



Practical Nursing (PN)

Admissions Information

Upon receiving initial approval from the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON), Piedmont Community College (PCC) started the Practical Nursing (PN) diploma program in the Spring of 2024.

General Information about the PN program

- **Three semester diploma program**
 - Program start: Spring semester each year
 - Anticipated graduation: Fall semester each year
- **Slots available**
 - There will be approximately 48 students admitted to each annual cohort

Prerequisites to Admissions

- **To be completed before applying to the PN program**
 - Apply to Piedmont Community College (PCC)
 - Submit official high school and college transcripts to PCC
 - Apply for Financial Aid
- **Meet course placement requirements by one of the following ways**
 - Provide proof of an unweighted high school GPA of 2.8 or higher
 - Transfer college credit for English and Math
 - Provide proof of completion of an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
 - Provide proof of satisfactory scored on ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET, NCDAP, COMPASS, ASSET or ACCUPLACER
 - Demonstrate mastery on RISE English placement test 2 and RISE Math placement test; or successfully complete ENG 002 through Tier 2 and MAT 003 through Tier 1

General Education Requirements

- **ENG 111: Writing and Inquiry** (3 credits)
- **MAT 110: Math Measurement and Literacy** (or higher-level equivalency) (3 credits)
- **PSY 150: General Psychology** (3 credits)
- **BIO 163: Basic Anatomy and Physiology***(5 credits) *BIO must be completed prior to admissions.*
 - **Note: Students considering pursuing additional nursing degrees are strongly encouraged to take BIO 168: Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits) and BIO 169: Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits) (with a grade of "C" or higher)*

Applying to the PCC PN Program

- Admission to the PN program is based, in part, on the allocation of quality points as listed below:
 - **Grade in BIO 163 or BIO 168 and 169:**
 - A = 20 points
 - B = 15 points
 - C = 10 points
 - **Grade in ENG 111**
 - A = 12 points
 - B = 9 points
 - C = 6 points
 - **Grade in PSY 150**
 - A = 12 points
 - B = 9 points
 - C = 6 points
 - **Grade in MAT 110**
 - A = 12 points
 - B = 9 points
 - C = 6 points
 - **Resident status**
 - Caswell County = 5 points
 - Person County = 5 points



Maximum Total Points = 61

Program Core Course Information

Note: The following PN core courses can only be taken once officially admitted into the PN program.

- **Spring: NUR 101: Practical Nursing I (11 credits)**
- **Summer: NUR 102: Practical Nursing II (10 credits)**
- **Fall: NUR 103: Practical Nursing III (9 credits)**

Timelines for Admission

Complete application packets must be submitted to the PCC Admission department no later than **September 1**. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by **October 15**. Applying does not guarantee admission. Returning students must reapply and will follow the current plan of study if the readmission is approved.

Contact Information

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