



Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC)
Accelerated Certified Medical Assistant (CCMA) to Practical Nursing (PN) Program
Admission Standards / Criteria

The Accelerated Certified Medical Assistant to Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare students to meet the licensure requirements for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), as established by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE). The program progresses from simple to complex and consists of classroom instruction, lab practicum and supervised clinical activities in accredited hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care agencies.

This accelerated program will occur based on challenge exams to demonstrate competencies per course in the following courses: A&P, Medical Terminology, Foundations Theory and Foundations Lab. If competency is demonstrated through the challenge exam process, the following clock hours will be eliminated to complete the remaining courses/ clock hour requirements based on LAC 46 as follows:

- A&P = 15 clock hours
- Med Term = 15 clock hours
- Foundations Theory = 15 clock hours
- Foundations Lab = 15 clock hours

Total clock hours eliminated for acceleration based on competency exams = **60 clock hours**

Each course in the PN program must be completed with a minimum score of 80%. Upon graduation, the student is awarded a diploma and is eligible to apply for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

This is a **limited enrollment program**. Students must be admitted to the program to enroll in any of the MA to PN courses. In addition to minimum Accuplacer scores as indicated below, and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0, acceptance into the program is based on a **ranking system** that includes multiple weighted indicators. For this specialized program, candidates must be a Certified Medical Assistant with one-year experience as a Medical Assistant within the last 10 years. Applicants must produce a resume along with their application.

Admission Requirements: To qualify for admission into the Accelerated Certified Medical Assistant to Practical Nursing Program, *students must take the three required Accuplacer tests and attend a full two-week intersession PNUR 1002 course and pass it with a B (80%) or better.*

Students should achieve the following scores within the past 3 years:

Type of test	Mathematics	Reading	Language
ACCUPLACER	250+ (Arithmetic Test only)	237+	241+ (writing)

****NOTES for Admittance with Two-Week Intersession PNUR 1002:**

1. The Accuplacer test will be a baseline tool to best assist students and faculty in preparation and successful completion of the intersession course.
2. A campus/regional level test administrator will administer the ACCUPLACER/Placement test.
3. Starting Spring 2024, our students have to attend the PNUR 1002 intersession that is tied to our Accelerated CCMA to PN program.
4. They must pass PNUR 1002 with a B or better
5. Students must still meet other GPA requirements and meet deadlines to be admitted into the program.
6. Students will still be admitted based on the ranking system.

All students must attend 100% of PNUR 1002 and achieve a B (80%) or better for full admittance into the CCMA to PN program. If a student is not successful, their seat for the Certified Medical Assistant to Practical Nursing program will be revoked.

Additional Admission Requirements/Standards: Candidates must apply to the MA to PN program at the Lacombe Campus and meet the minimum admission requirements/standards, including:

- Have an active Medical Assistant Certification
- Must provide a Resume showing work experience
- Ability to obtain CPR (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification prior to first clinical course – or as directed by PN Program Lead Instructor
- Official birth certificate
- Official HS or HiSET/GED transcript
- Proof of current immunizations
- History and Physical exam
- TB skin test, QuantiFERON®-TB Gold test (QFT-G), or Chest x-ray
- Background check completion through Louisiana State Police, which can around \$40. Wait for further instructions prior to completing
- \$50.00, plus State charges will need to be paid to the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. This will be paid via the Nurse Portal with a debit or credit card. More information on this will be given to students at the informational meeting upon acceptance
- Additional criminal background check required for clinical courses – check with the campus for specific information
- Drug screening – See NTCC Drug Screen Policy
- Applicants must NOT be currently serving under any court-imposed order of supervised probation, work release, school release or parole in conjunction with any felony conviction(s) or plea agreement.
- As documented by a physician on the history & physical exam form, students must demonstrate ability to meet following technical/performance standards (related to ADA compliance) while receiving the instruction as outlined in each course syllabus:
 - a) Read and communicate orally and in writing using the English language.
 - b) Hear with or without auditory aids to understand normal speaking voice without viewing the speakers face.
 - c) Visually, with or without corrective lenses, observe changes in client's condition and actively participate in learning process.
 - d) Utilize stamina, strength and psychomotor coordination necessary to perform routine practical nursing procedures at floor or bed level.
 - e) Demonstrate use of gross and fine motor skills necessary to provide independent, safe and effective practical nursing care.
 - f) Solve problems and apply critical thinking skills while providing safe and efficient client care.
 - g) Interact with individuals/families/groups from various socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
 - h) Adapt and function in a multi-stressor environment while adhering to legal/ethical guidelines of the school, Louisiana Practical Nurse Practice Act and clinical agencies.