

Pulaski Technical College Practical Nursing

Student Selection Policies

The Practical Nursing Program at Pulaski Technical College is accredited by the Arkansas Board of Nursing. The Traditional Track is an eleven month certificate program beginning in August and ending in June of each year. The Nontraditional Track is a twenty-two month certificate program beginning in August of each even year and ending in June of the second school year.

After graduation, students are eligible to apply for the state licensure examination. Classroom instruction is supplemented with clinical experiences in area hospitals. Specific course requirements may be found in the PTC catalog. Acceptance into the PTC-Practical Nursing program is highly competitive with 40 positions each year for the Traditional Track and 10 positions every other year for the Nontraditional Track.

A student must be 18 years of age and a high school graduate or have passed the GED test to apply. Students must complete a criminal background check and the background check must be clear before official enrollment in the program will occur. Students are subject to drug screenings throughout their enrollment in the program.

Students who speak English as a second language are required to pass the TOEFL examination before being accepted to the program. The following level of skill(s) are required: Reading/ Intermediate or above, Listening/ Intermediate or above, Speaking/ fair or above and Writing/ fair or above.

PN Admissions Criteria:

Practical Nursing Students will be selected for enrollment by a point system, based on the following criteria: TEAS scores, advanced coursework, and medical certifications.
(Application deadline is April 15 for the following fall).

• **Pre-Requisites:**

The following **prerequisite courses are required** for admission to the 11 month full time *Traditional Track* and for the 22 month part time *Nontraditional Track*.

Applicants must have completed prerequisite courses with a “C” or higher from an accredited college. *Prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester before the fall term begins.*

BIOL 1402. Human Anatomy and Physiology I*

BIOL 1403. Human Anatomy and Physiology II

HLSC 2300. Nutrition

*BIOL 1401. Biological Science is a pre-requisite for BIOL 1402& 1403 at PTC

Note: Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Registrar's Office and added to the permanent record for students enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Credits earned at another college will be transferred to PTC if the institution is regionally accredited or is an Arkansas state-approved institution. Credits earned at other institutions will not be calculated in the grade-point average at PTC. Grades of A, B or C are transferable. Grades of D or F are not transferable.

- **Education points:**

Official college transcripts must be included in the PN admission packet showing a grade of "C" or better to receive points.

One (1) point may be earned for each course listed below:

ENGL 1311 English Composition I
ENGL 1312 English Composition II
CIS 1103 Computer Concepts
PSYC 2300 Psychology and the Human Experience
SOC 2300 Introduction to Sociology
COLL 1300 College Seminar: A Pathway to Excellence or COLL 1302 Career Seminar (Use to get a point for either of these courses)
DEVE 0336 Elementary Algebra
DEVE 0338 Intermediate algebra

Two (2) points may be earned for each course listed below:

BIOL 1401 Biological Science
BIOL 2401 Microbiology
MATH 1302 College Algebra
CHEM 1403 Fundamental Chemistry I or CHEM 1405 General Chemistry (They use to only get points for the CHEM 1403 course.)

- **Certification Points:**

The applicant may receive points for having current certifications in one or more of the following areas. **Proof of current certification is required.**

Certified Nursing Assistant (1 point)
Medical Assistant (2 points)
EMT (2 points)
Paramedic (2 points)
Military Trained Medic (2)

Official transcripts and certifications are required from each certification course, college or university attended.

Note: Applicants are required to score 50% or above on both the Math & Reading sections of the TEAS to be eligible for acceptance to the program.

- **TEAS Score Points:**

Reading:

90%-100% (15)

80%-89% (10)

70%-79% (5)

60%-69% (4)

50%-59% (3)

Math:

90%-100% (15)

80%-89% (10)

70%-79% (5)

60%-69% (4)

50%-59% (3)

Science:

90%-100% (15)

80%-89% (10)

70%-79% (5)

60%-69% (4)

50%-59% (3)

English:

90%-100% (15)

80%-89% (10)

70%-79% (5)

60%-69% (4)

50%-59% (3)

If for any reason the first 40-50 students selected do not return in writing intent to register for the fall term and complete all admission requirements in the time allotted, alternates having met admission criteria in the time allotted are contacted using the same point system, in order from the highest points earned.

If not accepted, a student may request admission for the following year by submitting a Request for Practical Nursing Admission. The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) may be retaken or scores from the previous year may be used. The points received plus any additional points earned will be used to rank them in the group of applicants for that year.

Special Admissions Requirements:

- Students that have not successfully completed the program after two (2) attempts will be denied re-admission for a third attempt.
- Students are admitted to the Practical Nursing Program contingent on passing a criminal background check done through MyBackground Check.com. *Note: Passing means specifically no convictions whether misdemeanor or felony and no charges pending.*
- Students admitted to the Practical Nursing Program are required to submit the following health records during registration and orientation to the program.
 - *PPD Tuberculin Skin Testing within the past twelve months
 - *Hepatitis B vaccination records (a series of 3 injections). Students that have not completed the HBV series before admission will begin the series before beginning clinical rotations.

PN Re-admission Criteria:

Students admitted to the program that fail the program or drop may request re-admission the following year by completing the Request for Practical Nursing Admission for that year. Students requesting re-admission will be ranked in the group of applicants using the same point system as all other applicants. The determination whether the student will be required to repeat the entire program or admission of the student into a subsequent semester will be made by the Program Director. Students admitted into subsequent semesters are required to pass NLN exams on previously completed semesters before re-admission.

Transfer Student Criteria:

Transfer students from other nursing schools are considered on a case-by-case basis. All admission requirements and passing NLN exam scores are required before credit for any previous nursing courses is given. *Students that have been out of nursing school for more than two years may not transfer and are required to enter at beginning of the program and meet all admission requirements.* All course credit and clock hour requirements must match PTC, PN Program requirements and curriculum plan.

Advanced placement:

There is *no advanced placement* into the PN Program at Pulaski Tech Coll.

PRACTICAL NURSING APPLICATION PROCESS

ALL STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Complete an **on-line application** for admission to Pulaski Technical College noting PRACTICAL NURSING as the program of preference. **Admission to the college does not constitute admission to the Practical Nursing Program.**
2. Select one of the following by completing the **Request for Practical Nursing Admission:**
 - a. The Traditional Track – an eleven month certificate program beginning in August and ending in June of each year.
 - b. The Nontraditional Track – a twenty-two month certificate program beginning in August of each even year and ending in June of the second school year.
3. Must be 18 years of age
4. Submit a high school or GED transcript (even if you are a college transfer student)
5. Submit any transferring college transcripts, if applicable
6. Provide proof of two immunizations against measles and rubella as mandated by Arkansas state law
7. Must have completed all 11 semester hours of the General Education prerequisite courses for entry into the Traditional or Nontraditional Tracks of the Practical Nursing Program.
8. First-time entering students are required to take the **COMPASS** test.
9. Pay the \$30.00 fee for the **TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)** and complete the test. TEAS scores used for entrance into the program will be no more than two years old.
10. Provide a copy of ALL medical certifications and corresponding transcripts.
11. Prior to enrollment, must provide a criminal background check from a PTC approved agency with passing, clear in all areas results (meaning specifically no convictions whether misdemeanor or felony and no charges pending).

All the above documentation MUST be submitted by April 15 of the application year for a student to be considered for acceptance into the fall class.