

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog

(57-58 credits)

This certificate program provides an option for those desiring to begin working as licensed practical nurses before finishing the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) program. The certificate curriculum consists of the first two semesters of the ADN program and NURS 1157 Maternal/Child Health Deviations Lecture.

NOTE: Students must earn a final grade of C+ or better in all required courses/Technical Requirements and achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0. A grade of C- or better is required in ENGL 1110G Composition I and designated Mathematics courses.

Students must complete all University certificate requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 57 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Area I: Communications		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I (Or other approved New Mexico General Education Area I course listed in Level 1 in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog) ¹	4
or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
or ENGL 1110M	Composition I	
Area II: Mathematics		
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics (or HIGHER)	3
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3
or SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	
Area V: Humanities		
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	3
General Education Elective		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior ¹	3
Program Requirements		
BIOL 2210 & BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Or Anatomy and Physiology I SPMD 2210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 2210L for BIOL 2210 - Or Anatomy and Physiology II SPMD 3210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 3210L for BIOL 2225) ¹	8
HLSC 1510	Medical Terminology	3
Common Technical Requirements		
NURS 1131	Foundations of Pharmacology	5
NURS 1134	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment	0-1
NURS 1134L	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment Laboratory	2
NURS 1121	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
NURS 1121L	Foundations of Nursing Lab	2
NURS 2214	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Theory	3

NURS 2214L	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1
NURS 1125	Medical Surgical Nursing I	4
NURS 1125L	Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical	2
NURS 1157	Maternal/Child Health Deviations Lecture	5
NURS 1157L	Maternal/Child Health Deviations Laboratory	2
Total Credits		57-58

¹ Courses are identical to those offered at New Mexico State University Las Cruces (main) Campus.

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A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1		Credits
Pre-nursing Level I		
Area I: Communication		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
or ENGL 1110H	or Composition I Honors	
or ENGL 1110M	or Composition I	
Area II: Mathematics		
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics (or Higher)	3
Program Requirements		
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Or Anatomy and Physiology I SPMD 2210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 2210L for BIOL 2210)	4
HLSC 1510	Medical Terminology	3
Credits		14
Semester 2		
PRE-NURSING LEVEL II		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
or SOCI 1110G	or Introduction to Sociology	
Area V: Humanities		
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	3
General Education Elective		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
Program Requirements		
BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Or Anatomy and Physiology II SPMD 3210 & Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory SPMD 3210L for BIOL 2225)	4
Credits		13

Semester 3

NURSING LEVEL I		
NURS 1131	Foundations of Pharmacology	5
NURS 1121	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
NURS 1121L	Foundations of Nursing Lab	2
NURS 1134	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment	0-1
NURS 1134L	Foundation of Nursing Skills and Assessment Laboratory	2
Credits		13-14

Semester 4

NURSING LEVEL II		
NURS 2214	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Theory	3
NURS 2214L	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1
NURS 1125	Medical Surgical Nursing I	4
NURS 1125L	Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical	2
Credits		10

Semester 5

NURSING LEVEL III		
NURS 1157	Maternal/Child Health Deviations Lecture	5
NURS 1157L	Maternal/Child Health Deviations Laboratory	2
Credits		7
Total Credits		57-58