

Where will my Clinical Placements be?

Students will have 4 clinical placements during their 2 year diploma course. There is a 5 week clinical placements on a Continuing Care unit, this occurs at the end of year 1.

Year two students have a four (4) week Instructor led acute care clinical placement right before Christmas break.

Year two students have another four (4) week Instructor led acute care clinical placement in March.

Year two students have a final seven (7) week preceptor led clinical placement usually starting in April. You are working one on one with another nurse and are learning to take on the role of a graduate LPN.

***All clinical placements require travel and students are responsible for all associated costs. Students are not guaranteed to be placed in their home communities and need to plan for the resources to travel and possibly live away from home for any of the practicums.**

Potential students should discuss funding options for placements (i.e. bursaries) with the student advisor.



Contact us!

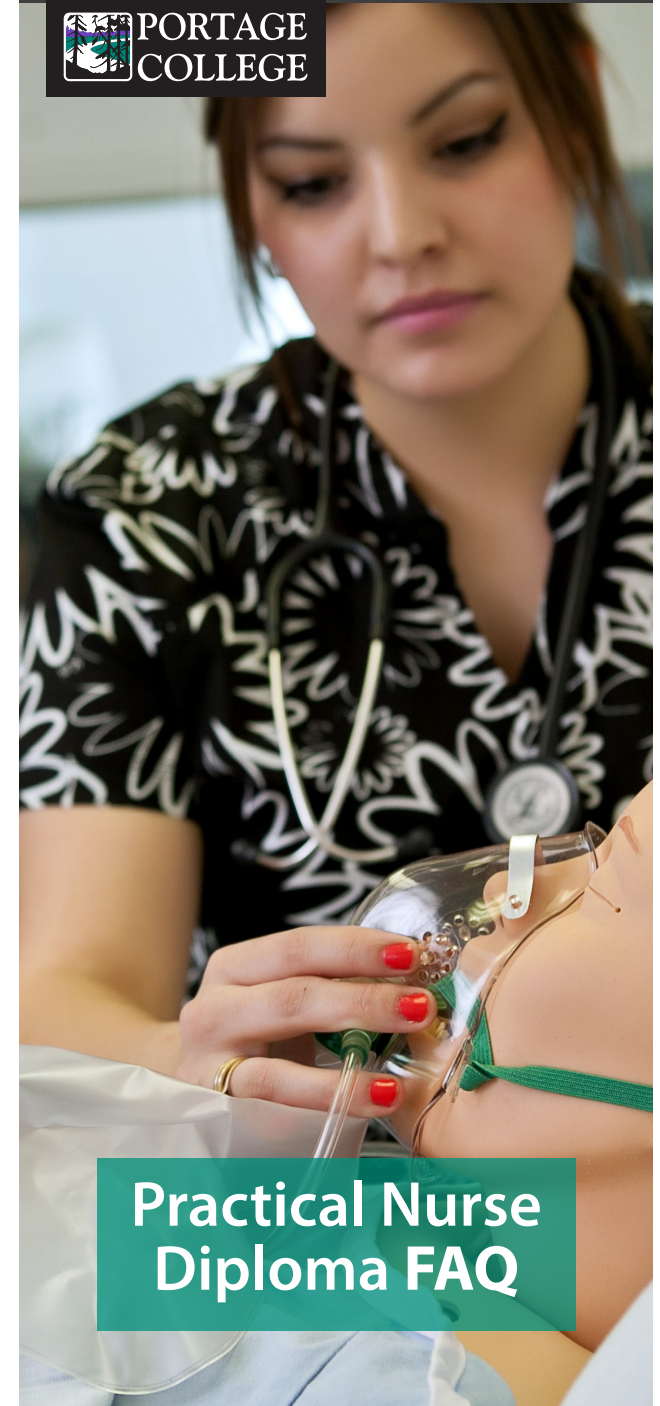
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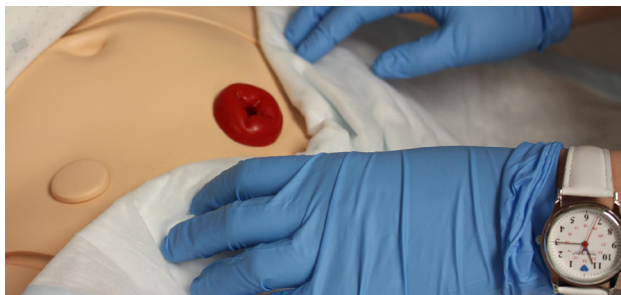
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**Practical Nurse
Diploma FAQ**



Where can I take this program?

Cold Lake offers a face to face instruction and years 1 and 2 are consecutively run.

Lac La Biche and St. Paul offer the blended delivery and have year 1 intake every second year. See example below:

2017-18 – will offer year 1 courses

2018-19 – will offer only year 2 courses

2019-20 – will offer year 1 courses again

What do I need to get into the program?

The following are the minimum academic requirements for the program:

* English 30 (30-1) with a min. 60% in or

* English 33 (30-2) with a min. 70%

* Math 20 Pure or Math 20-1 with a min. 50% or

* Math 20 - Applied or Math 20-2 with a min. 60%

* Biology 30 with a min. of 60%

* Chemistry 30 strongly recommended

How long is the program?

The program is 68 weeks.

How much does it cost to take the Practical Nurse program?

- Tuition per year is approximately \$3500.
- Textbooks and Lab Kits for year 1 are approx. \$2871
- Textbooks and lab kits for year 2 are approx. \$1728
- Travel, food and accommodation expenses for clinical placements vary

Students can see the price list for textbooks on the website, go to programs > pick the practical nurse program delivery method > click on textbooks link under important information heading > chose year 1 or year 2 practical nurse

What if I have taken some course at another institution?

You can apply for advanced credit if you think a course you have taken is similar to one offered at Portage College. You are required to pay a fee for advanced credit, provide a course outline of the course you have taken and an official transcript of your marks. Until you have heard from the registrars' office whether you have been granted credit for the course, you are required to attend the Portage College course.

Will any of my courses transfer to other institutions?

We have 7 University courses that are taken in the PN program that are transferable. These are English, Anatomy, Physiology I & II, Health Education, Psychology and Sociology.

Are there any options for part-time studies for the Practical Nurse Program?

Many students prefer to take a reduced course load which may qualify them as a part-time student. Students need to be aware that however they chose to work through the program they are required to be completed within 5 years of starting. This becomes important for our blended delivery sites that only offer year 1 every second year. For students interested in taking a reduced course load, please contact the Practical Nurse Program Coordinator.

What if I only need one or two courses a semester? Do I pay the full tuition?

If you require 1 or 2 courses you can pay by credit. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee and then the charge is \$114/credit. Most of the courses are 3 credit courses so you would pay approx. \$568 with all the extra fees included (rec fee, tech fee, student association fee).

If you are taking 3 – 5 courses you are required to pay the full semester tuition amount

