



## Practical Nursing Certificate

Advising Sheet

**NEXT APPLICATION PERIOD:**

**February 10 - 14**

### STEP ONE: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the Practical Nursing program admission requirements and be accepted into the program prior to enrollment in PNE courses. Students are assigned to the Health Technology – Pre-Nursing Certificate until admitted into & start clinical nursing courses.

- Current P&HCC student application
- Evidence of High School Graduation or GED; High School Seniors may apply  
*Official copies of high school and college transcripts must be provided to the Admissions Office ([admissions@patrickhenry.edu](mailto:admissions@patrickhenry.edu)).*
- Evidence of one High School College Prep Level Science with a grade of **C** or higher; or college equivalent Biology (BIO 101/102) **or** Chemistry (CHM 110/101/05/111) Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence of high school algebra I and II with a grade of C or higher. If five years have passed since high school completion and no history of college level math course MTH 154 or higher with a grade of C or higher, students must successfully complete MDE 10 prior to applying to the program. (If a student has successfully completed MTE 1-5 in the last five years, MDE 10 is not required). *Deficiencies must be completed prior to submitting program application.*  
\_\_\_ MTE: 1 2 3 4 5 \_\_\_ MDE 10 \_\_\_ HS Alg. 1 & 2 with C or higher (HS courses must be < 5 years old)
- Student placement in ENG 111 or ENG 111/EDE 11. *Deficiencies must be completed prior to submitting program application.*
- Student has attended a Nursing Information Session prior to application submission. **The attendance date may be no longer than 6 months from the application period.**
- Students must demonstrate computer competency equivalent to ITE 101 by either:  
(1) Taking the class or (2) Testing out of the class for competency not credit\*  
\*Please note: If student elects to test out, they will not receive college credit for the class.  
To test out please contact Tracy Fields at: (276)656-0218 or [tfields@patrickhenry.edu](mailto:tfields@patrickhenry.edu), Office West Hall Room 231
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (College GPA supersedes High School GPA)  
Current College GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Current High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP TWO: APPLY TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

- After completing the admission requirements above, submit a practical nursing application during the published application period. The next application period will be **February 10-14, 2025** for the class beginning May, 2025. Applications for the PN program must be completed on the P&HCC website during the designated application period. The application will be considered incomplete without required official transcripts being submitted to the Admissions Office ([admissions@patrickhenry.edu](mailto:admissions@patrickhenry.edu)).

### AFTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Completed applications will be processed following the posted application deadline and *qualified applicants* will be invited to take the timed admission test.  
**\*Qualified applicants are those that meet STEP ONE and STEP TWO as outlined above.**

### ADMISSION TESTING

- Applicants must have satisfactory scores in reading, English & language usage, science and mathematics. \*Optional Pre-Admission TEAS test book “ATI TEAS Study Manual, 7th Edition ISBN #978-565332393. Web Information available: [http://www.testprepreview.com/teas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm). This book is also on closed reserve in the LRC.

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## ADMISSION NOTES

- Priority admission will be given to those who score 60% or higher on the TEAS entrance exam.
- All students must complete a criminal background check. Applicants who have committed a felony/misdemeanor may not be offered admission. The Board of Nursing may deny any application for licensure if the applicant has committed a felony/misdemeanor under laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the United States.
- Students must take and pass a drug screening test prior to starting clinical nursing courses. A positive drug screening test will prohibit students from starting clinical nursing courses.
- Students who are accepted to the program must participate in mandatory patient care clinical experiences and proof of the COVID-19 vaccine or a waiver request for exemption is currently required by clinical agencies.
- The Patrick & Henry Community College Practical Nursing Certificate Program has been granted full approval by the Virginia Board of Nursing. (<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing>)

Students will be assigned to the Health Technology – Pre-Nursing Certificate until they are accepted into and start the clinical practical nursing courses. After completing the appropriate developmental classes if needed, the student may enroll in the following courses while waiting admission to the practical nursing program. Completion of these courses is NOT required to be considered for admission.

### HEALTH TECHNOLOGY: PRE-NURSING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

*Total minimum credits needed for Pre-Nursing Career Studies Certificate: 28-29*

*The courses below do NOT have to be completed prior to submitting an application to the nursing program.*

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| ○ SDV 100 College Success Skills (1)   | ○ PSY 230 Developmental Psychology (3)            | ○ NUR 27 Nurse Aide I (5)   | ○ NAS Elective (3 OR 4)   |
| ○ ENG 111 College Composition I (3)  | ○ CST 110 Introduction to Communication (3)       | ○ NUR 21 Nurse Aide Clinical Experience (1)   | ○ NAS Elective (3 OR 4)   |
| ○ ITE 152 Introduction to Digital & Information Literacy & Computer Applications (3) | ○ HLT 141 Introduction to Medical Terminology (1) | ○ HLT 105* Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (1)  | NAS Electives Choose Two: |
|  |   | ○ *Advanced credit can be given for HLT 105 with current CPR card from AHA (Health Care Provider) | ○ CHM 110 (3)             |
|  |   |   | ○ BIO 101 (4)             |
|  |   |   | ○ BIO 141 (4)             |
|  |   |   | ○ BIO 142 (4)             |
|  |   |   | ○ NAS 150 (4)             |

### PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) CERTIFICATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (44 CREDITS)

*The following general education courses can be taken prior to acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program:*

- SDV 100 College Success Skills (1)
- ENG 111 College Composition I (3)
- PSY 230 Developmental Psychology (3)
- NAS 150 Human Biology (4)

*The following courses can only be taken after acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program:*

- HLT 105 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (1)
- NUR 135 Drug Dosage Calculations (1)
- PNE 161 Nursing in Health Changes 1 (7)
- PNE 162 Nursing in Health Changes II (10)
- PNE 164 Nursing in Health Changes III (11)
- PNE 158 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing (2)
- PNE 145 Trends in Practical Nursing (1)

The PN Program is a 1-year program with 3 sequential semesters (Summer, Fall, & Spring).

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