Piedmont Technical College

Transition Nursing Program Information Packet

Students seeking to enter the Piedmont Technical College Transition Nursing Program should read this program packet in its entirety, and retain a copy for your files. The Health Care Division strongly encourages students to work with a nursing faculty advisor to track their progress towards entry.

General Information:

The Piedmont Technical College Transition Nursing Program is designed for current licensed practical nurses. It allows them the opportunity to complete an Associate Degree program without beginning at the freshman level. The Transition program is designed for the LPN who wishes to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing (RN). Students admitted into the Transition program must first complete NUR 201, NUR 203 and NUR 162 successfully with a grade of "C" or better and then enter the senior level of the ADN curriculum.

Program Eligibility Requirements:

1. Possess and maintain an unencumbered, active PN license.

2. Students must have successfully completed all of the following general education courses (Program Ready) with a grade of "C" or better before acceptance will be considered. A 2.5 minimum Program Ready GPA (average GPA of the courses listed below) is required for enrollment. A Program Ready GPA calculator can be found on the following website: https://websrv.ptc.edu/program_ready_gpa_calc
   - ENG 101
   - PSY 201
   - MAT 120
   - BIO 210
   - BIO 211
   - 1 Elective in humanities/ fine arts: ART 101, ENG 201, 202, 205, 206, 208, 209, MUS 105, PHI 101, 105, 110, THE 101 or REL 103.

3. Openings in the Transition program are limited to 40 spots. The top 40 scores of NLN and GPA points combined will be accepted into the program. In the event of a tie, the priority date will be used to determine the spot. You can refer to the merit worksheet for Transition.

4. To obtain transfer credit for general education classes taken at another college or university, an official transcript must be provided to the PTC Student Records Office. The transcript will be reviewed and credit for eligible courses will be awarded. The transcript review process takes time to complete, so prospective Transition students are encouraged to request official transcripts from the appropriate institution be sent as soon as possible. Official credit for all general education classes must be posted in

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the PTC database before the student will be considered eligible for program entry. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to verify that credit for all required coursework has been awarded.

5. ALL students must pass the NLN Foundation of Nursing Exam with a score of 65 percentile or better. Only one attempt to pass the test is permitted. Test results have a five-year time limit. Students with successful test results that are older than five years must re-take the test.

Program Policies:

1. Criminal records checks (CRC) and drug testing will be performed on all direct patient caregivers. Pending criminal charges or a conviction may make the student ineligible for participation in clinical/laboratory courses.

2. Students will be required to submit to a drug testing program prior to admission to any nursing program with a clinical component, and annually thereafter, or at the request of the college or a clinical site provider. The cost of all drug tests will be borne by the student. The results of the CRC and drug screen will be available for review by designated personnel in each clinical/field placement site. In order to have a diverse clinical experience, students must attend all clinical sites, therefore the student's CRC must be acceptable to all sites in order to successfully progress through the clinical component. Each clinical/field placement site utilized by the college has its own policies and has the right to refuse admission for clinical/field placement based on student CRC and/or drug screens. If a student has not attended nursing classes for one semester or longer, a new CRC and drug screen will be required at the student's expense.

3. Upon acceptance to the program, students will be required to submit specific health records, including immunization records, health assessment forms, and more. Students will be instructed about the required documentation and given a deadline for submittal. Failure to meet the deadline would result in the student losing their seat in the program. Accepted students will also be required to read the current PTC Student Nurses’ Handbook, and submit the included signature page.

4. Transition students are permitted only one (1) attempt at the transition class (NUR 201, NUR 203 and NUR 162), meaning that each student must successfully complete NUR 201, NUR 203, and NUR 162 the first time with a grade of "C" or better. If a student withdraws from the class or earns a grade lower than a "C", he/she is not eligible to continue the Transition Nursing Program. At that point, the only option for obtaining his/her Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Piedmont Tech would consist of applying to the traditional ADN program.

5. Upon admission to the transition program and completion of NUR 201 NUR 203 and NUR 162, the student has 2 attempts in the ADN program. In other words, a student who fails or withdraws a nursing curriculum course after successfully completing the transition class may readmit only once

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following the readmission guidelines policy.

6. Students in the transition class are required to pass a math/medication competency test in order to successfully pass the class.

7. After successfully completing NUR 201, NUR 203 and NUR 162, students will progress to the final 2 semesters of the ADN program. Students must finish the ADN program within 20 months after completion of NUR 201, NUR 203 and NUR 162. To graduate, at least 25% of the needed coursework must be completed at Piedmont Tech. A student who completes NUR 201, NUR 203 and NUR 162 and the subsequent ADN courses would have enough Piedmont Tech courses to meet this 25% requirement.

8. A 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA at PTC is required to continue in the program.

**Program Application Process:**

1. Complete/update the Piedmont Technical College Application for Admissions and submit to the Admissions Office. Select “ADNT” as your major. An update to your admissions application is necessary if your application to the college is a year old or more.

2. Read this packet carefully, and retain a copy for your files.

3. Submit official copies of college transcripts for all transfer coursework (if applicable) to the Student Records Office. If necessary, complete any general education courses required for the program.

4. Take the NLN Foundation of Nursing Exam at the PTC Testing Center and score 65 percentile or better. The test is offered on designated dates posted on the Transition webpage. Pay the NLN test fee at the business office then go to the Transition Nursing webpage for instructions on how to schedule an appointment to take the exam.

5. When all general education requirements are met and you have passed the NLN Foundation of Nursing Exam, complete and submit the electronic Transition Nursing Program Application during the published application period. The application is located on the Transition webpage.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applications for students not admitted to the program will not be kept on file after the application period ends. Students that wish to be considered for the Transition Program in the future must submit a new Transition Nursing Program application during each application period.
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Transition Nursing Application Process Checklist

This checklist is for your personal use in tracking and verifying that you have completed all steps required to apply to the Transition Nursing Program at PTC.

1. I have applied to the Admissions Office and listed "ADNT" as my major.

2. I have completed all the required general education classes. If my classes are from another college or university, I have worked with the Student Records Office to verify transfer credit has been officially awarded.

3. I have taken the NLN Foundation of Nursing exam and scored 65 percentile or better.

4. I am routinely checking the Transition website for any changes or updates to the program. I understand the Transition application is available on this website during the designated application period.

5. I have completely filled out my Transition Nursing Program application online and submitted it during the published application period.