

# CURRICULUM STANDARD

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Fall 1998  
[1998\*03]

Curriculum Program Title **Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher (Certificate)** Code **C45390**  
Concentration **(not applicable)**

## *Curriculum Description*

The Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher curriculum provides a refresher course for individuals previously licensed as Practical Nurses and who are ineligible for reentry into nursing practice due to a lapse in licensure for five or more years. *Individuals entering this curriculum must have been previously licensed as a Practical Nurse.*

Course work includes common medical-surgical conditions and nursing approaches to their management, including mental health principles, pharmacological concepts, and safe clinical nursing practice.

Graduates will be eligible to apply for reinstatement of licensure by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community health agencies.

## *Curriculum Requirements\**

*[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]*

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	<b>AAS</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
<b>Total Semester Hours (SHC)</b>	<b>64-76</b>	<b>36-48</b>	<b>12-18</b>

*\*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

# Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (if applicable). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
<b>Minimum Major Hours Required</b>	<b>49 SHC</b>	<b>30 SHC</b>	<b>12 SHC</b>
<b>A. CORE</b>  <b>Required Courses:</b> None  <b>Required Subject Areas:</b> <b>LPN Refresher.</b> Select one option: NUR 105 Integrated LPN Refresher                      12 SHC <i>or</i>  NUR 106 Nonintegrated LPN Refresher              10 SHC & NUR 117 Pharmacology                                      2 SHC <i>or</i>  NUR 107 LPN Refresher                                      12 SHC			<b>12 SHC</b>
<b>B. CONCENTRATION</b> (Not applicable)			
<b>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS</b> <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i>  CIS  <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i>			