

## Part and Full Time 2025 - 2026

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 2 years (18 Months)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding career in health care, then becoming a Practical Nurse could be the ideal profession for you! Working with other health team members, you will provide nursing care to individuals in acute care hospitals, continuing care centers, community health settings and primary care settings. Our very successful and highly recommended program follows all practical requirements as defined by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta and Alberta Health Services. Practical nursing is a self-regulating profession with a unique body of knowledge, standards of practice, code of ethics, clearly defined competencies and a societal contract to provide safe, quality, holistic patient care. Our enthusiastic and experienced instructors are invested in the success of every single one of their students, and invite YOU to enroll in this rewarding program today!

### PROGRAM OF STUDY:

Term 1	Term 2
ANPY1000 Anatomy & Physiology: Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology	HEAS1000 Health Assessment: Assessment of Adults
COMM1000 Interpersonal Communications for the Helping Profession	NFDN1200 Nursing Foundations II: Basic Nursing
ENGL1000 Introduction to English Language and Literature	NPRT1100 Nursing Practice I: Continuing Care
HEED1010 Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness	PATH1000 Pathophysiology
NFDN1100 Nursing Foundations I: Introduction to Nursing	PHRM1000 Pharmacology: An Introduction to Pharmacology
	PSYC1060 Psychology for the Health Care Professional
Term 3	Term 4
NFDN2300 Nursing Foundations III: Medical Surgical Nursing	NFDN2600 Nursing Foundations VI: Community Nursing
NFDN2400 Nursing Foundations IV: Maternity Nursing	NFDN2700 Nursing Foundations VII: Mental Health Nursing
NFDN2500 Nursing Foundations V: Pediatric Nursing	NFDN2800 Nursing Foundations VIII: Transition to Practical Nurse Graduate
SOCI2750 Aging in Society	NPRT2300 Nursing Practice III: Acute Care 2 (Medical/Surgical)
NPRT2200 Nursing Practice II: Acute Care 1 (Medical/Surgical)	NPRT2400 Nursing Practice IV: Comprehensive Practice

**TRANSFERABILITY:** Graduates of the Practical Nurse diploma may be eligible for acceptance into the Post LPN-BN program at Athabasca University (AU) with a minimum of 30 credits of advanced standing or into the Bachelor of Professional Arts with 45 credits of advanced standing. Individuals are still required to meet all admission requirements prior to acceptance into the AU program. Graduates are eligible to receive 57 credits from Thompson Rivers University toward a Bachelor of Health Science and 60 credits toward a Bachelor of General Studies. Potential students should speak to a program advisor for further clarification of transferability.

**METHOD OF DELIVERY:** This program is delivered using a blended delivery combining face-to-face and distance learning. This delivery method allows students to pursue their educational goals in selected communities; however, students in the program are likely to have to relocate for short periods of time to another community in order to complete the clinical requirements of the program or travel. To learn more about **Bongo** and to experience using it, check out this guide:

<https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/220409>

To learn more about Brightspace and to experience using it, check out this guide:  
<https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/101449>

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have the following courses or equivalents:

- 60% in English 30-1 or 70% in English 30-2 or 60% in English 0190 or an assessed English equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- 50% in Math 20-1 or 60% in Math 20-2 or 60% in MATH0190 or assessed Math equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- 60% in Biology 30 or 60% in BIOL0190 or (50%) in ANPY1000 or assessed Biology equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- and have fluency in English

**CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants will be required to provide the following forms prior to clinical practicum:

- Immunizations Record: Strongly recommended are up-to-date
- Police Information Check: including Vulnerable Sector check, completed within 3 months and will be required during the first term of the program. (NOTE: students without a clear criminal record will not be able to complete the practicum requirements of the program.)
  - CPR for Health Care Providers (BLS-HCP) - must be current Students who enter this program should also have basic computer skills (the ability to use the Internet, e-mail, and a word processor).
  - In order to be successful in the program, students must have good physical and emotional health. Please review the document on the CLPNA website: 'Becoming A Licensed Practical Nurse in Canada: Requisite Skills and Abilities' for further information. Current CPR certificate for Health Care Provider (BLS-HCP) is required prior to starting clinical courses. Strongly recommended immunizations are up-to-date prior to any clinical practicum experience. A Police Information Check, including a Vulnerable Sector Check, completed within the last 3 months will be required during the first term of the program. The existence of a criminal record may affect practicum placement, program completion and employment prospects. Completion of a waiver form is necessary if there is evidence of a criminal record or incomplete immunizations. For more information, please contact the Program Coordinator. Please note that graduates of this program are eligible to become licensed through the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta and will be required to pay additional licensing and national examination fees of approximately \$1000.
  - Students are required to travel and are responsible for all transportation and accommodation costs

**OFFERING LOCATIONS: YEAR 1** Peace River, Slave Lake, Lloydminster, High Prairie, High Level

**OFFERING LOCATIONS: YEAR 2** Peace River, Slave Lake, Lloydminster, High Prairie, High Level

**COST ESTIMATES:** Note: All fees are subject to change.

	Tuition	LRF	Student Association	Technology	Est. TOTAL
<b>Year 1</b>	\$6,896.00	\$640.00	\$594.00	\$528.00	\$8,658.00
<b>Year 2</b>	\$6,684.00	\$595.00	\$567.00	\$504.00	\$8,350.00
					<b>\$17,008.00</b>

**Textbooks are not payable to Northern Lakes College. Please view our website for a list of applicable textbooks that must be purchased for the program.**

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- plus costs for travel, meals, living expenses for orientation, lab and clinical as required
- Year 1 & 2 - Other Costs/Charges (approx.) \$ 800 (travel, supplies, clothing, etc.)
- Year 2 – Please note that graduates of this program are eligible to become licensed through the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA) and will be required to pay additional licensing and national examination fees of approximately \$1000.
- Document fee for transcript forwarded to Licensing Agency \$15.00.

**Offering Dates:**

**Term 1:** September 2 - December 12, 2025

**Term 2:** January 5 - May 22, 2026

**Term 3:** September 2 - December 12, 2025

**Orientation Dates:**

**Year 1 Students:** August 28 & 29, 2025 - In Person Slave Lake Campus

**Year 2 Students:** August 27, 2025 - Online

**Term 4:** January 5 - May 22, 2026

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- **APPLICATION:** Complete and submit a Northern Lakes College application on the College website at [www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca) (follow: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/apply-now/program-applications>) or through Apply Alberta (APAS). For full-time students starting in September, the application deadline is May 1. Late applications will be accepted if there are seats available in the program. Apply early.
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Provide any official high school and/or post-secondary transcripts. These must be forwarded directly to Northern Lakes College, Admissions Services, from the granting institution (there may be a charge for this). When transcripts are received at NLC, they are reviewed to determine if the academic requirements for admission to the program are met.
- **CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants who meet the academic requirements will be expected to provide the following forms: criminal record check, health status form and immunization record, prior to clinical practicum courses. Applicants also need to provide copy of CPR for Health Care Providers certificates.
- **EQUIVALENCY ASSESSMENT:** If the English, Math or Biology requirements are not met, then an equivalency assessment can be completed. The College uses ACCUPLACER for the English, Math and Biology requirement. If testing is required, the applicant will be informed and arrangements must be made for writing the test.
- **ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants who meet the entrance requirements will be accepted and offered a space in the next available offering of the program. In some cases, the spaces at a specific location may be full and accepted applicants will be placed on a waitlist. These applicants will be accepted in the order of "first qualified, first served" basis. It may also be possible to transfer to another location if there is space. Applicants will receive a letter informing them of their acceptance status.
- **REGISTRATION & COMMITMENT FEE:** Accepted applicants in all career programs will be required to complete registration forms within one month of receiving their acceptance letter. This registration includes a \$100.00 (domestic student) or \$300.00 (international student) commitment fee deposit. This fee is **non-refundable & non-deferrable** and will be applied towards the terms' tuition. Applicants who do not pay their commitment deposit within 4 weeks of acceptance may forfeit their seat in the program. A Tuition Deposit is required for students in an oversubscribed program, this includes our Practical Nurse program. This non-refundable fee is due May 1 and is \$300.00 for domestic students and \$900.00 for international students. Again, once the term has begun this deposit fee will be applied towards the students' tuition.
- **FUNDING:** Applicants are encouraged to check on funding options early (a minimum of 2 months prior to program start date). Counsellors can assist with identifying funding options and applying for sponsorship of fees and living costs. Specific awards related to this program include: CCEC partnership Bursary, Roland Gladue Memorial Scholarship, TransCanada Partnership Award. Please visit the NLC website scholarships and awards page at <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/future-students/financial-aid-scholarships-and-funding> to learn more.
- **ORIENTATION:** Before the start date of the program, accepted applicants will receive information about orientation dates, times, locations and other information to assist them in planning. Students must attend orientation at one of the specified dates and locations.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For any assistance, questions or concerns, the following college staff members are available:

**Program Coordinator:** **Jennifer Thatcher 1-780-851-3379**

email: [thatcherj@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:thatcherj@northernlakescollege.ca)

Questions about program content, course selections/transferability, employment opportunities for the program

**Other Inquiries:** **Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456**



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email: [admissions@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:admissions@northernlakescollege.ca)

General inquiries about college services & programs; student housing, library, and facilities