

**PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM**  
**ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Piedmont Community College and the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. Applicants are selected on the basis of their achievement potential through review of previous academic records, scores on required Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), and number of available seats in the program. Students are admitted to a new ADN cohort each fall. The deadline for all required documents and testing is February 15 of the year prior to that fall.

In order for a student to be considered for admission to the ADN program, the applicant must complete Phases I and II below. **Students may not take the TEAS exam until Phase I is complete. Failure to complete any portion of the requirements may jeopardize admission to the program.**

**PHASE I: Application and Admission Process** Submit a completed application to Piedmont Community College

- Official transcripts from high school and all other colleges sent to PCC.
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the ADN program.
- Complete college placement tests for English, Reading, and Math. Students may be exempt from placement testing if they have completed the SAT and achieved a score of **500** on each section, or ACT score of **19** on English, Reading, and Math, or have received transfer credit from another college.
- Complete developmental course work in English, Reading, and Mathematics unless the results of the admissions placement test show advance placement into English 111 and Mathematics 110.
- Complete one unit of general Chemistry and one unit of general Biology at or above the secondary school level with a grade of “C” or better, within **ten (10) years** of entrance date to the ADN program. Biology 094, Biology 111, or Biology 163 will meet the high school biology requirement. Chemistry 092, Chemistry 131, or Chemistry 151 will meet the high school chemistry requirement. Equivalent courses may be taken at other community colleges.
- Complete CIS 110 with a grade of “C” or better.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher without rounding.
- Applicants are encouraged to enroll in non-nursing courses required in the ADN curriculum while awaiting admission to the nursing program. It is highly recommended that students complete BIO 168 and 169 prior to entering the nursing program. BIO 168 and 169 must be taken within **five (5) years** of entrance date to the ADN program.
- Any student who earns a “D” or “F” in **any required course** for the ADN program must repeat that course **prior** to entering the nursing program and earn a grade of “C” or better.
- Any Pre-Nursing student who makes two (2) “D’s” or two (2) “F’s” in any required course, or repeats any developmental level course, Chemistry 092, or Biology 094 more than once may be denied admission into the nursing program.

**PHASE II: TEAS Test, CNA Certification, and Program Application**

- Upon completion of **ALL** developmental courses, general chemistry and general biology, students may apply to take the TEAS. The TEAS cannot be taken until PHASE I is completed and all required materials have been received in the Admissions Office. Application forms are available in the student development office and online. Testing dates will be scheduled from October through January and will be posted on the Director of Nursing Education’s office door, in Student Development, and online. It is the student’s responsibility to complete the application to test and schedule a date to take the test prior to the last scheduled day of testing. No extra tests will be given after the last scheduled date.

- Complete the TEAS V test. Applicants are allowed to test twice per testing period. Testing may be done at another facility provided the official test results are sent to PCC through ATI's official reporting system. The testing fee is \$45. Applicants are allowed 209 minutes to complete this computer-based test. The study guide for the TEAS may be purchased in the PCC bookstore or online at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). The website also has an online practice test available for purchase. In addition, the study guide is available on reserve in PCC's LRC.

TEAS Testing Domain	Number of Items	Administration
Reading	42	58 minutes
Mathematics	30	51 minutes
Science	48	66 minutes
English Language Usage	30	34 minutes

- Submit a program specific application (given out after administration of the TEAS test) by February 15. Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office.
- Be CNA I certified prior to starting the ADN program. **Applicants must have successfully completed a North Carolina approved Certified Nurse Aide I program and be currently listed on the Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility. The Certified Nurse Aide I training program must include theory, lab, and clinical components. The applicant must provide a copy of the certificate of completion from an approved program. LPN's will be exempt from this requirement.**

**\*Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement. CMA or EMT certification will not meet this requirement.**

\*Financial aid will pay for the CNA I course **ONLY IF** all required developmental courses have been taken and the student has a GPA of 2.5 or higher. See Frances Lunsford in the Financial Aid Office with any questions.

### **PHASE III: Selection Process and Notification of Admission Status**

- Applicants who have met all entrance requirements and have submitted an application to the ADN program will be considered by the Nursing Admission Committee. Consideration will be based upon the point system in the table on the following page.
- Notification will be sent by April 15 to those who completed the admission application. One of the following categories will be listed:
  - Conditional acceptance (See Phase IV)
  - Waiting List
  - Not accepted
- Applicants not accepted must reapply the following year if admission is still desired.
- MAT 110 must be completed **prior** to entering the ADN program.

## POINT SYSTEM

TEAS V		ACA 111	BIO 168	BIO 169	GPA	Service Area	12 Sem.Hrs Credit @ PCC	Total Points
Reading	Math				≥ 3.5 = 5 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
≥90% = 43 pts	≥85% = 20 pts	A = 3 pts	A = 14 pts	A = 12 pts	3.0-3.49 = 2 pts			
80-89.9% = 23 pts	75-84.9% = 15 pts	B = 1 pt	B = 7 pts	B = 5 pts				
70-79.9% = 10 pts	65-74.9% = 10 pts							
<b>or HS STUDENTS</b>								
TEAS V		GPA	BIO	CHM	Service Area			
Reading	Math		AP	AP	2 pts			
≥90% = 41 pts	≥85% = 20 pts	≥ 4.0 = 20 pts	A = 10 pts	A = 7 pts				
80-89.9% = 21 pts	75-84.9% = 15 pts	3.5-3.99 = 15 pts	B = 7 pts	B = 5 pts				
70-79.9% = 10 pts	65-74.9% = 10 pts	3.0-3.49 = 10 pts	C = 6 pts	C = 4 pts				
			<b>Honors</b>	<b>Honors</b>				
			A = 9 pts	A = 6 pts				
			B = 6 pts	B = 4 pts				
			C = 5 pts	C = 3 pts				
			<b>General</b>	<b>General</b>				
			A = 8 pts	A = 5 pts				
			B = 5 pts	B = 3 pts				

Possible total points = 100

### PHASE IV: Acceptance

- Students accepted to the ADN program must:
  - Return intent form to the Director, ADN Education within ten (10) business days
  - Attend a mandatory 1-day orientation program on the designated date.
  - Show satisfactory completion of physical and emotional health by the student's primary care provider  
An applicant with a history of physical or emotional health concerns must provide evidence that appropriate treatment has taken place and that the problem has been alleviated.
  - Show evidence of required immunizations and/or titers
    - Hep B Series & titer (May sign waiver)
    - Varicella titer required
    - Tetanus (Within last 10 years)
    - MMR (As required by age)
    - Childhood immunizations
    - TB skin test (Within last 90 days)

- Show evidence of current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification
- Complete required criminal background check (CBC) and initial drug screening through the designated service provider (Information will be mailed with the acceptance letter). The student will incur the cost of these.

\*Students admitted to the ADN program at PCC will submit to CBC and drug screening upon admission to the program and random drug screening as directed by affiliated clinical agencies. Information obtained from the background check is sent directly to clinical agencies from the CBC service provider and could jeopardize the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the student's inability to complete the program. The application for licensure examination with the North Carolina Board of Nursing contains questions as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felon other than minor traffic violations. If the answer is "yes" the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. This question is asked because of the legal requirements for becoming registered as a nurse in North Carolina. Similar requirements exist in other states.

The Nursing Practice Act, Article 9, Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina states that the North Carolina Board of Nursing may deny an application for licensure if the Board determines that the applicant:

- Has given false information or has withheld material information from the board in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing.
- Has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime which indicates that the nurse is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing or that the nurse has deceived or defrauded the public.
- Has a mental or physical disability or used any drug to a degree that interferes with his or her fitness to practice nursing.
- Engages in conduct that endangers the public health.
- Is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing by reason of deliberate or negligent acts or omissions regardless of whether actual injury to the patient is established.
- Engages in conduct that deceives, defrauds or harms the public in the course of professional activities or services.
- Has willfully violated any provision of the Article or of regulations enacted by the board.

**Piedmont Community College does not offer Advanced Placement for the LPN.**

## CURRICULUM PLAN

			Hours Per Week			
		Prior to entering program	Cl.	Lb.	Clin.	Cr.
MAT	110	Math Measurement	2	2	0	3
CIS	110	Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
			<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
		<b>Fall Semester (First Year)</b>				
ACA	111	College Success	1	0	0	1
BIO	168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
ENG	111	Expository Writing	3	0	0	3
NUR	111	Intro to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
			<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
		<b>Spring Semester (First Year)</b>				
BIO	169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
NUR	112	Health Illness Concepts (1 <sup>st</sup> 8 wks)	3	0	6	5
NUR	114	Holistic Health Concepts (2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 wks)	3	0	6	5
			<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>
		<b>Summer Semester (Second Year)</b>				
NUR	113	Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
		or				
NUR	211	Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
			<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>Fall Semester (Second Year)</b>				
ENG	112	Argument-Based Research	3	0	0	3
		or				
ENG	114	Professional Research & Reporting	3	0	0	3
PSY	241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
NUR	212	Health System Concepts (1 <sup>st</sup> 8 wks)	3	0	6	5
NUR	113	Family Health Concepts (2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 wks)	3	0	6	5
		or				
NUR	211	Health Care Concepts (2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 wks)	3	0	6	5
			<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
		<b>Spring Semester (Second Year)</b>				
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	0	3
NUR	213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
			<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
Total			<b>49</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>73</b>