

Practical Nursing

Selective Admissions Process

Application Dates May 2, 2011 through January 31, 2012
(**Excluding** New Student Registration dates of May 17, June 22, July 25, November 9, and November 22; the week of fall registration, August 17-23, and the week of spring registration January 2-10.)

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to children and adults.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices. The Practical Nursing program is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Application Process

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the deadline. Nursing deadlines apply equally to all applicants.

The following steps must be completed by January 31, 2012 (see excluded dates listed above).

Students must:

1. Complete the RCC Application for Admission.
2. Complete the ACCUPLACER Assessment, if required by the Office of Admissions, and meet minimum required cut scores.

1.	Reading	Standard score 80
2.	Sentence Skills	Standard score 86
3.	Arithmetic	Standard score 55
4.	Algebra	Standard score 55

Applicants who fail to meet minimum scores on the ACCUPLACER may retest a maximum of two times in a 12-month period.

(The two retests refer to either part or complete testing. If indicated levels are not achieved, the required developmental courses will need to be taken and completed with a "C" or better.)

3. Request official high school transcript or GED scores be sent to the Office of Admissions.
4. Request official transcripts from all colleges and schools attended since high school be sent to the Office of Admissions.
5. Meet with a counselor to complete RCC Health Sciences Review Form.

Nursing Selection Process

The point system was implemented as an objective means for evaluating nursing applicants. An applicant's total point count is combined from the following:

- Selected high school classes or GED total score
- Selected curriculum classes
- Allied Health I
- Allied Health II
- Nursing Assistant I
- Nursing Assistant II
- EMT
- Previous diplomas and/or degrees

(See Explanation of Points for fall 2012 for more detailed information.)

The points are used to rank applicants for the purpose of selection into the program. In the event that applicants have identical total admission points, the person with the earliest file completion date will be ranked higher. If the points are still identical, the person with the highest grade in BIO 163 will be ranked higher. Should candidates still be tied, the applicant with the highest grade in PSY 150 will be ranked higher. If the candidates are still tied, then the candidates' GPA for courses required in the LPN curriculum will be used to break the tie.

The deadline for applications including receipt of all transcripts and record of adequate test scores is January 31, assuming that the desired admission date is the fall semester following the application deadline. Applicants will be notified of admission status by May 31.