



Pearl River Community College
Practical Nursing
Application Information

We are pleased that you have shown an interest in the Practical Nursing program at Pearl River Community College. As a student seeking admission to the Practical Nursing program, we would like you to be made aware of some critical elements for performance:

- 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 client care
- Tolerate exposure to disinfectants, soap, cleansers, plastic and other materials used in protective equipment and for procedures

The applicant must complete a Pearl River Community College application and a program application to the program for which they are applying. The following items must be submitted to the PN Department for those applying at the Forrest County Center (building 5), OR the Nursing Building for those applying to the Poplarville Campus by **April 1** in order to be considered for the class that begins each August.

1. Submit an acceptable ACT score. An acceptable ACT score is a composite of 16 with a 14 in mathematics and 14 in reading.
2. Submit an official high school transcript from an accredited high school indicating date of graduation or official GED Report indicating "passed".
3. Submit official college transcript(s) from every college attended.
4. All selected applicants must attend an Information Session. Any applicant who does not attend will be removed from the applicant pool. Applicants will be notified of date and time of session via email listed on their application.

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. For inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies or to request accommodations, special assistance, or alternate format publication please contact Tonia Moody, ADA/Civil Rights Coordinator, at P.O. Box 5118, Poplarville, MS 39470 or (601) 403-1060.

5. Applicants will be selected on the following basis:

ACT ranking; utilizing this point system:

| <u>ACT Scores</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 27 or higher | 10 |
| 25-26 | 8 |
| 23-24 | 6 |
| 20-22 | 4 |
| 18-19 | 2 |
| 16-17 | 1 |

Ranking of college GPA based on a minimum of 12 semester hours applicable towards a degree or a four year cumulative High School GPA if no college courses have been acquired.

Utilizing this point system:

| <u>G.P.A. Range</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 3.8 – 4.0 | 10 |
| 3.5 – 3.7 | 8 |
| 3.2 – 3.4 | 6 |
| 2.9 – 3.1 | 4 |
| 2.6 – 2.8 | 2 |
| 2.5 | 1 |

| <u>High school Allied Health classes utilizing this point system:</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Two years completed | 2 |
| One year completed | 1 |
| * <u>Verifiable Health Care Employment (1 yr. or longer)</u> | 2 |

*See attached form that employer should fill out

Pearl River Practical Nursing program does not require any prerequisites, however if a student has completed any of the following classes BIO1500 series, BIO 2500 series, EPY 2533, or FCS 1254 points will be awarded as follows:

| | <u>Points</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Official transcript grade of A | 2 |
| Official transcript grade of B | 1 |

6. For those applicants selected for admission as determined by this point system (item #5), a physical is required. The applicant will be given a health form to have completed and signed by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner of the applicant's choice confirming that the applicant is in good health and possesses the required physical abilities to function satisfactorily within the program and the occupation. Drug screening will be a part of this examination and must render a negative result. TB screening will be part of this exam; and evidence of current immunizations. This must be in the student's program file prior to registration.
7. For those applicants selected for admission, a criminal background check; and a valid drivers' license are required. Information for the criminal background check will be presented during the Practical Nursing orientation.
8. Please refer to the Cat Country Guide under *due process* for student complaints.
9. Priority in student admission will be given to (1) in-district candidates, (2) out-of-district candidates, and (3) out-of-state candidates.
10. Those applicants, who are selected for admission, must have evidence of being currently certified in either American Red Cross Professional Rescuer Course OR American Heart Association CPR-C (Health Provider Course) by the first day of clinical. CPR certification should not expire prior to the date of graduation.
11. Qualified alternates will be placed on a waiting list and may be selected to fill any vacancies that occur prior to the end of late registration.
12. All application material must be delivered to:

Poplarville Campus
Nursing Building
Barbara Whiddon

Forrest County Center
Allied Health Building
Sharon Kelly

If you have any questions regarding these materials or the application process, please call:

Forrest County Center(Hattiesburg Campus): Sharon Kelly, 601 554-5525,
Susan Bedwell, 601 554-5536,

Poplarville Campus: Barbara Whiddon, 601 403-1254; leave a voice mail

Upon graduation, the practical nursing student will receive a "Certificate of Proficiency" and may be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) for practical nurses. Licensing of practical nursing is regulated by the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony offense may be grounds for refusal by the board to issue a license.

The nursing faculty supports the description of the practical nurse from the State of Mississippi Law and Rules and Regulations, 2010. *"The practice of nursing by a licensed practical nurse means the performance for compensation of services requiring basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological and sociological sciences and of nursing procedures which do not require the substantial skill, judgment, and knowledge required of a registered nurse. These services are performed under the direction of a registered nurse of a licensed physician or licensed dentist and utilize standardized procedures in the observation and care of the injured and infirm; in the maintenance of health; in action to safeguard life and health; and in the administration of medication and treatments prescribed by any physician or licensed dentist authorized by state law to prescribe. On a selected basis, and within safe limits, the role of the licensed practical nurse shall be expanded by the board under its rulemaking authority to more complex procedures and settings commensurate with additional preparation and experience.*

The PRCC Practical Nursing program is accredited by the "State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. "

Graduation requirements:

1. Complete PN courses, including clinical components, with a minimum grade of "80".
2. Meet all other PRCC graduation requirements.

Practical Nursing Curriculum

| Semester I | Semester hours |
|---|----------------|
| PNV 1213 Body Structure and Function | 3 |
| PNV 1426 Fundamentals of Nursing | 6 |
| PNV 1436 Fundamentals of Nursing Lab/Clinical | 6 |
| | |
| Semester II | |
| PNV 1524 IV Therapy Concepts | 4 |
| PNV 1614 Medical-Surgical Nursing | 4 |
| PNV 1622 Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical | 2 |
| PNV Alterations in Adult Health | 4 |
| PNV Alterations in Adult Health Clinical | 2 |
| | |
| Semester III | |
| PNV 1715 Maternal-Child Nursing | 5 |
| 5PNV 1813 Mental Health Concepts | 3 |
| PNV 1914 Nursing Transitions | 4 |
| Total credit hours | 43 |

Practical Nursing Curriculum
Alternate Schedule for dual enrollment

| Semester I | Semester Hours |
|--|-----------------------|
| PNV 1213 Body Structure and function | 3 (45 clock hours) |
| PNV 1426 Fundamentals of Nursing | 6 (90 clock hours) |
| Semester II | |
| PNV 1436 Fundamentals of Nursing Lab/Clinical | 6 (202.5 clock hours) |
| Semester III | |
| PNV 1715 Maternal-Child Nursing | 5 (85 clock hours) |
| PNV 1813 Mental Health Concepts | 3 (55 clock hours) |
| PNV 1524 IV Therapy Concepts | 4 (75 clock hours) |
| Semester IV | |
| PNV 1614 Medical/Surgical Nursing | 4 (60 clock hours) |
| PNV 1622 Medical/Surgical Nursing Clinical | 2 (90 clock hours) |
| PNV 1634 Alternations in Adult Health | 4 (60 clock hours) |
| PNV 1642 Alternations in Adult Health Clinical | 2 (90 clock hours) |
| PNV 1914 Nursing Transitions | 4 (105 clock hours) |
| Total credit hours 43 | |

Credit for the PNV 1213 Body Structure and Function Course will be awarded if the student has:

1. Passed a college level Anatomy and Physiology course with a minimum grade of "C".
2. Notifies PN faculty takes and passes a Pre-Test Exam for Body Structure and Function with a score of 80% or above.

**Application Due April 1
For Fall class**

**DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM**

Date of Application _____ Date of Birth _____

Name _____
Last First MI Maiden

Address _____
Street or PO Box City ST. Zip

Phone Number(s) _____ or _____

Email address _____ (this is our contact information)

Are you presently a high school student? _____ If so, when do you expect to graduate? _____

Have you attended **ANY CAMPUS** of PRCC before? _____yes _____no

In addition to this application for Practical Nursing, have you applied for admission to any other nursing?

Or allied health program? If so, which program? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? _____yes _____no

If so, please list below:

| Date | Conviction |
|-------|------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

I agree that this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that deliberate falsification of information will result in denial of admission to the Practical Nursing program at Pearl River Community College. I am aware of and agree that my police record may be checked.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Pearl River Community College
Practical Nursing Program
Verification for Health Care Employment

Instructions: Applicant to Practical Nursing program should have employer fill out verifying past-medical work experience.

Applicant: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Facility: _____

Length of employment: _____

Position: _____

Brief description of duties: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Application Packet Checklist
Application Due April 1
For Fall classes

If you are ready to turn in your application packet to the Practical Nursing department, your packet should consist of:

1. Pearl River Community College application, available at www.prcc.edu printable version to be submitted to the PN Department
2. Application to the PN program
3. An acceptable ACT score
4. An official high school transcript or GED report indicating "passing"
5. An official college transcript from every college attended
6. Proof of health care employment, if applicable
7. Must be hand delivered to the Practical Nursing Department or Secretary on the campus you wish to attend.

If your packet is missing any of these items, it is not complete. You must turn in a complete packet. Incomplete packets will not be accepted.