

East Arkansas Community College

Practical Nursing

Graduate Competencies

At the completion of the program the graduate will be able to:

1. Communicate with the patient, the patient's family, and other health care workers using therapeutic communication skills.
2. Utilize the Nursing Process to plan and give care to the patient throughout his/her lifespan.
3. Practice cultural differences when planning care for the patient.
4. Demonstrate basic knowledge and basic nursing skills to safely give care to patients.
5. Practice within the framework of the Nurse Practice Act for the Practical Nurse.
6. Seek out opportunities for increased knowledge to meet lifelong learning goals in the field of nursing.
7. Implement teaching based on identified learning needs of the patient.
8. Utilize knowledge gained to meet the communities nursing needs.
9. Delegate care to the nursing assistant.

■ **Approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; Fall 2002.**