

PRACTICAL NURSING, D.A.S. - LPN1

The Practical Nursing (PN) program is designed to afford the student the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to provide supervised health care to individuals and families across the lifespan in a variety of settings.

The PN program is three semesters. Students are admitted in the fall to the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood and in the spring to the Laurens campus.

Graduates of the PN program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The licensed PN (LPN) is qualified to continue their nursing education through the LPN to ADN transition program.

The PN program is approved by the Board of Nursing for SC.

Admission: Acceptance into Piedmont Technical College's PN program is competitive and is limited to 32 students to begin fall and spring semesters. See the college calendar or website for application dates.

Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission into the PN program:

1. Complete the following courses (minimum "C" grade required):

Courses	Course Title	Credit Hours
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4
COL 103	College Skills	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 120 or MAT 110	Probability and Statistics College Algebra	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Total Hours		16

2. Minimum grade point average for the above courses of 3.0. A grade point average calculator can be found under the Application and Advising tab.
3. TEAS score of **65%** or higher in math and **65%** or higher in reading.
4. Good academic standing at the college.

These requirements will not prepare PN graduates to continue their nursing education in the ADN program. Students interested in continuing their education in the ADN program should take the biology needed for the ADN program.

Upon acceptance into the major studies coursework of the PN program, it will take three (3) semesters to complete the program.

Students are required to maintain a current American Heart Association "Basic Life Support" certification throughout the major studies courses.

Courses	Course Title	Credit Hours
General Education Courses		
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4
COL 103	College Skills	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 120 or MAT 110	Probability and Statistics College Algebra	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Subtotal		16
Required Core Subject Areas		
PNR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
PNR 128	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	7
PNR 154	Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing	5
Subtotal		17
Other Courses Required for Graduation		
PNR 122	Pharmacology	3
PNR 138	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	7
PNR 170	Nursing of the Older Adult	2
PNR 181	Special Topics in Practical Nursing	1
Subtotal		13
Total Hours		46

Graduation Plan

Enrollment in clinical coursework requires admission to the program. See Application and Advising section for more information.

Note: Clinical courses that start in the Fall term are offered on the Greenwood Campus only. Clinicals that start in Spring are on the Laurens campus.

Fall Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4
COL 103	College Skills	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 120 or MAT 110	Probability and Statistics or College Algebra	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Hours		16

Second Year

Fall Semester		
PNR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
PNR 122	Pharmacology	3
Hours		8

Spring Semester

PNR 128	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	7
PNR 154	Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing	5
Hours		12

Summer Semester

PNR 138	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	7
PNR 170	Nursing of the Older Adult	2
PNR 181	Special Topics in Practical Nursing	1
Hours		10
Total Hours		46

Spring Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Spring Semester		
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4
COL 103	College Skills	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
MAT 120 or MAT 110	Probability and Statistics or College Algebra	3
Hours		16

Second Year

Spring Semester

PNR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
PNR 122	Pharmacology	3
Hours		8

Summer Semester

PNR 128	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	7
PNR 154	Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing	5
Hours		12

Fall Semester

PNR 138	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	7
PNR 170	Nursing of the Older Adult	2
PNR 181	Special Topics in Practical Nursing	1
Hours		10
Total Hours		46

Nursing Application Process

Nursing is a limited enrollment program that has special admissions requirements. These requirements must be completed before you can be accepted.

If you are a new student, there are three key steps to complete before entering the Nursing program:

- Step 1: Apply to the college and complete the enrollment process (<https://www.ptc.edu/admissions/>)
- Step 2: Take the necessary courses and testing to become Program-Ready
- Step 3: Apply to the program

Are You Program-Ready?

Before applying for program entry, be sure you meet the requirements for acceptance. Start by connecting with an advisor and review program requirements.

We've also provided the resources below to assist you with the program acceptance process.

Fact Sheet

Fact Sheets are designed for students and advisors to review program-specific requirements and program application procedures. Please make an appointment with your advisor to discuss your academic goals and progress, and to develop your individualized degree plan.

Review the Fact Sheet (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/lpn-factsheet.pdf)

GPA Calculator

There are minimum GPA requirements for program-ready coursework. The Program-Ready GPA Calculator can be used to calculate your GPA.

Use GPA Calculator (https://websrv.ptc.edu/program_ready_gpa_calc/)

Application Worksheet

The application worksheet is used to calculate points toward competitive program entry.

Review the Worksheet (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/lpn-app-worksheet.pdf)

TEAS Testing

Candidates for entry into the Practical Nursing program must take the TEAS test. When you are eligible for entry into the program, you must complete testing before starting the application process.

Learn More about Testing (<https://www.ptc.edu/college-resources/academic-resources/testing-center/healthcare-testing/>)

Health Care Program Acceptance Data

These are NOT the scores required to be accepted. These are scores from past applicants that were accepted. Since the applicant pool changes each time, there is no way to predict how high the application points need to be for acceptance into the program.

Acceptance Data (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/hc-acceptance-data.pdf)

Coursework by Track

Refer to the Coursework by Track link below for a specific list of courses needed to complete the Health Care Certificate for your desired Health Care program of study. Once you click the link, navigate to your specific program under Coursework by Track.

Coursework by Track

Health Care FAQ

We strongly recommend that students review the Health Care Division FAQ to be fully aware of our program entry requirements.

Learn More (<https://www.ptc.edu/academics/schools-programs/health-care/program-ready-resources/health-care-faq/>)

Apply to the Nursing Program

Once you've taken the necessary steps to become program ready, it's time to apply to the program.

Applications are accepted for entry into the Practical Nursing program on the following schedule

- Fall Entry (Greenwood Campus)
 - Application Dates - May 1-16
 - Notification of Program Acceptance Emails Sent - Mid June*
- Spring Entry (Laurens Campus)
 - Application Dates - September 1-16
 - Notification of Program Acceptance Emails Sent - Mid-October*

Program applications must be submitted during the scheduled dates for this program to be considered. Please ensure all official transcripts and TEAS scores are on file prior to applying. Your TEAS test scores can be found in Prior Education & Testing section under Student Tools in your Student Profile in Pathway. You will receive a response to your Student (Pathway) email.

Note: If you haven't already done so, you must apply to the college (<https://www.ptc.edu/admissions/new-students/>) before completing the Practical Nursing program application.

Complete Program Application (<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.aspx?InstID=1044802d-1272-4242-821c-3b248559b0d0&targetUrl=https%3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f57bd26c3-bd9b-4a0d-86df-686c430ea603>)

Current Student Program Resource

Nursing Handbook

Read the Handbook (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/adn-handbook.pdf)

Health Care Division Handbook

This handbook is designed to be utilized in conjunction with the PTC Academic Catalog, PTC Student Calendar and Handbook and PTC Health Care webpages. Please refer to them for additional information.

Read the Handbook (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/hc-handbook.pdf)

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Health Care Readmission

Health Care readmission students who fail or withdraw from a Health Care curriculum class must complete and submit a readmission application in order to be considered for readmission.

Complete the Form (<https://www.ptc.edu/health-care-readmission/>)

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Purpose Statement

A Diploma in Practical Nursing provides the student with the knowledge and skills needed to provide supervised health care to individuals and families across the life span and prepare them to take the NCLEX-PN.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Patient centered care

Collaborate with others by incorporating sensitivity and respect in demonstrating concepts of patient centered care within culturally diverse populations among individuals, families and communities. (Mission Goal 4)

2. Teamwork and collaboration

Communicate professionally and function effectively under supervision within nursing and other health care disciplines to achieve quality patient care in response to the needs of individuals and families across the lifespan and the health illness continuum. (Mission Goal 2)

3. Evidence based practice

Provide interventions based on evidence-based practices to improve patient outcomes across all healthcare populations. (Mission Goal 1)

4. Quality improvement

Collect data and assist in implementing quality improvement measures with ongoing evaluation to ensure patient safety across the healthcare continuum. (Mission Goal 3 and 5)

5. Safety

Assist in creating a safe environment that enhances quality of care for individuals and families within culturally diverse populations. (Mission Goal 3)

6. Informatics

Use basic technology skills for shared decision making and resolving problems in the delivery of care for individuals and families across the lifespan. (Mission Goal 3)

Program Completion Data