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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: The PN program has special admission criteria which must be completed prior to applying for the clinical phase of the program. A student may be admitted to the college at any time in order to complete prerequisites and general education coursework.

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

1. Complete the following courses (minimum "C" grade required):
 - BIO 112 Basic Anatomy and Physiology
 - ENG 101 English Composition I
 - MAT 120 Probability and Statistics
 - 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 Science and Nursing Resources section of the college website.
3. TEAS score of 65% or higher in math and 65% or higher in reading.
4. Minimum overall PTC GPA of 2.0.

**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	CREDIT HOURS
BIO 112 Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4.0
ENG 101 English Composition.....	3.0
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics	3.0
PSY 201 General Psychology	3.0

SUBTOTAL: 13.0

REQUIRED CORE SUBJECT AREAS

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
PNR 110 Fundamentals of Nursing	5.0
PNR 128 Medical/Surgical Nursing I.....	7.0
PNR 154 Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing	5.0

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 Nursing	3.0

SUBTOTAL: 15.0

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:

1. Complete the following courses (minimum "C" grade required):
 - BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I
 - ENG 101 English Composition I
 - MAT 120 Probability and Statistics
 - 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 Health Science and Nursing Resources section of the college website.
3. TEAS score of 65% or higher in math and 65% or higher in reading.
4. Minimum overall PTC GPA of 2.0.

Eligible students must apply for acceptance into the clinical ADN program. The top 32 applicants will be accepted for program entry. Applications are accepted in May and September. See the college calendar or website for exact dates. Completion of the Associate in Applied Science with a major in Nursing requires four (4) semesters upon acceptance to the major studies coursework.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4.0
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
ENG 101 English Composition I	3.0
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics	3.0
PSY 201 General Psychology.....	3.0
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts	3.0
SUBTOTAL: 20.0	

REQUIRED CORE SUBJECT AREAS

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
NUR 101 Fundamentals of Nursing	6.0
NUR157 Applications of Nursing Concepts	7.0
NUR 162 Psychiatric and Mental Health.....	3.0
Nursing	
NUR 211 Care of Childbearing Family	4.0
NUR 212 Nursing Care of Children	4.0
SUBTOTAL: 24.0	

OTHER COURSES REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
NUR 139 Introduction to Nursing Concepts	3.0
NUR 216 Nursing Seminar.....	1.0
NUR 219 Nursing Management and Leadership..	4.0
NUR 227 Application of Nursing Concepts II	7.0
NUR 232 Gerontology.....	3.0
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 120, PSY 201 and an elective in Humanities/Fine Arts
2. 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. In addition, you must complete NUR 162 with a minimum grade of "C" to progress in the program.

(Please see website for additional program acceptance, guidelines www.ptc.edu/transition.)

TRANSITION NURSING

>>> Visit www.ptc.edu/nursing to learn more.

PROGRAM ADMISSION: To be eligible to apply for the LPN to ADN Transition Nursing program, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold an active unencumbered PN license
2. Minimum of 65 percentile on National League for Nursing's Foundation for Nurses examination.
3. Complete the following courses with a "C" or higher:
BIO 210, BIO 211, ENG 101, MAT 120, PSY 201 and
ELECTIVE HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS
4. Minimum overall PTC GPA of 2.0.

Completion of NUR 201 and NUR 203, in addition to NUR 162, with a minimum grade of "C" is required prior to enrollment into the final two semesters of the Transition Nursing program.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4.0
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
ENG 101 English Composition I	3.0
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics	3.0
PSY 201 General Psychology.....	3.0
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts	3.0
SUBTOTAL: 20.0	

REQUIRED CORE SUBJECT AREAS

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
NUR 162 Psychiatric and Mental Health.....	3.0
Nursing	
NUR 201 Transition Nursing	3.0
NUR 211 Care of Childbearing Family	4.0
NUR 212 Nursing Care of Children	4.0
NUR 232 Gerontology.....	3.0
SUBTOTAL: 17.0	

OTHER COURSES REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
NUR 203 Transition for Licensed Practical.....	1.0
Nursing	
NUR 216 Nursing Seminar.....	1.0
NUR 219 Nursing Management and Leadership..	4.0
NUR 227 Application of Nursing Concepts II	7.0
SUBTOTAL: 13.0	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 50.0	