

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING

DEGREE PLAN

The Practical Nursing program is an interdisciplinary practical nursing program is designed to provide a beginning point for individuals seeking upward mobility in the nursing profession. Practical Nursing students are prepared for giving direct and primary nursing care under the immediate supervision of the clinical instructor, staff R.N., Advance Practice Nurses (APN), and/or physicians in the cooperating clinical facilities.

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) are eligible for acceptance into the Practical Nursing program. The CNA who possesses current State of Arkansas Certification receives direct articulated credit in lieu of repeating the course.

The program prepares Practical Nurses for employment in a wide range of health care settings including: hospitals, nursing homes, APN offices/clinics, physician's offices, and private duty care. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing approves the Practical Nursing program with regular evaluations to ensure a quality program of education in the nursing field.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a practical nurse.