



Registered Nurse

Purpose:

The nursing major prepares selected students to qualify as practitioners of technical nursing in a variety of health service facilities. After successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Exam-Registered Nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Occupational Objectives:

Employment opportunities for the registered nurse include staff positions in hospitals, long term care facilities, health departments, physicians' offices, clinics, schools, industry, correctional facilities, travel agencies, home health care agencies and the military.



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Linda Wallace, Associate Professor of Nursing at PHCC, earned A Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Averett University, an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from Jefferson College of Health Sciences, a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Radford University, and a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

Patrick Henry Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the associate degree.

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Opportunities:

Registered nurses are the largest healthcare occupation holding about 2.9 million jobs in the United States in 2016. A nurse can earn a competitive salary and specialize in areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, emergency medicine, critical care, etc. Students can work as registered nurses with excellent salaries while they continue their education towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. With additional advanced education, registered nurses can become independent clinical specialists: nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, or nurse practitioners. The median annual wage for registered nurses was \$70,000 in May 2017.

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow by 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by technological advances in patient care, which permit a greater number of health problems to be treated, and by an increasing emphasis on preventive care. In addition, the number of older people, who are much more likely than younger people to need nursing care, is projected to grow rapidly.

Other federal projections indicate the U.S. nursing shortage will grow. Even as health care continues to shift beyond the hospital to more community-based primary care and other outpatient sites, federal projections say the rising complexity of acute care will see a

demand for RNs in hospitals climb by the year 2022. *Information obtained from the United States Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Occupational Outlook Handbook 2017-2018 Edition

Admission Requirements:

Interested students must meet the pre-application and pre-requisite requirement prior to applying to the program.

1. Be accepted as a student to PHCC.
2. Be a high school graduate or a GED recipient.
3. Complete the Virginia Placement Test, if no prior college course work in English & Math. If scores indicate, the applicant will be required to successfully complete developmental courses. (ENG 111 placement & Math Modules 1 – 5)
4. Complete 2 units of high school science (biology & chemistry) with no grade below a "C." Deficiencies can be made up through approved college courses.
5. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in recent course work.
6. Pre-requisite courses must be in progress or previously completed at the time of nursing program application submission. These courses include: BIO 141, CST 110, PSY 230, ENG 111, & SDV 108

For more information visit the Patrick Henry website www.patrickhenry.edu or contact Amy Webster, Program Head for Nursing/Health Sciences at (276)656-0297 awebster@patrickhenry.edu

Nursing Application:

Interested students may submit a nursing application during the *specific* application period. Typically, there is an application period each fall and spring semester for the cohort that will begin their core nursing classes the following semester. Applications and application time periods are posted on the PHCC website:

www.patrickhenry.edu/healthcareers or in the Nursing & Health Sciences office (Philpott 123).

Pre-RN Admission Exam:

The nursing pre-admission test is the final step in the application process. After the application period is over, the application file will be reviewed to verify that pre-application and pre-requisite requirements have been met. The applicant will be contacted in writing by the Nursing Office to be scheduled for the nursing pre-admission test. The Kaplan exam or equivalent will be administered.

Special Notes:

The RN program has limited seating and is a competitive entry program. When there are more qualified applicants than seats available priority admission will be granted to residents of Martinsville, Henry County and Patrick County.