PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS POLICY 2016-17

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Piedmont Community College and the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. Applicants are selected on the basis of their achievement potential through review of previous academic records, scores on required Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), and number of available seats in the program. Students are admitted to a new ADN cohort each fall. **The deadline for all required documents and testing is March 1 of the year prior to that fall. This includes all transcripts from other institutions and any attempts to receive credit by exam for any required course.**

In order for a student to be considered for admission to the ADN program, the applicant must complete Phases I and II below. **Students may not take the TEAS exam until Phase I is complete. Failure to complete any portion of the requirements may jeopardize admission to the program.**

For further information or questions, please contact Alisa Montgomery, Dean, Health Sciences and Human Services, at alisa.montgomery@piedmontcc.edu or 336.322.2213. PCC is also offering a new LPN to ADN option with an application deadline of October 15. For more information, contact the Dean.

**PHASE I: Application and Admission Process**

- Submit a completed application to Piedmont Community College
- Official transcripts from high school and all other colleges sent to PCC **by the application deadline of March 1.**
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the ADN program.
- Students will be required to show proficiency in math, reading and writing by:
  - Graduating from high school within 5 years of enrollment at the College with a 2.6 or greater un-weighted GPA and completion of 4 required high school math courses (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, plus one of the following: Advanced Functions and Modeling, Analytical Geometry, Calculus, AP Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Integrated Mathematics IV, Mindset, Pre-Calculus, Probability & Statistics, or Trigonometry)
  - Demonstrating reading, writing, and math proficiency on the SAT (500 on Reading OR Writing and 500 on Math) or ACT (18 on English OR 22 on Reading, and 22 on Math);
  - Taking the State Board approved placement test for math, reading, writing, and scoring at College-level; or
  - Providing evidence of previous attendance at an accredited college or university and has successfully completed college level courses in English and/or Math may be exempted from the admissions placement tests.

- Students must show computer proficiency by taking the College approved placement test and scoring at college-level, or provide evidence of completing a comparable college-level Computer Science course at an accredited college or university.

**Students who do not show proficiency in one or more of the areas (reading, writing, math, computer skills) must successfully complete the appropriate developmental courses before enrolling in college-level courses.**

- Complete developmental course work in Computer, English, Reading, and Mathematics unless the required proficiency tests show placement into CIS 110 and ENG 111. Students must take or place out of Developmental Math (DMA) 010-050.
- Complete one unit of general Chemistry and one unit of general Biology at or above the secondary school level with a grade of “C” or better, within **ten (10) years** of entrance date to the ADN program. High school biology, BIO 111, or 106 will meet the biology requirement. High school chemistry or CHM 131/131A or CHM 151 will meet the chemistry requirement. Equivalent courses may be taken at other accredited colleges.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher without rounding.
- Applicants are encouraged to enroll in non-nursing courses required in the ADN curriculum while awaiting admission to the nursing program. It is highly recommended that students complete BIO 168 and 169 prior to entering the nursing program. BIO 168 and 169 must be taken within five (5) years of entrance date to the ADN program. BIO 168 must be completed prior to starting the program but does not have to be completed prior to application to the program.

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• Any student who earns a “D” or “F” in any required course for the ADN program must repeat that course prior to entering the nursing program and earn a grade of “C” or better.

• Any Pre-Nursing student who earns two (2) “D’s” or two (2) “F’s” in any required course, or repeats any required course more than once may be denied admission into the nursing program.

PHASE II: TEAS Test, CNA Certification, and Program Application

• Upon completion of ALL Phase I requirements, students may apply to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills V (TEAS V). The TEAS cannot be taken until Phase I is completed and all required materials have been received in the Admissions Office. TEAS Validation forms are available in the Admissions office, the ADN Director’s office and online. Testing dates will be scheduled in January and February and will be posted by October 15 on the Director of Nursing Education’s office door, in Student Development, and online. It is the student’s responsibility to have the validation form completed and schedule a test date to take the test prior to the last scheduled day of testing. No extra tests will be given after the last scheduled date. Applicants who qualify for testing accommodations based on a disability, must request accommodations and notify the TEAS V testing proctor prior to taking the test.

• Complete the TEAS V test. To be eligible for admission, students must score at the ATI Academic Preparedness Category of Proficient, Exemplary, or Advanced. Applicants are allowed to test twice per academic year. Testing may be done at another facility provided the official test results are sent to PCC through ATI’s official reporting system. The testing fee is $55 and is non-refundable. Applicants are allowed 209 minutes to complete this computer-based test. The study guide for the TEAS may be purchased in the PCC bookstore or online at www.atitesting.com. The website also has online practice tests available for purchase. In addition, the study guide is available on reserve in PCC’s LRC.

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• Submit a program specific application (given out when the TEAS test is taken) by March 1. Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office. Students who take the TEAS at another facility must request an ADN application from the admissions office.

• Be CNA I certified prior to starting the ADN program. (Must be completed by the end of summer session prior to starting in the fall). Applicants must have successfully completed a North Carolina approved Certified Nurse Aide I program and be currently listed on the Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility. The Certified Nurse Aide I training program must include theory, lab, and clinical components. The applicant must provide a copy of the certificate of completion from an approved program. LPN’s will be exempt from this requirement.

• *Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement. CMA or EMT certification will not meet this requirement.

PHASE III: Selection Process and Notification of Admission Status

• Applicants who have met all entrance requirements and have submitted an application to the ADN program will be considered by the Nursing Admission Committee. Consideration will be based upon the point system in the table on the following page. Courses considered for points must be completed by the end of the previous fall semester.

• Notification will be sent by April 15 to those who completed the admission application. One of the following categories will be listed:
  ➢ Conditional acceptance (See Phase IV)
  ➢ Waiting List

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- Not accepted

- Applicants not accepted must reapply the following year if admission is still desired.
- BIO 168 must be completed prior to entering the ADN program.
- ACA 115 will be required the summer prior to admission into the program.

**Transfer students**

Students may request advanced placement in the ADN program if they have successfully completed NUR courses. In order to receive advanced placement, students will be given challenge exam(s) for each course previously completed and must score a 78% or higher.

### ADMISSIONS POINT SYSTEM

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*GPA is calculated based on all prerequisite and required courses for the nursing program.

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PHASE IV: Acceptance

- Students accepted to the ADN program must:
  - Return intent form to the Director, ADN Education by the required due date.
  - Attend a mandatory 1-day orientation program on the designated date.
  - Show satisfactory completion of physical and emotional health by the student’s primary care provider.
  - Show evidence of required immunizations and/or titers:
    - Hep B Series & titer (May sign waiver)
    - Varicella titer **required**
    - Tetanus (Within last 10 years)
    - MMR (As required by age)
    - Childhood immunizations
    - TB skin test (Within last 90 days)
  - Show evidence of current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification
  - Complete required criminal background check (CBC) and initial drug screening through the designated service provider at the student’s expense.

*Students admitted to the ADN program at PCC will submit to CBC and drug screening upon admission to the program and random drug screening as directed by affiliated clinical agencies. Information obtained from the background check is sent directly to clinical agencies from the CBC service provider and could jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the student’s inability to complete the program. The application for licensure examination with the North Carolina Board of Nursing contains questions as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony other than minor traffic violations. If the answer is “yes” the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. This question is asked because of the legal requirements for becoming a registered nurse in North Carolina. Similar requirements exist in other states.

The Nursing Practice Act, Article 9, Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina states that the North Carolina Board of Nursing may deny an application for licensure if the Board determines that the applicant:

- Has given false information or has withheld material information from the board in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing.
- Has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime which indicates that the nurse is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing or that the nurse has deceived or defrauded the public.
- Has a mental or physical disability or used any drug to a degree that interferes with his or her fitness to practice nursing.
- Engages in conduct that endangers the public health.
- Is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing by reason of deliberate or negligent acts or omissions regardless of whether actual injury to the patient is established.
- Engages in conduct that deceives, defrauds or harms the public in the course of professional activities or services.
- Has willfully violated any provision of the Article or of regulations enacted by the board.
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### FALL SEMESTER - FIRST YEAR
- Tuition Max.(IS): $1274.00
- Tuition (OS): 4,346.00
- Activity Fee: 20.00
- Technology Fee: 16.00
- Campus Access Fee: 20.00
- Student Liability Fee: 8.00
- Nursing Student Fee: 100.00
- Insurance: 1.25
- Uniforms, shoes, hose, lab coat, watch, etc.: 300.00
- Travel & Parking: 700.00
- Books: 900.00

### SUMMER SEMESTER - SECOND YEAR
- Tuition (IS): $608.00
- Tuition (OS): 2,144.00
- Activity Fee: 10.00
- Technology Fee: 10.00
- Campus Access Fee: 10.00
- Student Liability Fee: 8.00
- Nursing Student Fee: 100.00
- Insurance: 1.25
- Books: 195.00
- Travel & Parking: 350.00

### SPRING SEMESTER
- Tuition (IS): $1274.00
- Tuition (OS): 4,346.00
- Activity Fee: 20.00
- Technology Fee: 16.00
- Campus Access Fee: 20.00
- Student Liability Fee: 8.00
- Nursing Student Fee: 100.00
- Insurance: 1.25
- Travel & Parking: 700.00
- Books: 260.00

### FALL SEMESTER
- Tuition (IS): $988.00
- Tuition (OS): 3,484.00
- Activity Fee: 20.00
- Technology Fee: 16.00
- Campus Access Fee: 20.00
- Student Liability Fee: 8.00
- Nursing Student Fee: 100.00
- Insurance: 1.25
- Travel & Parking: 700.00
- Books: 400.00

### SPRING SEMESTER
- Tuition (IS): $988.00
- Tuition (OS): 3,484.00
- Activity Fee: 20.00
- Technology Fee: 16.00
- Campus Access Fee: 20.00
- Student Liability Fee: 8.00
- Nursing Student Fee: 100.00
- Insurance: 1.25
- Travel & Parking: 700.00
- Books: 137.00
- Graduation Fee: 35.00
- Nursing Pin: 50.00
- NCLEX Review Course: 350.00
- Background Check: 38.00
- *NCBON Application: 75.00
- *NCLEX Fee: 200.00
- (Pearson Professional Testing)

*Subject to change