

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) play an important role in the health care field, as the people who most often deal directly with patients on a day-to-day basis. From taking care of the needs of the patient to conveying any problems and discomforts to their supervisory nurses and doctors, the LPN frequently serves as the chief communicator for patients.

Meridian's Practical Nursing program uses an online learning management system that allows the curriculum to be available to the student 24 hours/day. The curriculum is divided into nine theory courses and four clinical courses of instruction. Each course has objectives you'll need to achieve before moving to the next course of instruction. In addition to mastering classroom theory, you'll spend time in a variety of clinical settings honing your skills.

The practical nursing program is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., available until 8:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday; and will be completed in approximately 12 months. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates may apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. Once licensed, you'll be ready for work in hospitals, home health, doctor's offices, long-term care facilities, and various health care agencies.

[Prepare now for this rewarding career.](#)

How You'll Learn Hands-On

Get out of the classroom and into the real world with projects such as:

- Practicing your skills with SimMan3G simulation manikins
- Working with actual patients in clinical settings

Where it Can Take You

Use the skills you'll learn in this program to find a career you'll love. Possibilities include:

- Registered Nurse
- Nurse Educator
- Home Health Nurse
- Life Care Planner

Program Outcomes

First-Time NCLEX Pass Rate

	2020	2021	2022
Meridian	77.78%	94.74%	86.36%
Oklahoma	87.75%	87.40%	79.93%
National	83.90%	79.60%	86.97%

Program Completion Rate

2020	2021	2022	2023
79.2%	68%	78.6%	85.3%

Job Placement Rate*

2020	2021	2022
100%	94.4%	95.5%

*Working in nursing within six months after graduation. This does not include those who are continuing their education but not working.

Program Satisfaction Rate

2020	2021	2022
96.9%	92.8%	100%

What You'll Learn

Course	Hours
Anatomy & Physiology (HL00046) Pre-requisite course work. Related courses may be substituted (e.g. college credit or equivalent)	120
Medical Terminology (HL00342) Pre-requisite course work. Related courses may be substituted (e.g. college credit or equivalent)	45
Long Term Care Aide (HL0004) or current certification Pre-requisite course work.	75
Introduction to Nursing	40
Mental Health Nursing	40
Fundamentals of Nursing	160
Pharmacology & IV Skills	66
Medical Surgical Nursing I	78
Medical Surgical Nursing II	78
Maternal Newborn Nursing	45
Pediatric Nursing	45
Transition to Practice	15
Clinical I Basic Nursing	80
Clinical II Medical Surgical Nursing (Part I)	224
Clinical III Medical Surgical Nursing (Part II)	232
Clinical Nursing IV	120
Total	1,463

Accreditation and Approval

Accreditation

The Practical Nursing Program at Meridian Technology Center located in Stillwater, OK is accredited by the

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400

Atlanta, GA 30326

(404)975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <https://www.acenursing.org/acen-programs/meridian-technology-center>.

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Stillwater, OK 74074
(405)377-2000

Approval

Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N Classen, Suite 524
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
(405)962-1800

Entrance Requirements

Spring 2024 Application Deadline

- July 8, 2024

Application Orientation and Written Communications Skills Assessment/Interview

All applicants must attend an application orientation. The application orientation will provide information so the applicant can better understand the program and what it takes to complete the Practical Nursing Program successfully. The application orientation session will also include a time for each prospective applicant to complete a written communications skills assessment/interview form.

- Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Rm B-153
- Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Rm B-143
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Rm B-143
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Rm B-153
- Monday, June 3, 2024 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Rm B-153
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Rm B-143

- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Rm B-153
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Rm B-143

Sign up for an application orientation [here](#) today or contact Angie Richardson at (405)377-3333 Ext. 0273 | angier@meridiantech.edu.

Applicants must show proof of completion of the following pre-requisite courses within the past 5 years with a grade of C or higher

- *Medical Math - with application (exempt if ACT Math is 19 or higher or HESI A2© Math Score is 80% or higher)
- *Anatomy & Physiology - before starting (Course on Ed2Go is not equivalent)
- *Medical Terminology - before starting (Ed2Go equivalent will require completing both "Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach" and "Medical Terminology II: A Focus on Human Disease")

*Challenge exams available. Please contact the program coordinator for information.

Meridian offers online training in Medical Math Basics, Medical Terminology, and Anatomy and Physiology. To enroll in these courses, please call the Health Occupations desk at [\(405\)377-3333](tel:4053773333) ext. 209 or 211.

- Long Term Care Aide with current certification or equivalent. Equivalent requires proof of working as a CNA for at least 75 hours in the last 6 months.

[Upcoming course dates for Long Term Care Aide can be found by clicking here and visiting the Health section of the catalog.](#)

Area colleges may also offer these courses.

Entrance Exam - HESI A2©

All applicants must complete or submit scores of HESI A2© completed within the past three years. Applicants may take twice for each application (March - June) or (September - December). The cost \$50.00 per test. For information on signing up to take the HESI A2 exam at Meridian Technology Center, please see [HESI A2 Exam Overview for Practical Nursing](#).

At this time the practical nursing program at Meridian Technology Center does not require a specific score to make application to the program. Points will be awarded for the scores

you receive on each section. See points on [PN Application Pts. Sheet](#).

Oklahoma Board of Nursing Important Information

Oklahoma Board of Nursing [special requirements for licensing](#).

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing has the right, as a state licensing agency, to deny students the opportunity to take the licensing examination if they have been charged, have a pending conviction, or have been convicted of a crime which includes a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor; or have any violations related to alcohol/or drugs. For further information, [please download the Oklahoma Board of Nursing documentation](#).

Advanced Placement/Transfer Credit

Individuals desiring to receive credit for knowledge previously gained may qualify for advanced standing. Please contact the program coordinator for information regarding the program advanced standing policy.

Once Accepted

Students must provide evidence of good health by submitting the Meridian Technology Center "Physical Examination Form," which has been completed and signed by a physician or other licensed healthcare provider. Students must not have any physical restriction that would prohibit them from performing the duties expected of a healthcare worker providing patient care:

- Must be able to bend, walk, reach overhead, stand, lift carry, push and handle equipment, supplies or patients.
- Must be able to stand for extended periods of time.
- Must have adequate vision to read and write.
- Must have adequate hearing and be able to converse with others in person or over the phone.
- Must possess fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination.
- Must be able to handle small objects and assist physicians with sterile procedures.
- Must be able to communicate with the patient through verbal responses.
- Must be aware of patient needs and changes in conditions that can be seen and/or heard.

Students must submit evidence of current immunizations as directed; as well as current CPR certification. The CPR certification must be American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS). Immunizations and CPR certification must remain current for the entire

program.

Approximate Costs

Tuition and other expenses are subject to change. Students will provide their own transportation to the clinical education sites in various communities three to five days per week. Travel expense is probably the largest expense students will encounter.

Item	Approximate Cost
Tuition (out-of-district tuition is double)	\$4,600
Physical, CPR class, Hepatitis B vaccination series	\$250
Uniforms	\$300
Books, supplies and miscellaneous expenses	\$1,000
Background checks and drug screening (if required for clinical eligibility)	\$80

[Take a look at our frequently asked questions>>](#)

GET STARTED

Contact us with any questions at [405.377.3333](tel:405.377.3333) or complete the application located on this page.