



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

ONE YEAR OPTION

900+ Clock Hour Programs – Practical Nursing

Background:

To provide another option for adult students to apply prior learning toward a degree, Ohio legislators established what has come to be known as the One-Year-Option through Section 363.120 House Bill 59 of the 130th General Assembly. The Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, was tasked to establish a One-Year Option credit articulation system in which graduates of Ohio's adult career-technical institutions who complete a 900-hour program of study AND obtain an industry-recognized credential approved by the Chancellor will be able to receive 30 technical semester credit hours toward a technical degree upon enrollment in a public institution of higher education. The Chancellor was also to recommend a process to award proportional semester credit hours for adult career-technical institution students who complete a program of study between 600 and 899 hours AND obtain an industry-recognized credential approved by the Chancellor. The Chancellor convened a broad group of stakeholders to develop a system of articulation for the One Year Option that was presented in a report to the legislature called, *"Getting to 30: Establishing a One Year Option Credit Articulation System for Ohio."*

In order to implement the system of articulation developed with the stakeholders as well as address accreditation requirements for degree granting institutions, the Chancellor convened Credit Affirmation Teams (CATs) to conduct a peer review of programs and certifications for affirmation for a block of 30 semester hours of technical credit. The CATs were comprised of faculty and administrators from Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) and an equal number from public degree granting colleges and universities in Ohio. The CATs were organized by four discipline clusters: Health and Allied Health, Building and Industrial Technology, Business and Information Technology, and Services. They were charged with reviewing the certifications and, if necessary, program content, to affirm that students completing the selected program at an Ohio Technical Center and earned approved certifications had demonstrated competencies equivalent to 30 semester hours of technical credit. This technical credit would then be granted, as a block, upon enrollment in a degree granting institution. Additional subject matter experts were consulted when core team members did not have sufficient content knowledge of the program being reviewed.

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Recommendation

As detailed in the attached template, the Health and Allied Health Credit Affirmation Team recommends that students will be eligible for a block of 30 semester hours of technical credit towards an *Associate of Technical Studies in Health and Allied Health Technology* when:

- the student has successfully completed a 900+ clock hour program in Practical Nursing at an Ohio Technical Center.

And currently holds the following credential:

- National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX- PN Licensed Practical Nurse

Please note this license must be current, valid, and in good standing.

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End of Comment Period: July 17, 2015 at 2:15 pm
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this pathway has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

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7/22/15

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Date

APPROVAL

John Carey

7/30/15

John Carey, Chancellor

Date

HP

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The Program Affirmation Template is designed to provide a common matrix for a peer review process acceptable to the Higher Learning Commission to soundly affirm award 30 semester hours of technical credit for Ohio Technical Center graduates who are eligible for the One Year Option. The template should be completed for every program/subject and signed by the co-chairs of each of the four cluster program areas for every Industry-recognized credential and program reviewed.

Please note: All Ohio Technical Centers must be accredited by one of the following: [Council on Occupational Education \(COE\)](#) and/or [Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges \(ACCSC\)](#).

Program Name: Practical Nursing	Cluster <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Information Technologies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health/Allied Health	
CIP Code: 51.3901	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Trades <input type="checkbox"/> Service Industries & Agriculture	
STEP ONE: CREDENTIAL REVIEW		
	Details/Explanation	Comments
Primary Industry Credential (if there are competing certifications complete page multiple times)	Name: National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX- PN Licensed Practical Nurse Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Registry <input type="checkbox"/> Certification	See website found here for more information.
Program requirements by credentialing body.	Practical Nursing programs require as specified in Rule 4723-5 of OAC that the Board of Nursing (BON) conducts an announced survey visit every 5 years for rule compliance. Full approval granted by the BON means that the program has continued to meet and comply with the requirements of Chapter 4723-5 of OAC. Licensure renewal occurs every 2 years and requires continuing education in the amount of 24 hours per renewal period. Given that continuing education is a foundational requirement for renewal, an individual with an active valid licensure would be determined eligible for receipt of the 30 semester hours of technical credit.	The test plan is developed using review and feedback of the practice analysis through expert opinion represented on the NCLEX Exam Committee of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), content staff and Board of Nursing Review. The test plan is then approved by the Delegate Assembly of the NCSBN prior to its implementation. Questions are developed by content experts, reviewed by content experts and vetted through statistical means to assure validity in measurement and level of

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		<p>difficulty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For information on the NCLEX-PN Test Plan, please see the “About the NCLEX-PN Test Section,” the “2014 NCLEX-PN Detailed Test Plan”, and the “Test Plan Structure” found here. • For information on the NCLEX – PN Test Development please see the “Introduction” section of the NCLEX- PN document found here.
<p>Hour Requirements (includes any instructional, lab/practice hours, or internship hours).</p>	<p>The Ohio Board of Nursing requires programs span a minimum length of thirty weeks of full-time study, including examination time.</p>	<p>The law and rule does not prescribe the number of program hours. As long as the program is meeting the core content as specified in law and rule, the program has the ability to assign the number of hours based on their program goals and curriculum objectives. http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4723-5-14</p>
<p>Competencies demonstrated by credential attainment.</p>	<p>Curriculum specified in Ohio Administrative Code 4723-5-14. NCLEX-PN is required for licensure for all practical nurses in Ohio.</p> <p>Licensed practical nurses (LPNs), or licensed vocational nurses (LVNs), care for the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. Most LPNs provide basic bedside care and take vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration.</p> <p>They also prepare and give injections and enemas, monitor catheters, apply dressings, treat bedsores, and give alcohol rubs and massages. LPNs monitor their patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments.</p> <p>They collect samples for testing; perform routine laboratory tests, feed patients, and record food and fluid intake and output. To help</p>	

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keep patients comfortable, LPNs assist with bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene.

In States where the law allows, they may administer prescribed medicines or start intravenous fluids. Some LPNs help deliver, care for, and feed infants. Experienced LPNs may supervise nursing assistants and aides.

In addition to providing routine bedside care, LPNs in nursing care facilities help evaluate residents' needs, develop care plans, and supervise the care provided by nursing aides. In doctors' offices and clinics, they also may make appointments, keep records, and perform other clerical duties. LPNs who work in private homes may prepare meals and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

Rationale:

All Practical Nursing Programs in Ohio are approved and regulated by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN). The Law and Rule for nursing education provides the standards, structure and guidance for administration and implementation of curriculums ensuring that essential competencies required for provision of safe care to individual or groups of individual across the life span are included.

These competencies give the program administrators and faculty common language to use and apply standards to determine levels of student proficiency. The educational quality of the learning experience and verification of competencies is further evaluated by successful completion of National Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). Successful completion of NCLEX-PN provides eligibility to obtain license through the OBN to practice nursing and to provide safe care to meet the health care needs of people in a variety of health care settings.

The following provides further foundation for the validity and reliability of the exam itself in measuring what it is intended to measure. Thus, providing assurance in the stated competency and foundation for safe practice. Our belief is that there is sound rationale for providing the credit:

- 1) Entry into the practice of nursing is regulated by the licensing authorities.
- 2) Each jurisdiction requires candidates for licensure to meet set requirements that include passing an examination that measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a new licensed, entry-level practical nurse.
- 3) Test Plan development for the licensure exam includes:
 - a. Practice analysis to collect data regarding the current practice of newly licensed entry-level practical nurses

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(sampling of 12,000 newly licensed nurses; questioned about frequency and priority of performing 160 nursing activities; analysis of frequency of task performance on impact on maintaining client safety and client care settings where the activities were performed) - done every 3 years.

- b. Analysis guides development of the framework of client needs which is then used to develop the Test Plan.
- c. Test items undergo an ongoing review for relevancy to current practice.
- d. Test items are developed, reviewed and revised by expert.
- e. Test items are vetted through statistical analysis for reliability and validity prior to their use as scored items
- f. Computerized Adaptive Formatting of the test provides statistical reliability in measuring the candidates' level of performance thus ensuring that the exam is measuring reliability the candidates' competency as they meeting the established standard for passing the exam.

Taking the reliability of the exam, rigor of the program, and the review of content, the Health Credit Affirmation Team believes that attaining the NCLEX-PN licensure following completion of a 900+ hour Ohio Technical Center Practical Nursing program to be equivalent to a block of 30 technical credits for the One-Year Option.

ONLY IF NECESSARY TO AFFIRM 30 CREDITS----STEP TWO: PROGRAM-RELATED COMPETENCIES OBTAINED OUTSIDE OF PRIMARY CREDENTIAL

	Details/Explanation	Comments
Additional related complementary credential(s) or badge(s) (e.g. OSHA 10, CPR).		
Competencies demonstrated by additional credential attainment.		
Description of additional program elements beyond primary credential.		
Program related competencies/learning		

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outcomes outside of credential(s). Include how competencies are demonstrated.			
Other Parameters of Competency.			
Related Programs as of Fall 2015:	Ohio Technical Center Akron City School District Alliance City School District Apollo Career Center Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center Auburn Career Center Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Canton City School District Choffin Career and Technical Center Collins Career Center Columbiana County Career and Technical Center Columbus City School District Cuyahoga Valley Career Center EHOVE Career Center Buckeye Hills/Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Career Center Knox County Career Center Miami Valley Career Technology Center Mid-East Career and Technology Center Pickaway-Ross Adult Center Pike County Career Technology Center Portage Lakes Career Center Salem City School District Sandusky City School District Scioto County Career Technical Center Toledo City School District Tri-Rivers Career Center	Program Name Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nurse Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nurse Practical Nursing Licensed Practical Nursing Practical Nursing	Clock Hours 1032 1422 1376 1500 1200 1400 1290 1400 1500 1275 1440 1200 1268 1382 1340 1352 1000 1270 1325 1300 1400 1210 1350 1409 1387

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Trumbull Career and Technical Center	Licensed Practical Nursing	1190
Upper Valley Career Center	Licensed Practical Nursing	1356
Wayne County Schools Career Center	Practical Nursing	1447
Willoughby-Eastlake City School District	Practical Nursing	912

Committee Members:

Name	Role	Institution
Chad Brown	Co-Chair	Zane State College
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OTHER COMMENTS.

AFFIRMED NUMBER OF TECHNICAL BLOCK CREDITS 30 semester hours

LENGTH OF TIME CREDENTIAL CAN BE USED FOR ONE-YEAR OPTION: Must have completed a 900+ hour Practical Nursing program at an Ohio Technical Center and hold a National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX- PN Licensed Practical Nurse License that is current, valid, and in good standing.

Co-chair signatures:



Chad Brown, Provost and Executive Vice President
 Zane State College



Kelly Darney, Adult Education Director
 Columbiana County Career & Technical Center

Date: 5/26/2015