits
PND 1212	Health Promotion Throughout the Lifespan	3
PND 1213	Nursing Practice II	4
PND 1008	Pharmacology I	3
PND 1214	Clinical Practicum I	6
PTH 1210	Pathophysiology for Practical Nursing I	3
PND 1215	Nursing Theory II	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3
Credits		25
Semester 3		Credits
PND 1315	Nursing Practice III	4
PTH 1310	Pathophysiology for Practical Nursing II	3
PND 1316	Nursing Theory III	3
PND 1317	Clinical Practicum II	6

PND 1011	Pharmacology II	3
ENG 1121	Research & Writing/Health Sciences	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3
Credits		25
Semester 4		Credits
PND 2325	Professional Growth II	3
IND 1062	Indigenous Perspectives on Care	3
PND 1410	Nursing Practice IV	4
PND 1412	Clinical Consolidation	12
One General Education Course. ¹		3
Credits		25
Total Credits		97

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 entire program)
- Mask testing (for N-95 mask)
- Criminal record check
- WHMIS certification Proof of immunization status at registration for the following:
 - Two-step TB test
 - Immunizations: Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, polio
 - Current tetanus - diphtheria vaccination
 - Current influenza immunization (when available for season)
 - Hepatitis B vaccination
 - If born after 1970, must have 2 measles vaccinations
 - Hepatitis A vaccination is recommended but not require

Note: Criminal record check, influenza immunization, TB skin test, WHMIS and Basic Cardiac Life Support certificates MUST be renewed on an annual basis - there is a fee required for these renewals. Proof of previous

varicella infection (chickenpox) must be supplied if not immunized for this disease.

Recommendations

- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2024-2025

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2024

SEMESTER 2: Winter 2025

SEMESTER 3: Fall 2025

SEMESTER 4: Winter 2026

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2025

SEMESTER 2: Spring 2025

SEMESTER 3: Winter 2026

SEMESTER 4: Spring 2026

Accreditation

Cambrian's program is currently approved (Category 1) by the College of Nurses of Ontario (<https://www.cno.org/>). Current graduates from this program are eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Practical Nurse in Ontario.

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 3. 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:

- Hospitals
- Community
- Long-term care facilities
- Health care facilities, services, and programs

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