

# PRACTICAL NURSING

SOUTHWEST



## CAREERS IN THIS FIELD

*Practical Nurse*

The licensed practical nurse (LPN) is an integral part of the health care team. The Practical Nursing program leads to a Technical Certificate and can be completed in approximately one year. The accredited program will prepare you to care for patients in a variety of health care settings, such as hospitals, convalescent centers, clinics, home care, and physicians' offices. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-PN to become a licensed practical nurse.

### HIGHER EDUCATION. LOWER COST. PERFECT VALUE.

Get more for your money with classes that are close to home and a fraction of the cost of other colleges and universities in Indiana. Whether you want to move up in your field or enter a new field, Ivy Tech can help you get the skills you need. And if you want to continue on to a four-year degree, Ivy Tech helps make it affordable. Our credits transfer to many colleges and universities, so you can graduate with the same education and much less debt.

### TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (TC)

One-year Technical Certificate programs provide education in conceptual and technical skills for specific occupations. Each program contains a sequence of required courses in a recognized concentration within a program.

### TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

Credits from individual Ivy Tech classes transfer to colleges and universities throughout Indiana—and in some cases, entire programs transfer. Whether you are considering a program with a career in mind or want to save money by starting your bachelor's degree at Ivy Tech, transfer options are a great way to get started.

### EARN MORE AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

If you want a good-paying job, you need to invest in your education. With an associate degree from Ivy Tech Community College, you'll earn an average of \$8,000 more each year than you would with just a high school degree. Over the course of your career, this has a tremendous impact on your earning power—a difference of up to \$400,000. As a result, you'll have the chance to explore opportunities that are well worth the time you'll spend in class.



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## GUIDE FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN NURSING

Thank you for your interest in Ivy Tech Community College's Nursing Programs. The following information is provided to help you properly prepare to apply to the selective admission Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) and/or Practical Nursing (PN) programs. It is not a substitute for face-to-face advising which is required of students who plan to apply to the nursing programs.

### Recommended steps in preparing to apply to the nursing programs include:

- Applying to the college and being accepted as an Ivy Tech student is your first step. You can make application at [www.ivytech.edu/evansville](http://www.ivytech.edu/evansville) under the "Apply Now" button on the left of the main screen. If you need assistance, please contact the Admission's Office at 812-429-1435.

Be sure to read all of the information for new students found on the application page. It discusses New Student Orientation, academic advising, applying for transfer credits, financial aid, etc.

- Explore the information found on the nursing web pages at [www.ivytech.edu/nursing](http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing) including the required *Online Nursing Information Session*, and the *Nursing Overview and Application Booklet*. Be sure to look under the dropdown menu for "Southwest Indiana" which includes information pertinent to the Evansville campus.

The information found in the *Online Nursing Information Session* and in the *Nursing Overview and Application Booklet* (especially the outline titled "Admission, Progression, and Graduation Policies") is very important. Be sure to share any questions that you have with your advisor or at an optional on-campus Nursing Information Session. As part of your application packet, you will sign an acknowledgement indicating you have completed the on-line nursing information session and other pre-admission activities.

- Set up an appointment with the Advising Center by clicking the "Academic Advising Appointment" link at [www.ivytech.edu/evansville](http://www.ivytech.edu/evansville) or by calling 812-492-0531. Meeting with an advisor early in the process helps assure that you will be on track for applying to the nursing program. An Individualized Academic Plan (IAP) will be created specific to your educational background and future plans.
- Depending on your specific circumstances, your advisor will give you direction on your next steps in the application process. You will be focusing on finishing your pre-requisite coursework, preparing to take the TEAS exam, and gathering the information required when you make application to the nursing program(s).
- Optional On-campus Nursing Information Sessions are held periodically to give students an opportunity to ask questions about the On-line Nursing Information Session that they reviewed. Registration is not required, but students are requested to arrive before the starting time.

Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 2PM in Room 107

Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6PM in Room 107

Monday, August 15, 2011 at 9AM in Room 107

Monday, November 14, 2011 at 2PM in Room 107

- Applications can be picked up in the Nursing Department which is in Room 216 on the Evansville campus.

To learn more about employment and salary information for careers in this field, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics website at [bls.gov](http://bls.gov) and the official career site of the State of Indiana, [indianacareerconnect.com](http://indianacareerconnect.com).

Ivy Tech Community College is accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

