

Indiana Commission for Higher Education  
Indiana Board for Proprietary Education

Out-of-State Institutions and  
In-State Proprietary Institutions Offering Instruction in Indiana  
with a Physical Presence in the State

**DEGREE APPLICATION**  
*(New or Renewal program)*

Use the <tab> key to advance to the next field, or select a field by clicking the cursor.

Name of Institution Harrison College (Indianapolis East and Fort Wayne)

Program name and  
Suggested CIP Code: Practical Nursing 51.1613

Level of Degree (AAS, AS, AA, BAS, BA, BS, MBA, MAS, MA, MS, Ph.D.) AAS

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Date the Form was Prepared August 19, 2016 Initial or Renewal  
(Revise date after any revision) Revised August 29, 2016

**I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: Describe what the program is designed to achieve and explain how it is structured in order to accomplish the objectives.**

The 15-month Practical Nursing Program is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for students to enter a challenging career in nursing. This high-quality education, provided by Registered Nurses and other highly skilled health care professionals, engage the student immediately beginning with nursing foundations, through clinical rotations, and finally a capstone course for NCLEX-PN examination review for state licensure (LPN). Employment opportunities include long-term care practice in nursing homes, hospitals, or rehabilitation centers, and acute care practice in hospitals, urgent care facilities, occupational care centers, or physician offices. Upon graduation, students receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree.

The mission of the Practical Nursing Program is to prepare student nurses for professional nursing practice in the state of Indiana. The program helps develop empathy and assists student nurses to express caring as a fundamental characteristic, which is vital to the nursing process.

The Practical Nursing Program promises to provide a learning environment that is responsive to the needs of a diverse student population and that stresses rigorous high quality education in caring, personalized atmosphere. Behaviors such as critical thinking, strong work ethic, patience, and reflection on experience are all integral parts and form a basis for the practice of professional nursing. This mission is congruent with the needs of all Indiana residents, which is to provide quality education, fulfill economic needs, help eliminate nursing deficits in healthcare, to provide cultural awareness, and to aid in the advancement for all citizens.



**GENERAL EDUCATION / LIBERAL ARTS COURSES:**

<b><u>Course Number</u></b>	<b><u>Course Title</u></b>	<b><u>Course Hours</u></b>
COM1050	Composition I	4
MAT1500	Introductory Algebra	4
PSY1060	Psychology	4
SCI2400	Principles of Nutrition	4

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Number of Credit/Clock Hrs. in Specialty Courses: 80 / 96 Percentage: 83.3%

Number of Credit/Clock Hrs. in General Courses: 16 / 96 Percentage: 16.7%

If applicable:

Number of Credit/Clock Hrs. in Liberal Arts:            /            Percentage:

### **III. LIBRARY: Please provide information pertaining to the library located in your institution.**

#### **1. Location of library; Hours of student access; Part-time, full-time librarian/staff:**

Indianapolis East

Location: The Library is located at the Harrison College - Indy East campus at 8150 Brookville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. All Harrison College students can also retrieve library resources and services from the Library website, accessible at all times from any web-connected computer. The Library website at <http://harrison.libguides.com/home/Library> features links to a materials catalog and the online resources.

Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM, and Friday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. In addition, live online librarian-staffed chat reference is available during normal business hours.

Staff: There is one full time librarian staffing the area. Students are also served by over 15 full-time professional librarians from other Harrison College campuses around the state who participate cooperatively in live chat and email reference, resource and collection development, and delivering instructional presentations.

Fort Wayne

Location: The Library is located on the campus at: 6413 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. All Harrison College students can also retrieve library resources and services from the Library website, accessible at all times from any web-connected computer. The Library website at <http://harrison.libguides.com/home/Library> features links to a materials catalog and the online resources.

Hours: The Library is fully staffed Monday - Thursday 8:15 AM - 5:30 PM, Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. In addition, live online librarian-staffed chat reference is available during normal business hours.

Staff: One full-time librarian is available in the Library with the assistance of one college work study student at 10-20 hours per week to cover lunches, meetings, or other times the librarian is out of the Library. Students are also served by over 15 full-time professional librarians from other Harrison College campuses around the state who participate cooperatively in live chat and email reference, resource and collection development, and delivering instructional presentations.

#### **2. Number of volumes of professional material:**

Indianapolis East

The physical collection represents over 850 titles, picked specifically to support the program areas offered locally. This collection includes both circulating and reference materials. In addition, the library offers direct access to over 134,000 ebooks.

Fort Wayne

The physical collection represents over 700 titles, picked specifically to support the program areas offered locally. This collection includes both circulating and reference materials. In addition, the Library offers direct access to over 134,000 ebooks.

#### **3. Number of professional periodicals subscribed to:**

Indianapolis East

The campus provides access to over 30,621 electronic journal titles from a number of vendors, in addition to subscribing to 30 print journals chosen to support the various program areas, to meet the general education requirements of this campus and to promote life-long learning.

Fort Wayne

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#### **4. Other library facilities in close geographical proximity for student access:**

Indianapolis East

There are five library facilities within close proximity for students. They are: the University of Indianapolis (8.8 miles), Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (9.3 miles), Indianapolis Central Library (8.6 miles), Warren Township Branch (5.0 miles) and the Franklin Road Branch (2.7 miles).

Fort Wayne

The Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne Library is located approximately 3.5 miles from campus. This library provides access as a state-funded institution to materials onsite.

The Allen County Public Library is located approximately 4.7 miles from campus. This library provides cards to any resident of Allen County. Materials are able to be utilized onsite by any.





**Supplementary Information on  
Licensure, Certification, and Accreditation**

Institution: Harrison College  
Degree Program: Practical Nursing  
Locations: Indianapolis East and Fort Wayne

**State Licensure**

Does a graduate of this program need to be licensed by the State to practice their profession in Indiana and if so, will this program prepare them for licensure? Yes and yes.

If so, please identify

The specific license(s) needed: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

The State agency issuing the license(s): Indiana State Board of Nursing

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**Professional Certification**

What are the professional certifications that exist for graduates of similar program(s)? N/A

Will a graduate of this program be prepared to obtain national professional certification(s) in order to find employment, or to have substantially better prospects for employment, in a related job in Indiana? N/A

If so, please identify

Each specific professional certification: N/A

The national organization issuing each certification: N/A

Please explain the rationale for choosing each professional certification: N/A

Please identify the single course or a sequence of courses that lead to each professional certification? N/A

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**Professional Industry Standards/Best Practices**

Does the program curriculum incorporate professional industry standard(s) and/or best practice(s)?  
Yes.

If so, please identify

The specific professional industry standard(s) and/or best practice(s):

The organization or agency, from which the professional industry standard(s) and/or best practice(s) emanate:

The curriculum utilized by MedTech for the LPN program is based on the Standards of Practice and Education Competencies of Graduates of Practice/Vocational Nursing programs as identified by the National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service. Student learning outcomes focus on providing safe and effective care, effective communication with clients and the healthcare team members, critical thinking and problem focused decision making within the scope of practice for the LPN and ability to demonstrate practical nursing knowledge and skills to respond to the needs of a diverse group of clients. Harrison College will continue to follow the same curriculum to teach out current transfer MedTech students, while simultaneously developing a new curriculum that will be submitted to the BPE and the Indiana State Board of Nursing for approval. The new curriculum will be based on Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies, and the National League of Nursing's Outcomes and Competencies for Graduates of Practical/Vocational.

Competencies of current program based on key concepts for best practices for a LPN

- Safety/quality
- Relationship centered care
- Teamwork
- Environment
- Knowledge and science
- Personal/professional development

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**Program Accreditation**

Does this program need specialized accreditation in order for a graduate to become licensed by the State or to earn a national professional certification, so graduates of this program can work in their profession or have substantially better prospects for employment? No.

If so, please identify the specialized accrediting agency: N/A

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**Transferability of Associate of Science Degrees**

Since CHE/BPE policy reserves the Associate of Science designation for associate degrees whose credits apply toward meeting the requirements of a related baccalaureate degree, please answer the following questions:

Does a graduate of this A.S. degree program have the option to apply all or almost all of the credits to a related baccalaureate degree at your institution? N/A

If so, please list the baccalaureate degree(s): N/A

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**Job Titles**

List specific job titles and broad job categories that would be appropriate for a graduate of this program:

Upon completion of the Practical Nursing degree program and NCLEX-PN examination for licensure, you can be prepared for LPN jobs in long-term care facilities, home health agencies, long term acute care (LTAC) facilities, rehabilitation centers, urgent care facilities, occupational care centers, physicians' offices or hospitals.