

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** PNE145

**Credits:** 1

**Course Title:** Trends in Practical Nursing

**Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)**

Studies the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse. Covers legal aspects, organizations, and opportunities in practical nursing. Assists students in preparation for employment. Prerequisites: PNE 141, 142, 143, and 173. Lecture 1 hour per week.

**General Course Purpose**

To assist the student in the transition from the role of student to licensed practical nurse. Includes role and responsibilities of the licensed practical nurse in the acute and long term care facilities.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

Prerequisites: PNE141, 142, 143 and 173

**Course Objectives**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Discuss basic standards of practice for the practical nurse including those of a legal, ethical and regulatory realm
- b. Discuss the basic tools of communication with respect to legal chart documentation and in professional communication with people of various cultural backgrounds.
- c. Identify the strategies that assist in the transition from student to graduate.
- d. Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in obtaining patient information, clinical decision-making and documentation relating to the basic management of patient information and regulatory mechanisms addressing patient information records
- e. Discuss the various health care delivery systems.
- f. Discuss the various ways and levels of skill and responsibility for promoting self-care activities for patients and families
- g. Define differences between leadership and management and the functions of each in your role as a licensed practical nurse.
- h. Discuss delegation as it relates to the role of the licensed practical nurse.
- i. Describe issues and trends in health care delivery.
- j. Discuss the process of obtaining employment in health care various health care settings.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- a. Health Care Delivery Systems
- b. Nursing and the Law and Ethics
- c. Nursing Leadership and Management
- d. Delegation
- e. Role Transition Including the Process of Obtaining Employment as an LPN

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** February 12, 2009