

**PARKLAND COLLEGE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM  
ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Students matriculating in and graduating from a Parkland College Licensed Practical Nursing health career program must be able to meet the Essential Requirements of the academic program and must not pose a threat to the health of patients, other students, staff, or themselves. As an incoming student you will need, at a minimum, the following types of skills and abilities and will need to maintain and demonstrate these abilities throughout the program.

Students are encouraged to discuss their specific academic needs with the course instructor/program director prior to beginning a course of study. Consultation between Accessibility Services, the student and the program director are encouraged in order to address concerns.

<b>Essential Qualifications Behaviors</b>	
<b>Cognitive</b>	<p>Comprehend and process information.                      Perform basic mathematic equations.                      Notice when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong.                      Concentrate and not be distracted while performing a task.                      Make decisions and solve problems in stressful situations.                      Ability to problem solve.                      Combine several pieces of information and draw conclusions.                      Use reasoning to discover answers to problems.                      Analyze ideas and use logic to determine their strengths and weaknesses.                      Identify problems and review information. Develop, review, and apply solutions.                      Make sense of information by studying it.                      Integrate information through critical thinking based on information gathered on patients during clinical sessions, and during class sessions that are applied to the nursing practice.                      Is responsible and accountable for their judgement, and can justify actions based on their knowledge.                      Maintains competencies skills learned.</p>
<b>Affective</b>	<p>Demonstrates a positive attitude, both verbal and non verbal                      Deals appropriately with cultural/racial diversity; does not engage in harassment or discrimination                      kind, is fair and just                      Has realistic expectations of self                      Does not engage in idle talk with classmates while instructor is teaching                      Respects the rights of others                      Is a team worker; is cooperative; is assertive and not aggressive                      Displays a patient care attitude seeks opportunities for continuous learning                      Displays mannerly behavior                      Practice with compassion and respect for inherent dignity, worth and uniqueness of each individual, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes, or nature of health problems.                      Demonstrates</p>



	<p>Maintain minimum cumulative grade average above 80% in tests and quizzes.</p> <p>Maintain client safety, client rights, and infection control principles at all times while clinical.</p> <p>Follow all course policies</p>
<b>Admission Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum GPA of 2.5</li> <li>• Current CNA or MOA</li> <li>• Place into MATH 98 as per catalog</li> <li>• Place into ENG 101</li> </ul>

If you have any concerns regarding these standards, please email [healthrecord@parkland.edu](mailto:healthrecord@parkland.edu)

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