

# Nursing Curriculum

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### **Program Overview**

Piedmont Technical College's nursing programs meet the unique learning needs of students by providing a quality education. They prepare students for the challenges of modern health care. The classroom instruction in nursing concepts, coupled with practical clinical experience at area health care providers will ensure that the graduates are well qualified to enter the nursing field. Upon completion of the designated clinical programs, students will be prepared to take the NCLEX licensure examination.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### D.A.S., MAJOR IN PRACTICAL NURSING

The Practical Nursing (PN) program is designed to afford the student the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to provide supervised health care to individuals and families across the lifespan in a variety of settings.

The PN program is three semesters. Students are admitted in the fall to the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood and in the spring to the Laurens campus.

Graduates of the PN program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX- PN). The licensed PN (LPN) is qualified to continue their nursing education through the LPN to ADN transition program.

The PN program is approved by the Board of Nursing for SC.

**Admission:** Acceptance into Piedmont Technical College's PN program is competitive and is limited to 32 students to begin fall and spring semesters. See the college calendar or website for application dates.

Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission into the PN program:

- Complete the following courses (minimum "C" grade required):
  - BIO 112 Basic Anatomy and Physiology
  - ENG 101 English Composition I

- MAT 120 Probability and Statistics or MAT 110 College Algebra
- PSY 201 General Psychology
- Minimum grade point average for the above 4 courses of 2.5. A grade point average calculator can be found on the Health Care Resources section of the college website.
- TEAS score of <u>65%</u> or higher in math and <u>65%</u> or higher in reading.
- 4. Good academic standing at the college.

\*These requirements will not prepare PN graduates to continue their nursing education in the ADN program. Students interested in continuing their education in the ADN program should take the biology needed for the ADN program.

Upon acceptance into the major coursework of the PN program, it will take three (3) semesters to complete the program.

#### **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

**COURSES** 

|                             | Basic Anatomy and Physiology4.0 |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| ENG 101                     | English Composition             |  |
| MAT 120                     | Probability and Statistics3.0   |  |
|                             | or MAT 110 College Algebra      |  |
| PSY 201                     | General Psychology              |  |
|                             | SUBTOTAL: 13.0                  |  |
| REQUIRED CORE SUBJECT AREAS |                                 |  |

| COURSE  | S                           | CREDIT HOURS   |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| PNR 110 | Fundamentals of Nursing     | 5.0            |
| PNR 128 | Medical/Surgical Nursing I. | 7.0            |
| PNR 154 | Maternal/Infant/Child Nurs  | sing5.0        |
|         |                             | SUBTOTAL: 17.0 |

## OTHER COURSES REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION COURSES CREDIT HOURS

| PNR 122 | Pharmacology                  | 3.0        |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------|
| PNR 138 | Medical/Surgical Nursing II.  | 7.0        |
| PNR 170 | Nursing of the Older Adult    | 2.0        |
| PNR 183 | Special Topics in Practical N | ursing 3.0 |

SUBTOTAL: 15.0

**CREDIT HOURS** 

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 45.0** 

#### A.A.S., MAJOR IN NURSING

The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program enables students to become caring registered nurses, committed to lifelong learning and service. The program provides students with knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to apply the nursing process to individuals and families across the life span in a variety of settings.

Graduates of the ADN program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The licensed ADN is qualified to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN).

The ADN program is approved by the Board of Nursing for SC and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (www.acenursing.org) 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; (404) 975-5000, (404) 975-5020 (fax); info@acenursing.org.

**Admission:** Acceptance into Piedmont Technical College's ADN program is competitive and is limited to 32 students to begin fall and spring semesters. To be eligible to apply for the clinical ADN program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the following courses (minimum "C" grade required):
  - BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I
  - ENG 101 English Composition I
  - MAT 120 Probability and Statistics or MAT 110 College Algebra
  - PSY 201 General Psychology
- 2. Minimum grade point average for the above 4 courses of 2.5. A grade point average calculator can be found on the Health Care Resources section of the college website.
- 3. TEAS score of <u>65%</u> or higher in math and <u>65%</u> or higher in reading.
- 4. Good academic standing at the college.

Completion of the Associate in Applied Science with a major in Nursing requires four (4) semesters upon acceptance to the major studies coursework.

| GENERA  | L EDUCATION COURSES                       |
|---------|---|
| COURSE  | S CREDIT HOURS                            |
| BIO 210 | Anatomy and Physiology I4.0               |
| BIO 211 | Anatomy and Physiology II4.0              |
| ENG 101 | English Composition I                     |
| MAT 120 | Probability and Statistics                |
|         | or MAT 110 College Algebra                |
| PSY 201 | General Psychology3.0                     |
|         | Elective Humanities/Fine Arts 3.0         |
|         | SUBTOTAL: 20.0                            |
| REQUIR  | ED CORE SUBJECT AREAS                     |
| COURSE  | S CREDIT HOURS                            |
| NUR 101 | Fundamentals of Nursing                   |
| NUR157  | Applications of Nursing Concepts7.0       |
| NUR 162 | Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing 3.0 |
| NUR 211 | Care of Childbearing Family4.0            |
| NUR 212 | Nursing Care of Children4.0               |
|         | SUBTOTAL: 24.0                            |
| OTHER ( | COURSES REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION           |
| COURSE  |   |
| NUR 139 | Introduction to Nursing Concepts          |
| NUR 216 | Nursing Seminar                           |
| NUR 219 | Nursing Management and Leadership4.0      |
| NUR 227 | Application of Nursing Concepts II7.0     |
| NUR 232 | Gerontology                               |
|         | SUBTOTAL: 18.0                            |
|         | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 62.0                  |

#### LPN TO ADN PROGRAM

Students who have successfully completed the practical nursing program, hold an active unencumbered PN license, and have earned a minimum score of the 65 percentile on the National League for Nursing's Foundation for Nurses examination may be admitted to the ADN program after meeting the following additional requirements:

- 1. Complete the following courses with a "C" or higher: BIO 210, BIO 211, ENG 101, MAT 110 or MAT 120, PSY 201 and an elective in Humanities/Fine Arts
- Complete NUR 201 and NUR 203 with a minimum grade of "C" to receive exemption credit through demonstrated competence for NUR 101, NUR 139 and NUR 157. This is a requirement for progression in the transition program.

Graduate LPN students may also enter the program through the normal admission process but will not be eligible for the exemption credit without meeting the above criteria. (Please visit www.ptc.edu/transition for additional program acceptance guidelines.)

| GENERA  | AL EDUCATION COURSES                          |
|---------|---|
| COURSE  | CREDIT HOURS                                  |
| BIO 210 | Anatomy and Physiology I4.0                   |
| BIO 211 | Anatomy and Physiology II4.0                  |
| ENG 101 | English Composition I                         |
| MAT 120 | Probability and Statistics                    |
|         | or MAT 110 College Algebra                    |
| PSY 201 | General Psychology                            |
|         | Elective Humanities/Fine Arts3.0              |
|         | SUBTOTAL: 20.0                                |
| REQUIR  | ED CORE SUBJECT AREAS                         |
| COURSE  | CREDIT HOURS                                  |
| NUR 162 | Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing 3.0     |
| NUR 201 | Transition Nursing                            |
| NUR 211 | Care of Childbearing Family4.0                |
| NUR 212 | Nursing Care of Children4.0                   |
| NUR 232 | Gerontology3.0                                |
|         | SUBTOTAL: 17.0                                |
|         | COURSES REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION               |
| COURSE  |   |
|         | Transition for Licensed Practical Nursing 1.0 |
|         | Nursing Seminar                               |
| NUR 219 |   |
| NUR 227 | Application of Nursing Concepts II7.0         |
|         | SUBTOTAL: 13.0                                |
|         | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 50.0</b>               |

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