



ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSIONS POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Piedmont Community College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program is a full-time, five-semester curriculum that prepares the student for a career in nursing. The ADN curriculum provides knowledge, skills and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

ARE YOU READY?

Being a nurse involves decisions that will impact the lives of others. Nursing education programs are content intensive and comprehensive. Potential students should be aware of the demands and individual characteristics needed to be most successful in a nursing education program. The following list describes other important individual characteristics, in addition to self-efficacy, required of students to be most successful in a nursing education program:

- Keen **observation and critical thinking** skills to guide legal, ethical, safe, and professional decisions;
- Verbal and non-verbal **communication** skills to effectively interact in all situations with other faculty, students, patients, families and other health care workers.
- **Flexible schedule** to meet the class and clinical requirements, including several non-credit hours to prepare for class, clinical, examinations, and other assignments.
- Reading comprehension to synthesize large quantities of information. Nursing education programs **require A LOT of reading**, and furthermore, understanding of what is being read.
- The **ability to conform** to group, social, and professional “**norms**” or expectations in regard to appearance and behavior.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of PCC and the ADN Program. A new ADN cohort starts each fall and applicants are selected on the basis of their achievement potential through review of previous academic records, scores on required Kaplan Nursing Admission Test (KNAT), and number of available seats in the program. **The deadline for all required documents and testing is March 1 of the year prior to that fall. This includes all transcripts from other institutions and any attempts to receive credit by exam for any required course.**

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 KNAT until Phase I is complete.** Failure to complete any portion of the requirements may jeopardize admission to the program.

For further information or questions, please contact Dawn Oakley, Director of ADN Education at dawn.oakley@piedmontcc.edu or 336.322.2219 or visit <http://www.piedmontcc.edu/nursing>.

PHASE I: Application and Admission Eligibility

- Submit a completed application to PCC by visiting www.piedmontcc.edu
- Official transcripts from high school and all other colleges sent to PCC **by the application deadline of March 1**. Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the ADN program.
- Students will be required to show proficiency in math, reading and writing by placing into ENG 111 and MAT 143 or 152 without the co-requisite.
- Applicants are encouraged to complete required general education courses while awaiting admission to the nursing program.
- Any applicant who earns a “D” or “F” in a **required course** for the ADN program must repeat it **prior** to entering the nursing program and earn a grade of “C” or better.

PHASE II: KNAT, CNA Certification, and Program Application

- Upon completion of **ALL** Phase I requirements, eligible applicants can register to take the KNAT by completing the permission form, which are available online, in the Student Development office, and the ADN Director’s office. Testing dates are posted online, in Student Development, and on the Director of Nursing’s office door. **Applicants who qualify for testing accommodations based on a disability, must request accommodations and notify the Director of Nursing prior to taking the test.**
- Complete the KNAT. **Students who achieve an overall score of 67% will be given priority admission over those scoring lower than 67% due to these scores correlating with a student successfully completing the nursing program.** Applicants are only allowed to test once per academic year. The study guide for the KNAT ([Nursing School Entrance Exams Prep 2019-2020](#)) may be purchased in the PCC bookstore or purchased online. The non-refundable testing fee is \$25.
- By the August start date, **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.** Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement. CMA or EMT certification will not meet this requirement.

PHASE III: Selection Process and Notification of Admission Status

- Applicants who have met all entrance requirements and taken the KNAT will be considered by the Nursing Admission Committee. Consideration will be based upon the point system in the table on the following page. Courses considered for points must be completed by the end of the previous fall semester.
- **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 – Low KNAT scores or low GPA
- Applicants not accepted must reapply the following year if admission is still desired.

PHASE IV: Acceptance

- Students accepted to the ADN program must:
 - Return intent form to the Director, ADN Education by the required due date.
 - BIO 168 and NA I must be completed **prior** to entering the ADN program.
 - Show evidence of current American Heart Association (AHA) Healthcare Provider CPR certification
 - Attend a Mandatory Orientation on the designated date.
 - Show satisfactory completion of physical and emotional health by the student's primary care provider.
 - Show evidence of required immunizations and/or titers:
 - MMR & Varicella (2 doses or titer)
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria (Tdap) (Within last 10 years)
 - Hep B Series & titer (3 doses or titer - May sign waiver)
 - Tuberculosis PPD skin test (Annual – 2-step required if no documentation within last year)
 - Complete required criminal background check (CBC) and initial drug screening through the designated service provider at the student's expense.

Transfer students

Students may request advanced placement in the ADN program if they have successfully completed NUR courses. In order to receive advanced placement, students will be given challenge exam(s) for each course previously completed and must score an 80% or higher.

ADMISSIONS POINT SYSTEM

KNAT - Kaplan Nursing Admission Test				BIO 168	BIO 169	Person/ Caswell County Resident	Maximum Points 75
Overall Score	Reading	Science	Critical Thinking				
≥90% = 15 pts	≥90% = 15 pts	≥70% = 10 pts	≥88% = 10 pts	A = 10 pts	A = 10 pts	5 pts	
80-89% = 10 pts	80-89% = 10 pts	60-69% = 7pts	75-87% = 7 pts	B = 7 pts	B = 7 pts		
67-79% = 7 pts	73-79% = 7 pts	55-59% = 3pts	69-74% = 3 pts				
<67 = 0 pts	<73 = 0 pts	<55 = 0 pts	<69 = 0 pts				
Students who achieve an overall score of 67% or higher will be given priority admission due to these scores correlating with a student successfully completing the nursing program.							

CURRICULUM PLAN

COURSE	PRIOR TO ENTERING PROGRAM	CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDITS
BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
SEMESTER I – FALL					
NUR 111	Intro to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
		10	11	6	16
SEMESTER II - SPRING					
NUR 112	Health Illness Concepts (1 st 8 weeks)	3	0	6	5
NUR 114	Holistic Health Concepts (2 nd 8 weeks)	3	0	6	5
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		9	0	12	13
SEMESTER III - SUMMER					
NUR 113	Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
		6	0	6	8
SEMESTER IV - FALL					
NUR 211	Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 212	Health System Concepts - Hybrid	3	0	6	5
ENG 112	Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
		9	0	12	13
SEMESTER V - SPRING					
NUR 213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
HUM 115	Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
		7	3	15	13
Total		44	17	51	67

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Estimated Cost

<u>FALL SEMESTER – FIRST YEAR</u>		<u>SUMMER SEMESTER – SECOND YEAR</u>	
Tuition Max (IS)	\$1,274.00	Tuition Max (IS)	\$665.00
Tuition (OS)	4,346.00	Tuition (OS)	2,144.00
Activity Fee	20.00	Activity Fee	10.00
Technology Fee	16.00	Technology Fee	10.00
Campus Access Fee	20.00	Campus Access Fee	10.00
Student Liability Fee	8.00	Student Liability Fee	8.00
Nursing Student Fee	116.00	Nursing Student Fee	116.00
Nursing Clinical Fee	25.00		
Insurance	1.25	Insurance	1.25
Uniforms, lab coat, watch, etc.	300.00	Travel & Parking	250.00
Travel & Parking	500.00		
Books	900.00		
Computer	700.00		
		<u>FALL SEMESTER</u>	
		Tuition Max (IS)	\$1,045.00
		Tuition (OS)	3,541.00
		Activity Fee	20.00
		Technology Fee	16.00
		Campus Access Fee	20.00
		Student Liability Fee	8.00
		Nursing Student Fee	116.00
		Nursing Clinical Fee	25.00
		Insurance	1.25
		Travel & Parking	500.00
		<u>SPRING SEMESTER</u>	
		Tuition Max (IS)	\$1,045.00
		Tuition (OS)	3,541.00
		Activity Fee	20.00
		Technology Fee	16.00
		Campus Access Fee	20.00
		Student Liability Fee	8.00
		Nursing Student Fee	116.00
		Insurance	1.25
		Travel & Parking	500.00
		Graduation Fee	25.00
		Nursing Pin	50.00
		Background Check	38.00
		* NC BON Application	75.00
		* NCLEX Fee	200.00
		(Pearson Professional Testing)	
		*Subject to change	

