

# Nursing, Practical

<https://cwi.edu/program/practical-nursing>



Regardless of specialty or work setting, practical nurses provide patient care, advice and emotional support to patients' family members. PNs record patients' health histories and symptoms, help perform diagnostic tests, operate equipment that supports patient health care, administer patient medications and treatments, and help with patient follow-up.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

*The application period has closed for the Spring 2022 program start. For more information on the program and to prepare for the next application period please contact your CWI Student Success Advisor.*

### Application Process

1. Complete CWI Associate Degree or Technical Certificate application and be accepted to CWI.
  - A. If you have completed a bachelor's or master's degree, submit a Bachelor's Degree Transfer Credit Request form.
1. Verify your prerequisite coursework. Learn How
2. Complete the Kaplan Nursing Admissions Exam
3. Complete the Practical Nursing Application for the January 2023 program start and submit during the application period, Sept. 20 to Oct. 31, 2022.
4. Attend a mandatory Program Overview session.

### Practical Nursing Program Application

Notification of program status is emailed to student's CWI email account after the conclusion of the application period.

### Mandatory Program Overview Sessions

All Practical Nursing Program applicants are required to attend a program overview session. These sessions will be available via Zoom closer to the opening of the application window.

**\*\*Please note: We encourage students to wait until completing the Practical Nursing program before applying to the Professional Nursing program.**

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## MISSION

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The College of Western Idaho expands learning and life opportunities, encourages individual advancement, contributes to Idaho's economic growth, strengthens community prosperity, and develops leaders. The College of Western Idaho Practical Nursing Program educates future practitioners in Idaho and the field of nursing. A graduate of the PN Program will serve their clients in a variety of settings in the community through caring, excellence, and respect for diverse populations.

## WHY THIS PROGRAM

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This program will prepare you to become a licensed practical nurse by providing you with a combination of theory and laboratory instruction, as well as, clinical experience in the area's healthcare facilities. This program is approved by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and upon satisfactory completion of the program, you will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN exam. Upon passing this exam, you will be licensed to practice nursing as an LPN.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

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- Human flourishing is difficult to define, but can loosely be expressed as an effort to achieve self-actualization and fulfillment within the context of a larger community of individuals, each with a right to pursue his or her own such efforts.
- Critical thinking means identifying, evaluating, and using evidence to guide decision-making by means of logic and reasoning.
- Professional Identity involves the internalization of core values and perspectives recognized as integral to the art and science of nursing. These core values become self-evident as the nurse learns, gains experience, and grows in the profession.
- A Spirit of Inquiry is the persistent sense of curiosity that informs both learning and practice. A nurse infused by a spirit of inquiry will raise questions, challenge traditional and existing practices, and seek creative approaches to problems.

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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Practical Nursing - Intermediate Technical Certificate, 18 Months

Delivery Formats: In-Person

## CAREER INFORMATION

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Practical Nursing (Intermediate Certificate) recipients, upon passing the NCLEX-PN exam, are qualified to work as an LPN in any structured healthcare setting.

Those opportunities include:

- Rehabilitation centers
- Long-term care facilities
- Physician offices or clinics
- Home-health and/or any aspect of direct care for patients

## LOCATIONS

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Canyon County Center Canyon County Center  
2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651

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