

Practical Nurse Training Course

The Practical Nursing Program of the Anchorage Community College is a vocational program under the direction of the Anchorage Community College. Instructors in the program are certified as vocational instructors in the State of Alaska.

The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing and the Alaska State Board of Nursing.

Students enrolled in the program learn basic nursing skills. This includes integrated theory and clinical practice with the clinical practice supervised at the Anchorage area hospitals.

The four hospitals are the Alaska Native Medical Center, Elmendorf Air Force Hospital, Providence Hospital, and the Alaska Psychiatric Institute.

In these hospitals the students learn to care for the medically and surgically ill, mothers and newborn, and sick children. The students also have experience in caring for the mentally ill patients.

The course is one year in length and includes approximately three weeks vacation during the year. The year is divided into four twelve-week periods, which are further divided into six-week periods---the length of each rotation in the hospital.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the practical nurse licensing examination. As graduate practical nurses they are prepared to nurse

patients in situations relatively free of complexity, with a minimum amount of on the spot supervision.

In these situations the practical nurse is under the general direction of a qualified nurse supervisor or physician. The graduate practical nurse is also prepared to assist the professional nurse in nursing situations which are more complex.

Entrance requirements are minimum age of seventeen years, the upper age limit is flexible depending on the health and motivation of the applicant. High school graduation is preferred, however tenth grade equivalency may be accepted.

The applicant needs to have a desire to help people and have an interest in people. Both men and women applicants are considered.

The graduates of the Practical Nursing Program are working in many parts of Alaska as well as Outside. There is a need for trained health personnel and the Practical Nursing Program is one way in which the need will be met.

The next class will begin April 8, 1968. Persons interested in practical nursing may obtain applications and additional information by writing to:

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605 Fireweed Lane
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