



# ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## COURSE OUTLINE

**DIVISION:** Health Professions

**COURSE:** NUR 1220 Role of the LPN

Date: Summer 2024

Credit Hours: 1

*Complete all that apply or mark "None" where appropriate:*

Prerequisite(s): None

Enrollment by assessment or other measure?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

Corequisite(s): NUR 1221

Pre- or Corequisite(s): None

Consent of Instructor:  Yes  No

Delivery Method:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lecture</b>	<b>1 Contact Hours</b> (1 contact = 1 credit hour)
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Seminar</b>	<b>0 Contact Hours</b> (1 contact = 1 credit hour)
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lab</b>	<b>0 Contact Hours</b> (2-3 contact = 1 credit hour)
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Clinical</b>	<b>0 Contact Hours</b> (3 contact = 1 credit hour)

Offered:  **Fall**    **Spring**    **Summer**

### **CATALOG DESCRIPTION and IAI NUMBER (if applicable):**

The focus of this course is the understanding of the role and function of a Licensed Practical Nurse as it relates to the nursing process and leadership. Students are provided an opportunity to utilize critical thinking and communication skills in relation to the law, institutional policy, professional standards, and ethical behavior. The Illinois Nursing Act and ethical issues are discussed.

## **ACCREDITATION STATEMENTS AND COURSE NOTES:**

Any nursing student or pre-nursing student must attain a C in this course for it to be applied as credit in the IVCC's nursing program.

## **COURSE TOPICS AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Role of the Licensed Practical Nurse**

1. Components of the Illinois Nursing Act.
2. Disciplinary process and action.
3. Review the scope of practice for a Licensed Practical Nurse
4. Preparing for the NCLEX-PN exam.
5. Disaster preparedness in an institution.
6. Institutional policies
7. The nursing process, then and now.
8. Using the nursing process to develop a plan of care with the RN.
9. The Licensed Practical Nurse's role in leadership, teamwork, delegation, and conflict resolution.

### **Responsibilities of a Licensed Practical Nurse as a Professional**

1. Professional responsibilities of the Licensed Practical Nurse.
2. Differences in professional organizations.
3. Benefits of joining a professional organization.
4. Importance of continuing education.

### **Preparing for a job as a Licensed Practical Nurse**

1. Creating a cover letter and resume.
2. Preparing for an interview.
3. Choosing an organization for employment and career planning.
4. Networking on social media and the community.
5. Answering application questions.
6. Professional appearance, making a lasting impression.

### **Legal and ethical issues principles for the Licensed Practical Nurse**

1. Legal and ethical responsibilities in nursing.
2. Dealing with personal morals and values while caring diverse populations.
3. Principles of ethics.
4. End of life issues.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:**

Lecture

Online Discussion Board

Assigned Readings

Computer Aided Instruction

Online Videos

Written Assignments

Quizzes

## **EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

Evaluation methods used at the discretion of the instructor including:

1. Exams/Quizzes

2. Resume/Cover Letter
3. Written Assignments
4. Online Discussion Board Posts

**Grading Scale for Exams/Quizzes to be used:**

A=93-100

B=86-92

C=80-85

D=70-79

F=Below 70

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:**

**Textbooks**

Evolve 360

**Resources**

Evolve 360

**LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GOALS:**

**Institutional Learning Outcomes**

- 1) Communication – to communicate effectively.
- 2) Inquiry – to apply critical, logical, creative, aesthetic, or quantitative analytical reasoning to formulate a judgement or conclusion.
- 3) Social Consciousness – to understand what it means to be a socially conscious person, locally and globally.
- 4) Responsibility – to recognize how personal choices affect self and society.

**Course Outcomes and Competencies**

**1. Identify the role and function of the Licensed Practical Nurse in relation to the Illinois Nursing Act, institutional policies, and organizational standards.**

- 1.1. Define the scope of practice for the Licensed Practical Nurse as defined in the Illinois Nursing Act.
- 1.2. Discuss the Code for Nurses as the ethical framework for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.
- 1.3. Compare and contrast the role of the Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse as related to technical, professional, and higher level of cognitive skills.
- 1.4. Examine the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse as it relates to the nursing process.
- 1.5. Discuss how to prepare for the NCLEX-PN examination.
- 1.6. Discuss the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse as it relates to teamwork, leadership, delegation, and conflict resolution.
- 1.7. Explain the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse in disaster preparedness within a healthcare institution.

**2. Describe the responsibilities of the Licensed Practical Nurse as a professional**

- 2.1 Identify how to develop core areas of intellectual stimulation essential to be an effective leader.
- 2.2 Discuss the purpose of different nursing organizations.

- 2.3 Discuss the benefits and opportunities afforded by membership in the Practical Nursing Organization at the state and national level.
- 2.4 Explore methods to maintain competency through life-long learning opportunities.

**3. Examine methods to assist the Licensed Practical Nurse in choosing an organization that may fulfill career goals.**

- 3.1 Examine a job application and the requirements for completion of an application.
- 3.2 Describe the basic components of a resume and cover letter and be able to prepare a resume and a cover letter.
- 3.3 Describe the interview process.
- 3.4 Discuss the professional qualities of a Licensed Practical Nurse.

**4. Analyze the principles of legal, ethical, and professional accountability of Licensed Practical Nurses within the framework of the Nurse Practice Act.**

- 4.1 Identify ethical elements in the Illinois Nurse Practice Act.
- 4.2 Discuss how the Nurse's Code of Ethics may influence daily patient care.
- 4.3 Differentiate between ethical and legal responsibilities in nursing.
- 4.4 Explain the differences among ethics, morals, and values.