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Northwest Iowa Community College's Practical Nursing Program Recognized as the 4th Top LPN program in Iowa

Northwest Iowa Community College's Practical Nursing Program (the LPN program) has been recognized by PracticalNursing.org, a nursing advocacy organization, as the 4th top LPN program in Iowa. According to PracticalNursing.org website, "Nursing programs were assessed on several factors which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. We analyzed past and present first time NCLEX-PN "pass-rates" - weighted by year. You can learn more about the methodology used here: <https://www.practicalnursing.org/lvn-lpn-ranking-methodology>"

Deb Kleinwolterink, Director of Nursing Education, stated, "Last spring 100% of both of NCC's Practical Nursing & Associate Degree Nursing graduates passed their NCLEX State Board exams—which ALL nurses are required to pass to be able to practice as a nurse. Between all of our nursing programs NCC averages 150 nursing students on campus during any given semester. Our health programs are strong and our graduates typically stay in the area after graduation helping area community members. We are proud to be honored as the 4th ranked LPN program in Iowa by PracticalNursing.org."

PracticalNursing.org website stated, "Looking to enter the healthcare industry in Iowa? Becoming a licensed practical nurse (LPN) is a rewarding and promising career, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicting growth of nearly 12% for the industry through the year 2026. LPNs in Iowa earn an [average hourly wage](#) of \$19.57, which equates to a salary of roughly \$40,700 annually.

If you are a people person and enjoy caring for others, Practical Nursing could be the field for you. NCC's Practical Nursing program prepares you to provide comprehensive care for clients' physical and psychosocial needs. Nursing courses provide basic knowledge and skills in the medical-surgical, geriatric, maternity, pediatric, and mental health nursing areas. Courses also focus on care giving, communication, teaching, professional, and managerial roles. Local health facilities provide the opportunity to participate in supervised clinical/preceptor experience.

One of the best ways to figure out if a college is right for you is to schedule a campus visit. Register online at nwicc.edu and click the link in the box labeled Thunder Fridays. Upcoming Thunder Fridays are scheduled for: March 16, April 6, April 20, and May 4.

Top Ranked Iowa LPN Programs

1. Iowa Valley Community College District, Overall Score: 98.88
2. North Iowa Area Community College, Overall Score: 97.54
3. Iowa Central Community College, Overall Score: 96.72
4. Northwest Iowa Community College, Overall Score: 96.65
5. Southeastern Community College, Overall Score: 96.53

*For the full list go to <https://www.practicalnursing.org/lpn-programs/iowa#rankings>

NCC has been the recipient of several national awards over the past several years.

2016, 2014, 2012, 2011: NCC was recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Best 150 Community Colleges in the nation.

2018: Best Electrical Programs in the United States, *Schools.com*.

2017: Best Two Year College in the State of Iowa, *PayScale.com*; 4th Best Junior College for Getting a Job in the Nation and #1 in the State of Iowa, *Zippia.com*; NCC's Pharmacy Technician Program 2nd in the Nation, *TheBestColleges.org*. #11 Best Community Colleges in America, *Niche.com*; #2 in the State of Iowa Among all 2 Year Colleges, *LearnHowtoBecome.org*.

2016: 12th nationally for Premier National Online Associate Degree Program, *BestColleges.com*; Best Two Year College in Iowa, *BestColleges.com*.

2015 - 3rd Best Online College in the U.S., *BestColleges.com*; Top 45 Colleges in the Nation, *College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education*.

Quick facts about NCC:

- 11,500+ College Alumni since 1966, of which 8,000+ live in Iowa and 4,000+ live in Northwest Iowa
- 96% Placement Rate for College Alumni
- Many seamless transfer agreements with Colleges and Universities
- 50+ Programs of study including career & transfer and applied technology
- Have taught 800,000 + students through the Continuing Education and Workforce & Economic Development Departments
- 4 Housing complexes on campus

To find out more call 800-352-4907, email admissions@nwicc.edu, or visit our website at nwicc.edu. At NCC – Your Success is Our Story!