



# Nursing

## PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSIONS POLICY

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Piedmont Community College's Practical Nursing (PN) Program is a full-time, three-semester curriculum that prepares the student for a career in Nursing. The PN curriculum provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

### ARE YOU READY?

Being a nurse involves decisions that will impact the lives of others. Nursing education programs are rigorous, content intensive, and comprehensive. Potential students should be aware of the demands and individual characteristics needed to be most successful in a nursing education program. The following list describes other important individual characteristics, in addition to self-efficacy, required of students to thrive in a nursing education program:

- Keen **observation, critical thinking,** and **clinical judgement** skills to guide legal, ethical, safe, and professional decisions.
- Verbal and non-verbal **communication** skills to effectively interact in all situations with other faculty, students, patients, families, and other health care workers.
- **Flexible schedule** to meet the class and clinical requirements, including several non-credit hours to prepare for class, clinical, examinations, simulation experiences, and other assignments.
- Reading comprehension to synthesize large quantities of information. Nursing education programs **require a large amount of reading**, and furthermore, understanding of what is being read.
- The **ability to conform to** group, social, and professional **"norms"** or expectations regarding appearance and behavior.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are provisionally admitted under the admission policies of PCC and the PN Program. A new PN cohort starts each Spring, and applicants are selected based on their achievement potential through review of previous academic records, allocation of quality admission points, and number of available seats in the program. **The deadline for all required documents is September 1 prior to the Spring semester. This includes all transcripts from other institutions and any attempts to receive credit by exam for any required course.**

For a student to be considered for admission to the PN program, the applicant must complete an application to the College as well as the online application to the PN program. Failure to complete any portion of the requirements may jeopardize admission to the program.

For further information or questions, please contact Dr. Darrick Woods, Dean/Director of PCC Nursing Programs at [Darrick.Woods@piedmontcc.edu](mailto:Darrick.Woods@piedmontcc.edu) or 336.322.2219 or visit <http://www.piedmontcc.edu/nursing>.

## **PHASE I: Application and Admission Eligibility**

- Submit a completed application to PCC by visiting [www.piedmontcc.edu/admissions](http://www.piedmontcc.edu/admissions)
- Official transcripts from high school and all other colleges sent to PCC **by the application deadline of September 1st**. 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 placing into ENG 111 and MAT 110 without the co-requisite.
- Applicants are encouraged to complete required general education courses while awaiting admission to the nursing program.
- Any applicant who earns a “D” or “F” in a **required course** for the ADN program must repeat it **prior** to entering the nursing program and earn a grade of “C” or better.

## **PHASE II: Selection Process and Notification of Admission Status**

- Applicants who have met all entrance requirements 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 Summer semester.
- Notification will be sent by **October 15** (for Spring admissions) to those who completed the admission process. Applicants will receive one of the following letters from the Admissions Committee:
  - Conditional Acceptance Notice (See Phase III)
  - Waiting List Notice
  - Not accepted – Low Admissions Quality Points scores or Low GPA Notice
- Applicants not accepted must reapply the following year if admission is still desired.

## **PHASE III: Acceptance**

- Students accepted to the PN program must:
  - Return intent form to the Dean/Director, PCC Nursing Programs by the required due date.
  - Show evidence of current American Heart Association (AHA) Healthcare Provider CPR certification
  - Attend a Mandatory Orientation 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:
    - Annual COVID-19 & Influenza vaccines
    - MMR & Varicella (2 doses or titer)
    - Tetanus/Diphtheria (Tdap) (Within last 10 years)
    - Hep B Series & titer (3 doses or titer - May sign waiver)
    - Tuberculosis PPD skin test (Annual – 2-step required if no documentation within last year)
  - Complete required criminal background check (CBC) and initial drug screening through the designated service provider at the student’s expense.

## **Transfer Students**

Students who have successfully completed nursing (NUR) courses at another approved nursing education program may apply for consideration of advanced placement into the ADN program. Advanced placement is not routinely available and is contingent upon program capacity, curriculum alignment, clinical placement availability, and approval by the Nursing Admissions Committee. Students seeking advanced placement must score at least 80% on the corresponding challenge examination(s) for each nursing course for which credit is requested. Meeting challenge examination requirements does not guarantee admission or advanced placement.

## Nursing Programs Readmission Policy

Effective July 1, 2026, any student who is academically ineligible to continue in the PCC ADN or PN programs may apply for readmission by the respective March 1 or September 1 deadline. Students who are ineligible to continue in the nursing program may meet with the Dean/Director or designee to discuss factors that may have contributed to unsuccessful progression and to develop an action plan to support future academic success should the student seek to apply for readmission.

Students who successfully completed prior NUR courses may be considered for reentry into the course in which they were academically unsuccessful, contingent upon curriculum sequencing, clinical placement availability, and Nursing Admissions Committee approval. To promote student success and strengthen foundational knowledge, faculty may recommend that a student repeat previously completed nursing coursework prior to reentry into the program. The final decision regarding acceptance of this recommendation remains with the student.

Applicants seeking readmission must meet the admission and progression standards in effect for the cohort to which they are seeking readmission and must satisfy all current nursing programs requirements.

Readmission decisions are made on a case-by-case basis through review by the Nursing Admissions Committee and are dependent upon available space and program resources. In evaluating readmission requests, the committee may consider factors including, but not limited to:

- Circumstances contributing to the student's unsuccessful attempt
- Overall academic performance
- Clinical performance and professional conduct
- Evidence of academic remediation and preparedness upon return

The Nursing Admissions Committee carefully reviews each application individually and reserves the discretion to determine whether readmission is appropriate based on the student's readiness for successful progression, available program resources, and the standards necessary to support student success and safe nursing practice.

All readmission policies and procedures will be published and maintained in accordance with applicable North Carolina Board of Nursing regulations and institutional requirements to ensure accurate, consistent, and publicly accessible communication to applicants and students.

### ADMISSIONS POINT SYSTEM

Admission to the PN program is based, in part, on the allocation of quality points as listed below:

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| ➤ <b>Grade in BIO 163</b>   | or | <b>*BIO 168 and BIO 169</b>                 |
| ▪ A = 20 points   |    | A = 10 points    A = 10 points              |
| ▪ B = 15 points   |    | B = 7.5 points    B = 7.5 points            |
| <i>(Note: *Must have both BIO 168 and 169 if using this option)</i> |    |   |
| ➤ <b>Grade in ENG 111</b>   |    | ➤ <b>Grade in MAT 110 (or higher-level)</b> |
| ▪ A = 12 points   |    | ▪ A = 12 points                             |
| ▪ B = 6 points  |    | ▪ B = 6 points                              |
| ▪ C = 3 points  |    | ▪ C = 3 points                              |
| ➤ <b>Grade in PSY 150</b>   |    | ➤ <b>Resident Status</b>                    |
| ▪ A = 12 points   |    | ▪ Caswell County = 9 points                 |
| ▪ B = 6 points  |    | ▪ Person County = 9 points                  |
| ▪ C = 3 points  |    |   |

**Maximum Total Points = 65 points**

## CURRICULUM PLAN

# Practical Nursing (D45660) Diploma Program Guide

**Admissions:** The PN program has a competitive admissions process. For more information on the admissions process, see the PN Program page.

### Program Notes:

- The NUR courses in the PN program must be taken in the sequence laid out in the semester plan. Students must achieve a final grade of 80 (B) and a satisfactory in clinical to progress to the next course.
- Biology Options (take one of the following):
  - Take BIO 163 Basic Anatomy & The Physiology (the minimum requirement for Anatomy and Physiology, recommended for students who plan to complete only the Practical Nursing diploma) **OR**
  - Take BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I **AND** BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II (recommended for students who plan to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing and other Health Technologies programs or who hope to complete a four-year baccalaureate degree)

**Financial Aid Eligibility:** Yes

Course #	Course Name	Credit Hrs.	Term Offered	Term Completed	Grade
<b>Prior to Enrollment</b>					
BIO*	Anatomy and Physiology	4-5	F, S, SU		
<b>Semester Totals:</b>		4-5			
<b>Spring Semester</b>					
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3	F, S, SU		
BIO 169*	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	F, S, SU		
NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	11	S		
<b>Semester Totals:</b>		14-18			
<b>Summer Semester</b>					
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	F, S, SU		
NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	10	SU		
<b>Semester Totals:</b>		13			
<b>Fall Semester</b>					
NUR 103	Practical Nursing III	9	F		
XXX	Mathematics Elective	3	See List		
<b>Semester Totals:</b>		12			
<b>Program Totals:</b>		43-48			

Course #	Course Name	Credit Hrs.	Term Offered
<b>Mathematics Elective: Choose 1</b>			
MAT 110	Math Measurement & Literacy	3	F, S
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3	F, S, SU
MAT 152	Statistical Methods	4	F, S, SU
MAT 171	Pre-Calc Algebra	4	F, S, SU

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