

**Full and Part-Time —2019/2021**

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 2 years (68 weeks)

**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 centres, 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, its own 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:**

**YEAR 1**

**Term 1**

ANPY1000 –Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology  
COMM1000 - Interpersonal Communications for the Helping Professions  
ENGL1000 - Introduction to English Language and Literature  
HEED1010 - Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness  
NFDN1100 - Nursing Foundations I: Introduction to Nursing

**Term 2**

HEAS1000 - Health Assessment: Physical Assessment of Adults  
NFDN1200 - Nursing Foundations II: Basic Nursing  
NPRT1100 - Nursing Practice I: Continuing Care Practicum  
PATH1000 - Pathophysiology  
PHRM1000 - Pharmacology  
PYSC1060 - Psychology for the Health Care Professional

**YEAR 2**

**Term 3**

NFDN2300- Nursing Foundations III: Medical-Surgical Nursing  
NFDN2400 - Nursing Foundations IV: Family Nursing  
NFDN2500 - Nursing Foundations V: Family Nursing II  
NPRT2200 - Nursing Practice II: Acute Care Practicum  
SOC1000 - Introduction to the Study of Society

**Term 4**

NPRT2300 - Nursing Practice III: Acute Care Practicum  
NPRT2400 - Nursing Practice IV: Comprehensive Practicum  
NFDN2600 - Nursing Foundations VI: Community Nursing  
NFDN2700 - Nursing Foundations VII: Mental Health Nursing  
NFDN2800 - Nursing Foundations VIII: Transition to Graduate

**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. To learn more about Collaborate and to experience using it, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/Documents/Collaborate-Guide-for-Students-at-NLC.pdf>. To learn more about Moodle and to experience using it, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/Documents/Moodle-Guide-for-Students-at-NLC.pdf>.

**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);
- credit in Pure Math 20 or 60% in Applied Math 20 or 60% in MATH0190 or assessed Math equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- 60% in Biology 30 or 60% in ANPY0190 or BIOL0190 or 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: must be up-to-date.
- Police Information 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 (Level C) - 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). For more information, please contact the Program Advisor.
- In order to be successful in the program, students must have good physical and emotional health.

**OFFERING LOCATIONS:** **YEAR 1** Grande Prairie, High Level, Peace River, Slave Lake, Lloydminster  
**YEAR 2** Grande Prairie, High Level, Peace River, Slave Lake

**COST ESTIMATES:**

**YEAR 1**

Tuition	\$ 5,192.00
Learning Resource Fee	\$ 2,831.00
Student Association Fee	\$ 198.00
<b>Total estimated costs (Year 1)</b>	<b>\$ 8,221.00</b>

**YEAR 2**

Tuition	\$ 4,956.00
Learning Resource Fee	\$ 2,259.00
Student Association Fee	\$ 189.00
<b>Total estimated costs (Year 2)</b>	<b>\$ 7,404.00</b>

**NOTE: All fees are subject to change.**

- 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.

**Orientation Date:** TBA

**Application Deadline**  
August 3, 2019

**PAYMENT DEADLINES:**

August 20, 2019  
December 20, 2019  
September 1, 2020  
January 4, 2021

**OFFERING DATES:**

**Term 1** – September 3 – December 13, 2019  
**Term 2** – January 6 – May 29, 2020  
**Term 3** – September 1 – December 11, 2020  
**Term 4** – January 4 – May 28, 2021

**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).
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Provide an official high school and/or post-secondary transcript. This 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 and Math requirements are not met then an equivalency assessment can be completed. The College uses ACCUPLACER for the English and Math requirement. If testing is required, the applicant will be informed and arrangements must be made for writing the test. *Biology assessments are not available at this time.*
- **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 (full-time) or \$75.00 (part-time) commitment/tuition fee deposit. This fee is non-refundable.
- **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 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:

**Admissions:**

**Cindy Martin** at (780) 849-8603 (fax 1-780-849-2570)

Email: [martinc@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:martinc@northernlakescollege.ca)

Questions regarding status of your application, program costs, and other services.

**Program Contact(s)**

**Joanne Hunter**

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**Counselling Services:** Our **Counselling Team** is here to help you thrive in your educational journey by providing free, confidential, and culturally sensitive wellness initiatives and support services to enhance your academic and personal success. For more information visit

**website:** <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/current-students/counselling-services> or contact **email:**

[counselling@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:counselling@northernlakescollege.ca).