



## Practical Nursing Dual Application Information

We are pleased that you have shown an interest in the Dual Enrollment Practical Nursing (PN) Program at Pearl River Community College (PRCC). Our Dual PN Program is offered to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending high school in the Pearl River Community College District Counties. Entry into this program is offered only in the Fall semester. The PRCC Practical Nursing program is accredited by the "Mississippi Community College Board". (MCCB)

To establish if a high school student is eligible for Practical Nursing (PN) dual enrollment at Pearl River Community College they must meet the following:

1. Submit an acceptable ACT score and sub-test scores. Acceptable scores are: composite of 16, with the sub-test score of 14 or above in Reading and a 14 or above in Mathematics. All dual enrollment students must have ACT scores on file with PRCC.
2. Completed a minimum of 14 core high school units.
3. Earned a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or better, on high school courses, as documented on an official high school transcript.
4. Obtained a completed PRCC Dual Enrollment Letter of Recommendation from their high school principal and/or guidance counselor.
5. Obtained a letter of recommendation from counselor or teacher.

For those eligible, this is How to Apply  
The applicant must complete and submit:

1. A Pearl River Community College application- parent signature required
2. A Practical Nursing Program application
3. The Dual Enrollment Recommendation Form- completed by counselor
4. The Parent-Student agreement form-signatures required
5. Official high school transcript and ACT scores
6. FERPA form-Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Submit materials to: Nancy Gilbert [ngilbert@prcc.edu](mailto:ngilbert@prcc.edu) Bldg 5, (Hattiesburg) Forrest County Center OR Mrs. Camille Killough, [ckillough@prcc.edu](mailto:ckillough@prcc.edu) Nursing Bldg Poplarville Campus.

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 [tmooddy@prcc.edu](mailto:tmooddy@prcc.edu); Forrest County Center, Beth Strahan at 601-554-5530 or [bstrahan@prcc.edu](mailto:bstrahan@prcc.edu); Hancock Center, Raymunda Barnes at 228-252-7000 or [rbarnes@prcc.edu](mailto:rbarnes@prcc.edu). Distance Learning Students who require special assistance, accommodations, and/or need for alternate format should contact Tonia Moody Seal at [tmooddy@prcc.edu](mailto:tmooddy@prcc.edu).

Selection to the Dual PN Program is made by the accumulation of points as listed below, ranked highest to lowest.

Applicants will be selected by Point(s) awarded using this scale:

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

Ranking of High School GPA based on Official Transcript, Students must supply PRCC with an official transcript after completing the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and a second transcript after graduation.

<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
3.0 – 3.1	4

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

For those applicants selected for admission  
As determined by this point system (Ranked Highest to Lowest):

1. Applicants and their parent(s) or legal guardian must attend an information session at PRCC. We will answer questions and address concerns of parents and students.
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 result or treatment protocol.
3. Drug screening will be required from a specific lab; Healthworks located at 5909 US Hwy 49, Hattiesburg, and must render a negative result in order to continue.

4. Obtain "Form #121, Certificate of Immunization Compliance" from the Mississippi State Department of Health (or your health care provider); it must state that you are complete for school, university/college, or work requirements.
5. PRCC will submit your fingerprints for a Criminal Background Check (CBC) in accordance with section 43-11-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972. You must not have any disqualifying event(s); this process is necessary for the practical nursing student to enter the healthcare facilities for clinical. All practical nursing students must participate in required clinical activities to progress and complete the PN Program. This is the first of two Criminal Background Checks required while in the program.
6. CPR-C (Health Care Provider) is required prior to any clinical activity, and must not expire prior to graduation from the Practical Nursing program.
7. Qualified alternates will be placed on a waiting list and may be selected to fill any vacancies that occur prior to the end of PRCC's late registration.
8. Please refer to the Cat Country Guide (PRCC Student Handbook located at [www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu) ) under *due process* for student complaints
9. All admission materials must be delivered in person to: The Practical Nursing offices of the campus where you are applying. Contact person: Mrs. Camille Killough, [ckillough@prcc.edu](mailto:ckillough@prcc.edu) 601-403-1079, Poplarville, MS- Nursing Building, **OR** Mrs. Nancy Gilbert, [ngilbert@prcc.edu](mailto:ngilbert@prcc.edu) , 601-554-5504 Hattiesburg, MS Building 5, Room 108.

### Critical Elements

As a student seeking admission to the Practical Nursing program, we would like to make you aware of some critical elements for performance and completion:

- Students are expected to stand for prolonged periods, up to eighty percent of clinical time.
- Students will walk, bend, stoop, kneel, squat, push, pull, lift, and reach overhead.
- Students must possess sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to perform nursing procedures.
- Students must see, talk and hear with sufficient acuity to perform client care.
- Students must be able to tolerate exposure to disinfectants, soap, cleansers, plastic and other materials used in protective equipment and for procedures.
- Obtain a final score of 80% or higher in each class (course) of the program for the four semesters.
- All dual students must provide their own transportation to and from the class/lab and clinical sites. PRCC does not provide student transportation.
- Complete all requirements for high school graduation.

The Practical Nursing Dual Program grant will pay for all tuition, fees and supplies until the student graduates from high school (fall and spring semesters), as long as funds are available. PRCC will inform students and their parents if funding has been approved prior to the program starting each fall. After high school graduation each student will be assessed tuition and fees in accordance with the standard tuition and fees assessed to other Practical Nursing students attending PRCC. "A high school student who is dually enrolled in courses at Pearl River Community College is **not** eligible for PRCC institutional scholarships, state, or federal student aid" until after graduation from high school. After high school graduation students are then eligible to apply for any available scholarships, state or federal student aid.

Should a student decide to withdraw from the Dual Enrollment Practical Nursing program prior to high school graduation they must have the high school counselor and their parents complete the withdrawal forms. Should a student decide to withdraw from high school, they are no longer eligible for the PRCC Dual PN program.

Upon graduation from PRCC, 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 (MBON). 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 assessed a fee for this service by the MBON. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony offense may be grounds for refusal by the board to issue a license. This will be scheduled during the fourth semester of the program.

### Definition of Practical Nursing

The nursing faculty supports the description of the practical nurse from the State of Mississippi Law and Rules and Regulations, 2012. *"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 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."*

## Pearl River Graduation Requirements:

1. Complete all PN courses, including clinical, with a minimum grade of "80" in each course.
2. Complete all requirements for high school graduation and submit an official transcript with your date of high school graduation. Request High School send your official high school transcript to PRCC after your high school graduation.
3. Complete the program within four semesters (18 months).
4. Meet all other PRCC class and graduation requirements.
5. Apply for PRCC graduation on-line (fourth semester).

## Practical Nursing Dual Curriculum

Beginning each August

### Semester one (fall)

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

### Credit hours

3  
continued

### Semester two (spring)

Nursing Fundamentals and Clinical continued

13 (completed)

### Semester three (summer)

Specialty Areas in Nursing: PNV 1728  
IV Therapy and Pharmacology: PNV 1524

8  
4

### Semester four (fall)

Adult Health Nursing Concepts and Clinical: PNV 1682  
Transitions: PNV 1914

12  
4

Program total clock hours = 980

Semester credit hours = 44

**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 \_\_\_\_\_