

CERTIFICATE: Certificate of Applied Science (CAS)

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)

| Student ID (790): | | | | | |
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| Student Name: | Credits Required: | 42 | | | |
| Advisor Name: | | | | | |
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CONCENTRATION:

| FALL SEMESTER (at Bitterroot College) | | | | | |
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| COURSE NUMBER | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS | GRADE | NOTES | |
| BIOH 104/105 BIOH 201/202 | Basic Human Biology & Lab OR Human Anatomy & Physiology I (Anatomy 211/212 is required for adv. degrees) | 4 | | N = Natural Science Gen Ed (w/ lab) | |
| M121 | College Algebra (or higher math) | 4 | | Math Gen Ed | |
| PSYX 100S | Intro to Psychology | 3 | | S = Social Sciences Gen Ed | |
| WRIT 101 | College Writing | 3 | | Writing Gen Ed | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | 14 | | | |

Students must apply and be accepted into the LPN program. This is a highly competitive program and requires applicants to take the Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam, Complete the Prerequisite courses and it is highly recommended to complete the corequisite courses in advance. This pathway has the corequisite courses completed before admissions.

| SPRING SEMESTER (through Helena College online & hybrid) | | | | | |
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| COURSE NUMBER | COURSE TITLE | | CREDITS | GRADE | NOTES |
| NRSG 130/131 | Fundamentals of Nursing & Lab | | 6 | | |
| NRSG 135/136 Pharmacology for Practical Nurses & Lab | | | 4 | | |
| NRSG 152/153 Gerontology and Community Nursing & Lab | | | 4 | | |
| | TOTAL CREDITS | | | | |
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| FALL SEMESTER (through Helena College online) | | | | | | |
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| COURSE NUMBER | COURSE TITLE | | | CREDITS | GRADE | NOTES |
| NRSG 140/141 | Adult Health Nursing & Clinical | | | 6 | | |
| NRSG 142/143 | Nursing Care of Women and Children | & Clinical | | 4 | | |
| NRSG 148/149 | Leadership Issues for Practical Nurse | s & Clinical | | 4 | | |
| | | | TOTAL CREDITS | 14 | | |

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Bitterroot college offers a Licensed Practical Nurse program through a partnership with Helena College UM. Students complete prerequisite coursework at Bitterroot College and then apply for LPN program admission at Helena College. Helena College provides all LPN classroom instruction remotely, while LPN clinical instruction is provided in-person on the Bitterroot College campus by Helena College LPN program faculty. The Helena College LPN program is a two semester program resulting in a Certificate of Applied Science (CAS).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Licensed Practical Nurses are in high demand with a median wage for Montana LPNs around \$26.26 per hour or \$54,620 annually.

Many health care facilities offer signing bonuses.

Those looking to further their education can transfer their certificate to pursue careers as Registered Nurses (Associates of Science in Nursing, A.S.N), or an Associate's of Applied Science, A.A.S in Paramedicine, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care, Surgical Technology, or Health Administration & Coding.

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