

## PRACTICAL NURSING FULL-TIME DAY OPTION



# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRACTICAL NURSING FULL-TIME PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1

Thank you for your interest in the practical nursing program at Pearl River Community College (PRCC). The practical nursing full-time program takes three semesters to complete. The program is offered at the Poplarville Campus located in Poplarville, MS and at the Forrest County Center located in Hattiesburg, MS. The practical nursing program starts August of each year. The deadline to submit an application is March 1. The PRCC practical nursing program is accredited by the “Mississippi Community College Board”. (MCCB)

### DEFINITION OF PRACTICAL NURSING

The practical nursing faculty supports the description of the practical nurse from the Mississippi State Board of Nursing cited in the *Mississippi Nursing Practice Law*, 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 or a licensed physician or licensed dentist and utilize standardized procedures in the observation and care of the ill, 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 licensed 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 should be expanded by the board under its rule-making authority to more complex procedures and settings commensurate with additional preparation and experience.

[www.msbn.ms.gov](http://www.msbn.ms.gov)).

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### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The required ACT composite of 16 with a 14 in mathematics and a 14 in reading. All practical nursing applicants must have an ACT on file with PRCC.
2. High school transcript or High School Equivalency.

### FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE, THIS IS HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete an application to Pearl River Community College <http://www.prcc.edu/admissions> and an application to the Practical Nursing Program (in this packet).
2. Submit a copy of your high school transcript with the PN application packet or GED / High School Equivalency report indicating a passing score. **Please note:** A copy of your high school transcript is required to verify Allied Health Classes to receive points in this category. **Please note:** A copy of your GED score form or HiSet scores is required to obtain points in this category toward entry into the PN Program.
3. Please submit copies of transcripts from every college attended with the PN application packet. You must submit the official transcripts to PRCC.
4. If you are currently working in the healthcare field, submit the “Verification of Employment Form” with the proper signatures including supervisor contact information. The form is included in this packet.
5. If you are currently a Certified Nursing Assistant, please include a copy of your state Nurse Aide certification. This is required to receive points in the nursing assistant category.
6. Please review #5 under the **Selected Applicant** section of this packet.

**Submit all application materials in one packet complete to:**

**Poplarville Campus—Nursing Building/Application Dropbox or mail to:**

**Practical Nursing  
101 Hwy 11 North  
Poplarville, Ms. 39470**

**OR**

**Email to: [pn@prcc.edu](mailto:pn@prcc.edu)**

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Hattiesburg/Forrest County Campus or mail to:

Practical Nursing  
5448 Hwy 49 S  
Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401

OR

Email to: [pn@prcc.edu](mailto:pn@prcc.edu)

**HOW SELECTION IS MADE TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM**

Applicants will be ranked and selected by a point scale system. Each applicant's total points are calculated and applicants are ranked based on "highest to lowest" total point score as of March 1. Following score, priority will be given to (1) in-district candidates, (2) out-of-district candidates, and (3) out-of-state candidates.

Below is an overview of how the point scale works.

<u>ACT Prior to 10/1/1988</u>	<u>Enhanced ACT Score</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
25 or higher	27 or higher	10
23-24	25-26	8
20-22	23-24	6
17-19	20-22	4
15-16	18-19	2
13-14	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.

<u>G.P.A. Range</u>	<u>Points Awarded</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

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Ranking of assigned points for applicants with a GED and no college GPA:

<u>Score Range</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
190-200	10
180-189	8
170-179	6
160-169	4
150-159	2
145-150	1

Ranking of assigned points for applicants with a Hi-Set Score and no college GPA

<u>Score Range</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Passed	1
46-55	2
56-65	4
66-74	8
75-100	10

<u>High school Allied Health classes</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Two years completed	2
One year completed	1

<u>Verifiable Health Care Employment (1 year)</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Form must be complete (1 year or longer)	2
Form must be completed (3 months-11 months)	1
Less than 3 months	0

<u>State Certification in Certified Nursing Assistant</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
	2

<u>Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA/ CMA)</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
	5

<u>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
	5

Courses Completed prior to the submission date March 1 (with Verifiable College transcript(s))

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Pearl River practical nursing program does not require prerequisites, however, if a student has completed any of the following courses with a final grade of “A” or “B”, points will be awarded (see application ‘point scale system’ above):

- Principles of A & P I and II lecture and labs  
BIO 1511, BIO 1513, BIO 1514, BIO 1521, BIO 1523 BIO 1524
- Anatomy and Physiology I & II lecture and labs BIO 2511, BIO 2513, BIO 2514, BIO 2521, BIO 2523, BIO 2524
- Human Growth & Development EPY 2533
- Nutrition FCS 1253
- Medical Terminology I & II BOT 1613 and BOT 1623
- Previous Mississippi State approved Practical Nursing courses

**\*Courses completed prior to March 1 of the application year will be considered for awarding of points.**

<u>Point Scale for Selected College Courses</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
2 points per hour for an A	*
1 point per hour for B	*
<u>Example</u>	
Official transcript grade of an A in a one hour course	2
Official transcript grade of a B in a one hour course	1
Official transcript grade of an A in a three hour course	6
Official transcript grade of a B in a three hour course	3
Official transcript grade of an A in a four hour course	8
Official transcript grade of a B in a four hour course	4

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### Selected Applicant

For those applicants selected for admission as determined by this point system (highest point accumulation to lowest):

1. A mandatory orientation session will be conducted for those selected for admission and alternates. The orientation session(s) will be held on each campus. Date(s): to be announced.
2. A physical is required. The physical is to confirm that the applicant is in good health and possesses the required physical abilities to function satisfactorily within the program and the occupation. TB screening is required as part of the physical exam. The results must render a negative TB result or treatment protocol completed.
3. Drug screening will be required from a specific lab; Health Works located at 5909 US Hwy 49, Hattiesburg, and must render a negative result in order to continue. Applicants are given specific time frames for obtaining their drug screen.
4. Obtain "Form #121, Certificate of Immunization Compliance" from the Mississippi State Department of Health. Immunizations required to perform the clinical portion of courses in the PN Program are: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, MMR (2), Tetanus, and Varicella.
5. Applicants must submit fingerprints for a criminal background check in accordance with section 43-11-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972. The criminal background check process is necessary for the practical nursing student to enter the healthcare facilities to complete the required clinical experience.

If fingerprinting or criminal history records checks disclose a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to (a) felony possession or sale of drugs, (b) murder, (c) manslaughter, (d) armed robbery, (e) rape, (f) sexual battery, (g) sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23(h), (h) child abuse, (i) arson, (j) grand larceny, (k) burglary, (l) gratification of lust and/or (m) aggravated assault, and/or (n) battery of a vulnerable adult that has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall **not** be eligible to participate in the health care vocational technical education (CTE) program of study (the PN Program). If the applicant has been accepted when these results are revealed the student will forfeit their seat.

Fingerprinting for Criminal Background Check must be done and results approved by the Mississippi Board of Nursing (MSBN) prior to licensure. The MSBN Criminal background Check requires you pay a separate fee directly to the MSBN.

6. CPR-BLS (Health Care Provider certification) is required. This certification may be the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other acceptable agencies. This certification is required prior to any clinical activity and must not expire prior to graduation from the practical nursing program.

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7. Applicants are selected by the point system indicated in this packet (highest to lowest). Priority in tie point instances will be given to (1) in-district candidates, (2) out-of-district candidates, and (3) out-of-state candidates.
8. 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 for the current year.
9. Please refer to the Cat Country Guide (PRCC Student Handbook at <http://www.prc.edu/current-students/student-handbook>) under *due process* for student complaints.

## CRITICAL ELEMENTS

As a student seeking admission to the practical nursing program, we would like to make you aware of some of the critical elements for performance in the practical nursing program:

- Stand for prolonged periods, up to eighty percent of clinical time (6-8 hours)
- 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
- Students are expected to travel as needed for clinical, convention, or lectures and learning opportunities off the campus and overnight
- Must complete each course with a minimum grade of 80% (B) or higher to progress in the program.

## REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE

Upon graduation, the practical nursing student will receive a “Certificate of Proficiency” and **may** be eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) for practical nurses. Licensing of practical nursing is regulated by the Mississippi Board of Nursing (MSBON). The MBON requires a separate fingerprinting and background check conducted by their criminal investigations department prior to graduation. This will be the second Criminal Background check you will have completed while in the program. You will be charged a fee for this service by the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony offense may be a “disqualifying event” grounds for refusal by the board to issue a license. This will be scheduled during the third semester of the program.

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### CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS LEARNING

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. Follows PRCC credit by exam policy.
3. Passes the “Pre-Test Exam” with a score of 80% (B) or higher.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete all practical nursing courses, including clinical components, with a minimum grade of 80% (B)
2. Meet all other PRCC class and graduation requirements
3. Apply for graduation at [www.prc.edu](http://www.prc.edu)

### PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM

#### Semester I

#### Hours Credit

Body Structure and Function PNV 1213  
Nursing Fundamentals and Clinical PNV 1443

3  
13

#### **Totals**

16 semester hours

The student will attend, class/lab/clinical, a total of 375 clock hours fall semester.

#### Semester II

#### Hours Credit

Adult Health Nursing Concepts & Clinical PNV 1682  
IV Therapy & Pharmacology PNV 1524

12  
4

#### **Totals**

16 semester hours

The student will attend, class/lab/clinical, a total of 375 clock hours spring semester.

#### Semester III

#### Hours Credit

Specialty Areas in Nursing PNV 1728  
Nursing Transitions PNV 1914

8  
4

#### **Totals**

12 semester hours

The student will attend, class/clinical, a total of 230 clock hours summer semester

Program:

Total clock hours = 980    Semester hours = 44



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### **DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

Pearl River Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, veteran status, or disability. If you have a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act and you require special assistance or accommodations, you should contact the designated coordinator for your campus for information on appropriate guidelines and procedures: Poplarville Campus, Tonia Moody Seal at 601-403-1060 or [tmood@prcc.edu](mailto:tmood@prcc.edu) ; Forrest County Center, Abby Goldblatt at 601-554-4686 or [agoldblatt@prcc.edu](mailto:agoldblatt@prcc.edu) ; Hancock Center, Raymunda Barnes at 228-252-7000 or [rbarnes@prcc.edu](mailto:rbarnes@prcc.edu). eLearning – Online students who require special assistance, accommodations, and/or need for alternate format should contact Tonia Moody Seal at [tmood@prcc.edu](mailto:tmood@prcc.edu) .

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Pearl River Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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 Seal, Director of Admissions and Records and ADA/Civil Rights Coordinator, at P.O. Box 5537, Poplarville, MS 39470 or 601-403-1060. For inquiries regarding Title IX, contact Maghan James, Assistant Vice President of Student Services and Title IX Coordinator, P.O. Box 5560, Poplarville, MS 39470 or 601-403-1253.

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**Application Packet Checklist:** (This is to ensure that you have completed the whole application process.) Please initial below that you have completed each step. It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain all information is received by the PN Department by March 1 at 3pm.

Name (Print Please) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have gone to [www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu) and filled out or updated an application to Pearl River Community College (for Fall semester).

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a copy of my High School transcript, GED or Hi-Set score or I have **verified** that PRCC has this information on file. (I am aware I must include a copy of my HS transcript to receive points for Allied Health)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included copies of my transcripts from each college/university I have attended or **verified** that PRCC has this on file.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a copy of my most recent ACT score or **verified** that PRCC has this information on file. (If you took the ACT in the same year you are applying you must include a copy of this score.)

Applicant Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRCC PN Department Verification Comments and follow up:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Application Due March 1, For August start date

**DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION  
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM**

Campus you wish to attend?

\_\_\_\_\_ Poplarville

\_\_\_\_\_ FCC (Hattiesburg)

\_\_\_\_\_ Either (But prefer \_\_\_\_\_ Campus)

PRCC ID/SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

MI

Maiden

Address:

Street or P.O. 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 taken the ACT? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_ no. If so, what is your composite score? \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 to submitting fingerprints for Criminal Background Checks. Materials submitted for the application process will be securely disposed of, after the class has been selected.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION FOR HEALTH CARE EMPLOYMENT FORM  
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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*Instructions:* Applicant to Practical Nursing program should have employer fill out verifying medical (medical related) work experience.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of duties: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_