

Sample Curriculum – Full Time (16 Months)

Semester I Fall – 16 Weeks (all courses occurring concurrently)

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Science Lab Hours	SON Clinical/Lab Hours	Total Credits Per Term
N120	LPN-RN Advanced Track Seminar	16	1 (1 Clinical)			45	9
	Anatomy and Physiology I *	16	4	45	45		
	Biomedical Ethics *	16	4	45			

Semester II Spring – 16 Weeks (all courses occurring concurrently)

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Science Lab Hours	SON Clinical/Lab Hours	Total Credits Per Term
N 201	Physiological Concepts of Nursing	16	10 (5 Theory; 5 Clinical)	75		225	18
	Anatomy and Physiology II*	16	4	45	45		
	Growth and Development*	16	4	45			

Semester III Summer – 16 Weeks (all courses occurring concurrently)

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Science Lab Hours	SON Clinical/Lab Hours	Total Credits Per Term
N 301	Complex Individual and Family Nursing Concepts	16	11 (6 Theory; 5 Clinical)	90		225	19
	Microbiology*	16	4	45	45		
	College Writing*	16	4	45			

Semester IV Fall – Two Consecutive 8-week Sessions (must pass first 8 weeks to move onto second)

	Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Science Lab Hours	SON Clinical/Lab Hours	Total Credits Per Term
First 8 weeks	N320	Advanced Nursing Concepts	8	7.5 (5 Theory; 2.5 Clinical)	75		112.5	7.5 1 st 8 weeks
Second 8 weeks	N 340	Transition Into Nursing Practice	8	5.5 (1.5 Theory; 4 Clinical)	22.5		180	7.5 2 nd 8 weeks
	N 360	NLCEx Prep Course	8	2 (2 Theory)	30			Total: 15

**These courses are delivered through our partner-Westminster College.*

LPN students receive 12 prior learning credits upon completion of N120. The exact schedule of the non-nursing courses may vary depending on the offerings provided at each UPMC SON and partnering university available.

CREDIT CALCULATIONS

1 Theory Credit = 15 Contact Hours

1 Clinical Credit = 45 Contact Hours

Total Weeks: 64 (4 Semesters)

Total Credits: 73 (49 Nursing/24 Support Courses)

Total Hours: 1485 (Theory: 562.5; Lab: 135; Clinical: 787.5)

Westminster College Courses

Westminster utilizes a semester hour as their standard unit of credit. A 4 semester hours course delivers 45 hours of instruction/semester. All science courses include 45 hours of theory /semester and an additional 45 hours/semester for lab.

Per the Pennsylvania Department of Education, a credit hour is a unit of measure, not necessarily an indicator or transferability of credit. The receiving institution decides whether to accept credits for transfer.