Summary of Program Information

Application Deadline

Rolling Admission

Start Date

August

Completion Date

June

Program Hours

Monday—Friday
5-10 (Evenings)
Plus, every other weekend
Two-day clinical's required

National League of Nursing Exam (NLN) $100.00

Call: Gina Cerbone 978-671-3646 or
Email: jcerbone@shawtech.org
set up an appointment

Affiliating Facilities

Care One Concord, Willow Brook Rehab and Health Care Center, Winchester SNF, Salter Care, Woburn Rehab and Nursing Ctr. Salter Care, Emerson Hospital

Fully Approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing Rev 3/12

Shawsheen Valley School of PN is Accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Educational

Program Hours

Term I (16 weeks)	**Hours**
Anatomy and Physiology (includes 16 hours of Medical Terminology)	48
Fundamentals of Nursing I Theory (includes 6 hours of microbiology) Simulated Laboratory Clinical	 86 55 130
Human Growth and Development	32
Nutrition	16
Pharmacology	48
Vocational Trends 1	16
Term 1: **Theory Hours: 246** **Simulated Lab: 55** **Clinical Hours: 130** **Total Term 1: 431**	
Term II (8 weeks)	
Mental Health Concepts: Theory 34 Mental Health Clinical: 10	44
Maternity and Pediatric Nursing Theory: 48 Clinical: 35 (Maternity 20/Pediatrics15)	83
Fundamentals of Nursing II Clinical 86	86
Total Term II hours: Theory: 82/ Clinical: 131 Total Term II 213	
Term III (16 weeks)	
Vocational Trends II Theory	16
Medical Surgical Nursing Theory: 108 Clinical including clinical simulation: 240	 348
Geriatric Nursing **Theory: 36 (included 10 hours of Dementia Training)** **Clinical: 66**	102

Total: Theory: 543,
Total Clinical: 567, Total scheduled hours: 1110
***Academic Passing grade is 75%**

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING

2026-2027

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This program is Rolling Admissions
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Philosophy

Nursing is recognized as an art and a science based on concepts, knowledge and clinical nursing care skills that are directed toward the promotion of health and the prevention of illness through communication and patient education.

Practical nursing education provides a formal program of scientific and theoretical information with concurrent clinical practice that is presented in a tiered learning approach. The program follows the normal sequence of human growth and development. The aging of our population requires that the curriculum place an emphasis on the older individual's physical, psychological, and social well-being, while assisting the individual to a dignified death or to live in a community with appropriate support systems.

The educational process is active, dynamic and takes a holistic approach, encompassing cultural, nutritional, pharmacological, and biopsychosocial human needs. Nursing education will describe, explain, explore, and predict individual human needs, needs of the family, and those of society. Nursing utilizes the nursing process, applied through critical thinking, to facilitate the wellness of individuals.

This practical nursing program is designed to respond to the emerging ever-growing integral role, helping to provide access to health care for people in their homes, hospitals, clinics, medical offices, extended health care facilities and long-term care facilities. Practical Nurses function within the standards of practice, demonstrating safe, competent, and legal/ethical practice.

Consistent with the philosophy of the institution, the practical nursing administration and faculty will work to create a climate in which students are motivated to maximize the use of their talents and abilities. The environment most conducive to learning is one in which the teacher and student share mutual respect, and where theory and clinical experiences are correlated and taught in a logical sequence. Practical nursing is an integral component of the nursing profession and provides a solid foundation for continuing nursing education as a continuum through articulation into professional nursing education programs. **Revised 9/2022**

Program Description

Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing is designed to provide eligibility for the graduate to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses) examination upon graduation. This program is offered over a 40-week period that follows the Shawsheen Valley Regional High School's calendar and is offered in an evening and weekend format. This course provides the theoretical framework, skills laboratory and clinical practices that enable the graduate nurse to work within the scope of the practical nurse in Massachusetts.

Admission Requirements

- Applicant must be at least 17 ½ years of age
  - Take the National League for Nursing PN Entrance examination and receive a minimum placement score of 50% in Reading and Math. Higher percentile scores will be given preference.
  - Take the timed Stanford Diagnostic Reading Comprehension scans test and receive a score of 25 out of 30 correct Rev 4/19
  - Complete the Math for Nurses test and receive a score of 80% or higher
  - Complete the Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing application
  - Complete the personal essay on the day of interview
  - Bring a Resume
  - Submit three letters of recommendation. It is recommended that at least two of the references are obtained by individuals who can evaluate your performance in the classroom or work environment.
  - Candidates must submit evidence of completion of a Secondary Education of one of the following documents, official high school transcripts or proof of receipt of a GED/ HiSET
  - Submit College transcripts (required from all colleges attended)
  - Applicants with transcripts from outside the United States must obtain written official documentation of transcripts showing high school graduation or equivalency from native country. Transcripts from outside the US may be translated by the Center for Educational Documentation in Boston 617-522-4738.
- Proof of Residence: Birth certificate with seal, green card with valid dates and/or Naturalization paperwork. We can only accept applicants with paperwork that will not expire during our school year.
- Initial application good for 2 years

Prior to the start of the program: students must provide evidence of good health by presenting the following: Health criteria:

a. Pre-entrance medical exam
b. Pre-entrance immunization records
c. Proof of health insurance

Non-Refundable seat deposit: $500.00

Tuition $13,000.00 (current) *Subject to change

Additional Fees $940.00((current)*Subject to change: **Include:** Activity/Lab Fee, Capping/Graduation Fee, Malpractice Insurance, and testing fee for "ATI, Lab supplies.

Payments to Various Vendors/Agencies

NCLEX Exam, Graduation Pictures (optional)
Application fee, Books, Uniforms, stethoscope, Blood pressure cuff, Watch (mandatory with second hand **$2,123.45**

***The above items are estimated and are subject to c hange.**

***"Shawsheen Regional Vocational School shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, military status, veterans, sexual orientation, gender, or genetic information.**

- Expect students to reach high academic and clinical achievement standards

Mission Statement

The Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing provides a formal program of scientific and theoretical information with concurrent clinical practice that focuses on multi-formity and holistic components across the lifespan. This will prepare the practical nursing student for a nursing profession while stressing the importance of continuing education throughout their career. Revised, 9/15/2022

Vision

We envision that the Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing will:

- Prepare students to respond to the emerging health care needs of the individual in a changing health care system
- Enable students to function within the Massachusetts standards of practice, demonstrating safe, competent, legal and ethical practice
- Employ highly qualified faculty that will create a climate in which students are motivated to maximize the use of their talents and abilities
- Foster an environment where critical thinking skills are developed
- Support community partnerships for the purpose of community service and integrating work experience with school programs
- Maintain a state-of-the-art facility that meets industry standards
- Practice sound and responsible fiscal management to provide appropriate resources for instruction