

## Summary of Curriculum

	Class Hours	Clinical Hours
<b>FIRST TRIMESTER</b>		
NUR 1101 Orientation & Role of the Practical Nurse	6	
NUR 1103 Fundamentals of Nursing	168	128
NUR 1104 Intro to Pharmacology & Administration of Medication	40	20
Anatomy & Physiology	160	
<b>SECOND TRIMESTER</b>		
NUR 1202 Medical Surgical Nursing I with Medication Administration	158	270
Microbiology	45	
<b>THIRD TRIMESTER</b>		
NUR 1304 Maternal Newborn Nursing	48	96
NUR 1305 Pediatric Nursing	48	96
NUR 1306 Medical Surgical Nursing II	48	96
NUR 1307 Graduation Preparation	12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>706</b>

*Class hours include non-patient demonstration laboratory hours determined by faculty.*

## Financial Information

Application Fee (Nonrefundable)	\$50.00
Acceptance Fee (Nonrefundable)	\$100.00
ATI Fee (Nonrefundable)	\$300.00
Tuition (per year)	\$5,250.00
Laboratory Fee-entire year (Nonrefundable)	\$450.00
Miami Dade College (A&P Fee)	\$590.00
Miami Dade College (Micro Fee)	\$220.00
Student Uniforms, cap, shoes	\$200.00
Books	\$600.00
Graduation Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7960.00</b>

*The above financial information reflects approximate costs. Tuition may change without notice.*

Students are responsible for housing, meals, laundry, transportation to-and-from school, and other agencies.

## Financial Aid

Scholarship funds are available to students who qualify through the Mercy Hospital Foundation and Federal Pell Grants. Requests for financial aid are made at the time the application is submitted. (Check appropriate box on the application; financial aid information will be forwarded to the applicant with the acceptance letter). In keeping with financial aid regulations, please be aware that student completion rates, graduation rates, and the institution's annual campus security report are available upon request.

## Accreditation

Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing is a Catholic, private, not-for-profit, hospital-based school with day and evening programs. The school is licensed by the State of Florida Board of Nursing, The Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education. The school is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission located at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326. The NLNAC can be contacted at 404-975-5000 or [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org).

Mercy Hospital is part of Catholic Health East and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Mercy Hospital is a member of the American Hospital Association, Florida Hospital Association, South Florida Hospital Association and Catholic Hospital Association.

The sterling reputation enjoyed by the school in the State of Florida is attributed to the high standards maintained by the school in academic performance, clinical competence and professional behavior. The school offers a unique affiliation with Miami Dade College that awards the student 11 college credits for required Microbiology and Anatomy & Physiology courses.



## MERCY HOSPITAL School of Practical Nursing

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## Licensed Practical Nurse

This hospital-based program provides the necessary preparation and clinical experience to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in approximately one year. The entire program is taught in English.

The LPN is a vital and valued healthcare team member. As a practical nurse, individuals have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, community health agencies, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, schools, physician offices, home health services, and the military.

The LPN is an active participant in wellness promotion, as well as in the care of the ill in all stages of the life span. Practical nurses render care and treatment under the supervision of a registered nurse or licensed physician.

Mercy Hospital School of Practical Nursing offers a unique program through its affiliation with Miami Dade College that enables students to advance in their nursing career by becoming registered nurses through the LPN to RN Transition Program.

## Objectives

The School's practical nursing program is designed to prepare graduates on how to provide safe and compassionate nursing care under the supervision of registered nurse or licensed physician. Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

- Practice as a beginning healthcare team member within the framework established by the Nurse Practice Act of the State of Florida.
- Recognize each person holistically with physiological, emotional, social, and spiritual needs, which must be considered for adaptation on the health-illness continuum.

- Differentiate basic patient needs. An LPN will be able to recognize patient need and refer them to other members of the healthcare team.
- Assist the registered nurse with the development, implementation and revision of the nursing care plan, to meet patient needs.
- Perform appropriate nursing interventions accurately and safely, based on scientific principles.
- Document concise, factual patient observation and activities in the medical record according to institutional policies and procedures.
- Evaluate own effectiveness in the delivery of patient care.
- Promote therapeutic interpersonal relationships through demonstration of a positive attitude and caring verbal and non-verbal communication.
- Recognize the necessity of continuing education to promote personal growth and professional development.
- Work cooperatively with healthcare disciplines and community resources to deliver optimum care to assigned patients.

## Admission Procedures and Requirements

**Step one:** Take the pre-entrance exam. Registration for the exam is completed directly with the school. The pre-entrance exam fee is \$55.00 (non-refundable). A picture ID is required to take the exam. A study guide titled: National League for Nursing Review Guide for LPN/LVN Pre-Entrance Exam 3rd Edition is available for purchase in the school. Payment can be made by cash or credit card. The pre-entrance exam may be retaken after six months. The maximum number of times the exam may be taken is two.

**Step two:** Complete the application for admission. Applicants will be considered for admission to the

school without regard to age, gender, race, creed, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation or disability providing the disability does not interfere with the attainment of the program objectives.

**Step three:** Identify three individuals who have known you for at least two years and have them submit a letter of reference directly to the school. Reference forms are supplied by the school. One of the references should be academic or employment related. Family members may not submit letters of reference.

**Step four:** Request an official, authenticated high school transcript or G.E.D. test scores to be sent directly to the school. Official High School transcripts/GED Scores and any vocational or college transcripts are required before your application proceeds to the Admissions Committee.

**Step five:** The interview will be conducted by the director or designee of the school, after steps 1-4 have been completed. Additional admission requirements include a copy of an active healthcare provider CPR card and completion of a physical examination and specific laboratory tests including CBC, urinalysis, PPD test, rubella and varicella titers. The required alcohol/drug screen and background check is performed at Mercy by appointment. Expenses of both exam and lab tests will be incurred by the applicant. A criminal background screen is performed on all applicants accepted to the school.

## Length of Program

The school offers three programs in practical nursing: two daytime programs and one evening program. Each program runs three semesters in length extending 12 months for daytime programs and 14 months for the evening program.

Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday:

Day program: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Evening program: 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Each trimester must be satisfactorily completed in order to progress to the next level of study.