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NURSING EDUCATION ADMISSIONS

Thank you for considering the Pearl River Community College (PRCC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program as a step toward a better future. The ADN program begins in the fall and spring semesters. Once accepted into the ADN program, the program is 4 semesters in length. The LPN to ADN Bridge Course is a 5-week summer course and one year (Level II) of the ADN program. The ADN program is located on the PRCC Poplarville Campus.

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2011 – 2012 ADN APPLICATION PACKET

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program prepares an individual to become a professional registered nurse (RN). The RN may supervise Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), nurse technicians, certified nursing assistants, and/or medical assistants. The RN provides direct patient care and assists in making decisions regarding plans of care for individuals and groups. The associate degree RN takes general support courses that are transferrable for a baccalaureate in nursing. A graduate of the ADN program is conferred the Associate in Applied Science Degree and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become an RN. The program is accredited by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) and National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

Selection of applications is made by the ADN admission committee using a competitive selection process based on the Nursing Program admission requirements and residency. Applicants are ranked according to ACT composite score, GPA on degree-required courses, NLN PAX-RN score and residency. Preferential consideration is given to in-district residents (Forrest, Hancock, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion and Pearl River counties), followed by out-of-district residents, then out-of-state residents. Acceptance is based on space availability.

An ADN applicant must have the following documents on file by MARCH 1 for the FALL semester consideration or by OCTOBER 1 for SPRING semester consideration. LPN to ADN Bridge applicants must have the following on file by MARCH 1.

PRCC Admissions Office:

1. PRCC application or be a current student
2. Official high school transcript with computed GPA or GED test score
3. Official transcript(s) of **all** colleges previously attended with college degrees noted
4. American College Test (ACT) score(s) if applicable

Nursing Education Admissions:

1. A completed & notarized ADN application with a picture attached
2. Test score(s) for the National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Exam-RN (PAX-RN)
3. If applicable, a current, non-restricted LPN licensure copy & a completed LPN Employer Verification & Recommendation Form (in packet)
4. A letter from the dean or director of any ADN or BSN program attended stating date of eligibility to return must be submitted to the address above. **NOTE: If not eligible for immediate return, must wait 5 years from the exit date to apply.**
5. A **copy (unofficial)** of transcripts of all colleges previously attended with college degrees noted.

ADN-RN INFORMATION

CRITICAL ELEMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE

An applicant seeking admission to the ADN program must meet physical and psychological requirements essential to providing nursing care:

- Stand for prolonged periods, up to eighty percent of clinical time
- Walk, bend, stoop, kneel, squat, push, pull, lift and reach overhead
- Possess sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to perform nursing procedures
- See, talk, and hear with sufficient acuity to perform patient care
- Tolerate exposure to disinfectants, soap, cleansers, plastic and other materials used in protective equipment and for performing procedures
- Process information accurately and make appropriate decisions
- Demonstrate appropriate and respectful interpersonal/communication skills

An individual should give careful consideration to the psychological and physical demands of the program prior to making application. In addition, applicants must be able to demonstrate rational and appropriate behavior under stressful conditions. The clinical nursing experience may place an individual under considerable mental and emotional stress as he or she undertakes responsibilities and duties impacting patients' lives.

I. SEND TO PRCC ADMISSIONS OFFICE

1. APPLICATION TO PRCC:

If not a current PRCC student, complete a PRCC application and mail to address on form, or go on-line to PRCC's website at www.pccc.edu **by the ADN application deadline.**

2. GED OR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

An official high school transcript from an accredited high school with computed GPA or GED test score must be on file in the PRCC Admissions office **by the ADN application deadline.**

3. COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS:

Official transcripts of all colleges previously attended must be on file in the PRCC Admissions office **by the ADN application deadline.** Any college degree(s) must be noted on transcript.

4. AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT) SCORE:

- A required ACT score **must** be on file at the PRCC Admissions office **before the ADN application deadline.**
- An Enhanced ACT score of 18 is the **minimum score** used in the selection process.
- If the ACT is below 18, the applicant **must** have 12 college semester hours of the ADN general education courses completed (Must include College Algebra and Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab) with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (Mississippi IHL Admission Standard).
- LPN to ADN Bridge applicants see ACT requirements in this packet
- The highest composite ACT score on file with the PRCC Admissions office will be used for the selection process.
- An applicant who has previously earned a baccalaureate or higher degree may enter without an ACT **by completing all the required ADN general education courses with grades of "C" or better and having an overall 2.5 grade point average (Mississippi IHL Admission Standard).** If the ACT has not been taken, information regarding test dates can be obtained from the Counseling

Advisement and Placement Center (601-403-1250) located in Crosby Hall, Poplarville Campus.

- SAT conversion scores **cannot be used**.
- Applicants entering the nursing program must have completed, be enrolled in, or be eligible to take College Algebra and Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab determined by the ACT sub-score.

II. SEND TO NURSING EDUCATION ADMISSIONS OFFICE

1. ADN APPLICATION:

- Complete the 2 page ADN application located in the back of this packet in **black or blue ink** and sign in front of a Notary Public. **NOTE: This form may not be copied or faxed.**
- Attach a small current picture to the upper right-hand corner of the application. The picture may be a copy of a school ID, driver's license, or work ID.
- Application requirements **must be on file before the deadline.**
- Incomplete forms will **not** be accepted.
- An LPN applying for the fall or spring ADN program or the summer LPN to Bridge course must have a copy of a current non-restricted license and a completed LPN Employer Verification & Recommendation Form (in packet) in the PRCC Nursing Education Admissions office by deadline date.
- Reapplication is required each semester if not selected.

2. NLN PRE-ADMISSION EXAM-RN (PAX-RN):

- Applicants **will not** be considered without an NLN PAX-RN test score on file.
- Complete the NLN Pre-Admission Exam-RN Application Form at the NLN web site (see instructions).
- LPN Bridge applicants see the required NLN PAX-RN requirements in the LPN to ADN Bridge information section in this packet.
- This test may be retaken once every 6 months (fall or spring). Tests are given in February, March, September, and October of each year.
- See the NLN PAX-RN information sheet in this packet.

3. LPN EMPLOYER VERIFICATION & RECOMMENDATION FORM:

The LPN Employer Verification & Recommendation Form from this packet must only be completed by LPNs applying for either the ADN program or LPN to Bridge Course. Other applicants are not required to provide this information.

4. COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS:

A *copy* of all college transcripts must be on file in the Nursing Education Admission Office by the ADN application deadline. Any college degree(s) must be noted on transcript. **NOTE: Official transcript(s) must be sent to the PRCC Admissions Office by application deadline.**

5. **ATTENDED ANOTHER NURSING PROGRAM (ADN OR BSN):**

- An applicant that has attended another nursing program **must** provide a letter from the dean or director of any ADN or BSN program attended stating date of eligibility to return **by the application deadline**. The letter must be sent to the address on the front of this packet, attention Department of Nursing Education.
- An applicant that is not eligible for immediate return must wait 5 years from the exit date to apply as a new student to the PRCC ADN program.

6. **TRANSFERRING NURSING CREDITS FROM ANOTHER NURSING PROGRAM (ADN OR BSN):**

- The application deadlines for transferring applicants are February 1 for fall consideration and September 1 for spring consideration.
- Transferring applicants must meet all PRCC admission and ADN program requirements.
- The applicant must submit a syllabus for each completed nursing course (including course description, course objectives, credit hours, and daily objectives) for review to the Nursing Education Admissions Office by the deadline.
- Upon review of completed syllabi, the applicant may be required to take additional nursing course work in order to meet PRCC and ADN program/graduation requirements. Each applicant's request of transfer will be reviewed on an individual basis.
- If accepted, the applicant must purchase uniforms required by the program
- In order to receive the PRCC Associate in Applied Science degree, a minimum of twenty-five (25%) of the required ADN curriculum hours must be completed at PRCC.
- Applicants will be admitted on space availability.

III. IMPORTANT ADN INFORMATION:

1. **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) & ADN GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:**

- The GPA is computed on only the completed required ADN general education courses. Developmental courses, General Biology I with Lab, and a computer course required for graduation will not be included in the GPA.
- LPN to ADN Bridge applicants see: the GPA requirements in the LPN to ADN Bridge Course information section in this packet.
- A currently working Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who submits an LPN Employer Verification & Recommendation Form and a copy of a current non-restricted license will have no time restrictions on ADN general education courses.
- ADN general education course grades submitted through the end of the college summer sessions will be used to compute the GPA for the upcoming Spring admission consideration, and grades submitted at the end of the Fall semester will be used to compute the GPA for the upcoming Fall admission consideration.
- All college general education courses required by the ADN program must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- An applicant does not have to complete all the required ADN college general education courses before applying. To better prepare the applicant for the ADN program, it is recommended that College Algebra, General Psychology, and Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Labs be completed prior to selection and/or beginning Nursing I and Nursing Dosage & Solutions courses.
- An applicant, who has attended another nursing program, will also have their nursing course grades included in the GPA.

- Completion of the required ADN college general education courses **does not in itself guarantee admission** to the ADN program.
- Allied Health Anatomy & Physiology I and II with Labs **cannot** be used for the ADN program.
- High School applicants should check with their counselors concerning college courses that can be taken during the high school year.

2. **PRCC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- General Biology I with Lab (BIO 1133 and 1131 or BIO 1134) **must** be completed prior to taking Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab and prior to taking Microbiology with Lab. An exception to the General Biology I with Lab prerequisite may be made with the approval of the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Business.
- General Psychology (PSY 1513) is a prerequisite to Human Growth & Development.
- Questions regarding prerequisites should be directed to the Counseling Advisement and Placement Center office at 601-403-1250.
- For graduation with the A.A.S. degree, Computer Concepts (CSC 1113 or BAD 2533) must be passed or computer proficiency must be documented.

REQUIRED ADN GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

			Semester	Hours
MAT	1313	College Algebra.....		3
PSY	1513	General Psychology.....		3
BIO	2513	Anatomy & Physiology I (completed within the last 5 years)		3
BIO	2511	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (completed within the last 5 years)		1
BIO	2523	Anatomy & Physiology II (completed within the last 5 years)		3
BIO	2521	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (completed within the last 5 years)		1
EPY	2533	Human Growth & Development (completed within the last 10 years)		3
ENG	1113	English Composition I.....		3
BIO	2923	Microbiology (completed within the last 5 years)		3
BIO	2921	Microbiology Lab (completed within the last 5 years)		1
SPT	1113	Public Speaking I.....		3
SOC	2113	Introduction to Sociology (completed within the last 10 years)		3

3. **NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE/DECLINATION:**

- Letters of acceptance and/or declination will be mailed to all applicants by the end of November for spring and by the end of April for fall program entry.
- Further instructions will be included with the letter of acceptance.
- If not accepted, a new application **must** be completed and filed with the Nursing Education Admissions office **by the appropriate deadline** to be considered for the next semester.

4. **CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR):**

- Upon accepted in the ADN program, the required CPR course must be current (within one year from the date of issuance) before entering health care agencies for clinical experiences and must not expire during the current semester. Do **not** mail the card or required copy before the ADN program begins.
- Recertification is required yearly while in the ADN program.
- Accepted CPR courses include the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider **or** the Red Cross Professional Rescuer. Community CPR is **not** accepted.

5. **CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK:**

- Upon acceptance into the ADN program, a criminal background history check will be required. Further information will be provided at the ADN program new student orientation.
- A Mississippi Criminal History Record check letter from a Mississippi medical agency employer and processed through the Mississippi Department of Health will be accepted if within two years from the date of the letter.
- Other states are **not** accepted. Clearance from a police department is **not** accepted.
- Pearl River Community College reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant having been convicted of a felony. Admission is offered pending a clear criminal background check. (See information sheet)

6. **PRCC CATALOG:**

Obtain a current PRCC catalog from the PRCC Guidance and Recruitment Office at 601-403-1197, the Poplarville Campus Counseling Advisement and Placement Center at 601-403-1250, the Hattiesburg Center at 601-554-5500, or the Hancock Center at 228-467-2761 or go to www.prcc.edu to view the latest catalog.

7. **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

- Register with an ADN advisor at all registrations.
- Current applicants should call or go by the Department of Nursing Education Admissions Office at early registration time to discuss classes before registering.
- New students on campus may request an ADN advisor by calling 601-403-1017 or go by the Nursing Education Office on the Poplarville campus.

8. **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OF STUDY AT PRCC:**

Students enrolled in Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health programs are required to maintain full-time academic status. Noncompliance with this policy may result in dismissal from the program. Full-time students are defined in accordance with Pearl River Community College policy as students enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours in a regular term.

9. **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:**

- Pearl River Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, or disability.
- Any person needing to request accommodations, special assistance, or alternate format publication for this event, please contact Tonia Moody, ADA/Civil Rights Coordinator, 601-403-1060, or tmood@prcc.edu.

10. **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:**

- The following list of immunizations must be complete or in progress at the time classes begin. These immunizations must be current and remain current for the length of the program.

TB SKIN TEST

Two (2) MUMPS-MEASELS-RUBELLA (MMR)

VARICELLA (Chicken Pox)

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS (Tdap)

HEPATITIS B VACCINE (HBV) 3 required, if not complete on 1st day of class, must sign a declination form.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (NUR) CURRICULUM

LEVEL I

SEMESTER HOURS

FIRST SEMESTER

NUR	1110	Nursing I (Fundamentals)	10
NUR	1101	Nursing Dosages & Solutions	1
NUR	1011	Professional Nursing Forum I*	1
MAT	1313	College Algebra	3
PSY	1513	General Psychology	3
BIO	2513	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIO	2511	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1

SECOND SEMESTER

NUR	1210	Nursing II (Medical/Surgical I)	10
NUR	1012	Professional Nursing Forum II*	2
BIO	2523	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIO	2521	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
EPY	2533	Human Growth & Development	3
ENG	1113	English Composition I	3

SUMMER ONLY

NUR	2107	LPN TO ADN Bridge Course	7
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After passing the bridge course with a grade of “B” or better, nursing courses NUR 2104, NUR 2115, NUR 2203 and NUR 2209 must be completed. See additional information in this packet on the LPN to ADN Bridge course.

LEVEL II

THIRD SEMESTER

NUR	2104	Nursing III (Women’s Health/Newborn)	4
NUR	2115	Nursing IV (Pediatric)	5
NUR	2012	Professional Nursing Forum III*	2
BIO	2923	Microbiology	3
BIO	2921	Microbiology Lab	1
SPT	1113	Public Speaking I	3

FOURTH SEMESTER

NUR	2203	Nursing V (Psychiatric/Mental Health)	3
NUR	2209	Nursing VI (Medical/Surgical II)	9
SOC	2113	Introduction to Sociology	3
*Nursing Elective Courses			TOTAL REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS: 72

PRCC Requirements: General Biology I with Lab must be completed prior to taking Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab and prior to taking Microbiology with Lab. An exception to the General Biology I with Lab prerequisite may be made with the approval of the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Business. For graduation with the A.A.S. degree, Computer Concepts (CSC 1113 or BAD 2533) must be passed or computer proficiency must be documented.

ADN general education courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better and all required nursing (NUR) courses must be completed with a grade of “B” or better. ADN general education courses must be completed before or within the semester of nursing (NUR) courses listed. If a student withdraws from a required corequisite general education course(s) within the semester, the student **must** also withdraw from the nursing course(s).

Recommendation: To prepare for graduation, it is recommended that all required general education courses be completed before or during Level II, third semester of the ADN program.

PRCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CURRICULAR CHANGES TO MAINTAIN STATE & NATIONAL STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY & OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) TO ADN BRIDGE COURSE
(Limited to Space Availability for Level II {Third Semester} of the ADN Program)
(Revised 10/11)

The LPN Bridge Course is designed to enhance the knowledge learned in the Practical Nursing program and make the transition into Level II of the ADN program. This course focuses on the fundamentals, the theory and practice of medical-surgical nursing, and the role of the nurse as provider of care, manager of care, and a member within the discipline of nursing.

The LPN Bridge Course is a summer course in the Nursing Building at the PRCC Poplarville campus. Students successfully completing the Bridge Course (“B” or higher) will be awarded seven (7) semester hours. The remaining required nursing course hours of Level I will be waived after successfully completion of Level II: NUR 2104, NUR 2115, NUR 2203 and NUR 2209.

In addition to meeting all PRCC admission and ADN requirements, the LPN to ADN Bridge Course has specific program admission requirements as listed below:

1. A copy of a current non-restricted LPN license
2. A minimum of 2.5 GPA on required ADN general education courses taken
3. A minimum of one-year experience as an LPN in an acute or long-term care setting within the last three years
4. An NLN PAX-RN score of 50% or higher
5. A completed Employer Verification & Recommendation Form
6. An ACT score of 18 or equivalent

Selection of applicants is made by the ADN admission committee using a competitive selection process based on which includes College GPA, ACT score, and PAX-RN score. Preferential consideration is given to in-district residents (Forrest, Hancock, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion and Pearl River counties), followed by out-of-district residents, then out-of-state residents. The LPN to ADN Bridge Course begins at the end of May. **All** admission requirements are due by **March 1**. Letters of acceptance/declination will be sent after class selection has been made. Acceptance is based on space availability.

LPN TO ADN BRIDGE CURRICULUM

<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>SEMESTER HOURS</u>
NUR 2707 LPN to ADN Bridge Course	7

(The remaining Level I course hours will be waived after completion of Level II courses).

LEVEL II

THIRD SEMESTER

NUR 2104 Nursing III	4
NUR 2115 Nursing IV	5
NUR 2012 Professional Nursing Forum III*	2
BIO 2923 Microbiology	3
BIO 2921 Microbiology Lab	1
SPT 1113 Public Speaking I (Oral Communication)	3

FOURTH SEMESTER

NUR 2203 Nursing V	3
NUR 2209 Nursing VI.....	9
SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology	3

*Nursing Elective

TOTAL REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS: 72

PRCC Requirements:

General Biology I with Lab must be completed prior to taking Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab and Microbiology with Lab. An exception to the General Biology I with Lab prerequisite may be made with the approval of the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Business. Computer Concepts (CSC 1113 or BAD 2533) must be passed or computer proficiency must be documented.

ADN general education courses must be completed with a grade “C” or better and all required (NUR) courses must be completed with a grade “B” or better. ADN general education courses must be completed before or within the semester of nursing (NUR) courses listed. If an ADN student withdraws from a required co-requisite general education course(s) within the semester, the student must also withdraw from the nursing course(s).

Recommendation: To prepare for graduation, it is recommended that all required general education courses be completed before or during Level II, third semester of the ADN program.

PRCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CURRICULAR CHANGES TO MAINTAIN STATE AND NATIONAL STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

**National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Exam-RN (PAX-RN)
Information Sheet**

National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Service
61 Broadway, New York, New York 10006
1-800-669-1656, Ext. 142
www.nln.org/pre-admission

Students applying for the Associate Degree Nursing program are required to take the Pre-Admissions Exam (NLN PAX-RN) as part of the application process. Students achieving a composite score of 110 or higher and 50% percentile in each subtest area will be given preference when evaluating applicants for admission.

The NLN PAX-RN exam is offered through Pearl River Community College and costs \$50.00. Students need to take the exam early to allow time for remediation and to retest if necessary. Applicants are allowed to retake the exam as many times as there are versions of the test, but are required to wait 6 months between test dates. Students will need to take the exam prior to the application deadline date.

NOTE: Records show that applicants who have completed College Algebra and some of the required science courses before attempting to take the PAX-RN Exam score higher on the test.

The NLN PAX-RN exam will be offered at PRCC on the following dates:

- 2012 Dates:
February 14, 2012 at 9 AM
February 16, 2012 at 9 AM
March 13, 2012 at 1 PM
March 15, 2012 at 1 PM
You must register for the exam at least two weeks prior to the scheduled test date. Information regarding the cost and procedure for rescheduling an exam is on the NLN-PAX website:
<http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org/pax>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

To register for the NLN PAX exam follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org/pax> and click on “Register Now”.
2. Enter a log in ID and password and click “next step”.
3. Enter contact information and click “next step”. Note: There are additional pages of required information.
4. Click “Finish and Create Account” once you have entered all required information.

5. Choose “Registered Nurse (RN Program)” after your page is redirected to the Registration Store and prompted to choose an exam. Register by location, the State in which you are taking the exam and the Institution.
6. Select the date you have chosen from the “Test date options”, and click on date desired.
7. Pay for exam. You will be prompted to pay for the exam.
If you have questions regarding the NLN PAX exam please contact Student Services at 252-744-6477.

TEST LOCATION: The test will be given in the PRCC Nursing Building in the Computer Room on the Poplarville Campus.

TEST TIME: The test begins promptly at 9:00 am or 1 pm. You will be required to be at the test site 30 minutes early to check in. There will be **no** admittance after the test has begun. The test session lasts approximately 3-1/2 hours.

REQUIRED TEST ITEMS NEEDED ON TEST DAY

- **Conformation of registration from NLN website**
- **Picture ID (driver’s license, passport, or student ID)**

You will not be admitted to the examination after test has begun.

- Calculators cannot be used. No electronic equipment of any kind (cell phones, pages, etc.) will be allowed in the test room
- Giving, receiving, or exchanging information while the examination is in progress is not permitted under any circumstance
- Examinees are not permitted to refer to materials of any kind during the test
- The examiner has the authority to terminate the exam for any individual who does not adhere to the above rules
- For your comfort, you may want to wear layered clothing or bring a jacket due to testing room variance in temperature

STUDY GUIDE SUGGESTED TO IMPROVE SCORES: “*The Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam*” written by the National League for Nursing is on sale in the PRCC Bookstore, or you can order directly from Jones and Bartlett Publishers by calling 1-800-832-0034, or go on-line to www.jbpub.com.

TEST RESULTS: Results are sent directly to you and to the school you have requested by entering the school code on the application form. Test scores are kept on file for three years following the examination date. The school will receive your score report after you receive your results. An NLN score of 110 points or more is needed to receive a composite score of 50% or higher for admission criteria points for consideration to PRCC’s ADN program.

FOR SCORE INFORMATION: The PRCC Nursing Education Admissions office has scores on file, if taken at PRCC. If you have taken the PAX-RN exam at another testing site, the score must be obtained from the NLN office in New York, or the nursing school may send an official copy of your scores to the Director, Department of Nursing Education at PRCC. To obtain NLN scores from the National League for Nursing office, you can go on-line to www.nln.org/pre-admission or call NLN Pre-Admission Test Service at 1-800-669-1656.

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND HISTORY

In accordance with Mississippi State Law, as stated in House Bill NO. 2607, section 1, Section 37-29-232, Pearl River Community College Associated Degree Nursing requires students to submit to and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check/fingerprinting.

This law states that anyone who has been convicted, pleaded guilty, or pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to any of the following crimes will be unable to work in a licensed health care facility. The crimes include: possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult.

Information related to the Criminal Background check will be supplied during the new student orientation. Any student who is unable to obtain a “clear” criminal background check will not be allowed to participate in the clinical component of the program and therefore will be unable to complete the requirements of the program. The student with an unsatisfactory criminal background check will be asked to withdraw from the program.