



Nursing

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSIONS POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Piedmont Community College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program is a full-time, five-semester (for the Traditional cohorts) or six-semester (for the Evening/Weekend cohorts) 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 rigorous, 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 thrive 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, simulation experiences, and other assignments.
- Reading comprehension to synthesize large quantities of information. Nursing education programs **require a large amount of reading**, and furthermore, understanding of what is being read.
- The **ability to conform to** group, social, and professional "**norms**" or expectations regarding appearance and behavior.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are provisionally admitted under the admission policies of PCC and the ADN Program. A new ADN cohort starts each Fall (Traditional cohort), every other year in the Spring (Evening/Weekend cohort), and applicants are selected based on 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 the Fall semester for the Traditional cohort and September 1 of the year prior to the Spring semester for the Evening/Weekend cohort. This includes all transcripts from other institutions and any attempts to receive credit by exam for any required course.**

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 Darrick Woods, Director of ADN Education at Darrick.Woods@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/admissions
- Official transcripts from high school and all other colleges sent to PCC **by the application deadline of March 1 (Traditional cohort) or September 1 (Evening/Weekend cohort)**. 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 application, which is available online, and in the lobby of the L-building on the Person County campus. 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% or higher on the KNAT may be given priority admission consideration because these scores favorably correlate with students’ success in completing the PCC Nursing program. Applicants are only allowed to test once per academic year. The study guide for the KNAT ([Nursing School Entrance Exams Prep 2020-2021](#)) may be purchased in the PCC bookstore or purchased online. The non-refundable testing fee is \$30.
- 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, EMT, or LPN certifications can be used to 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 process. Applicants will receive one of the following letters from the Admissions Committee:
 - Conditional Acceptance Notice (See Phase IV)
 - Waiting List Notice
 - Not accepted – Low KNAT scores or Low GPA Notice
- 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:
 - Annual COVID-19 & Influenza vaccines
 - 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 at another approved nursing education program. To receive credit for nursing (NUR) courses, students must score at least 80% on the corresponding challenge exam(s) for each nursing course previously successfully completed.

ADMISSIONS POINT SYSTEM

KNAT - Kaplan Nursing Admission Test				BIO 168	BIO 169	Person or Caswell County Resident	Maximum Points
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	75
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				
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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

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

Estimated Cost

FALL SEMESTER – FIRST YEAR

Tuition Max (IS)	\$1,274.00
Tuition (OS)	4,346.00
Activity Fee	20.00
Technology Fee	16.00
Campus Access Fee	20.00
Student Liability Fee	8.00
Graduation Fee	5.00
Nursing Student Fee	120.00
Nursing Clinical Fee	25.00
Verified Credentials**	150.00
Insurance	1.25
Uniforms, lab coat, watch, etc.**	300.00
Lab Kit (Castle Uniforms)	\$180
Travel & Parking	500.00

SPRING SEMESTER

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
Graduation Fee	5.00
Nursing Student Fee	120.00
Insurance	1.25
Travel & Parking	500.00

SUMMER SEMESTER – SECOND YEAR

Tuition Max (IS)	\$665.00
Tuition (OS)	2,144.00
Activity Fee	10.00
Technology Fee	10.00
Campus Access Fee	10.00
Student Liability Fee	8.00
Graduation Fee	5.00
Nursing Student Fee	120.00
Insurance	1.25
Travel & Parking	250.00

FALL SEMESTER

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Technology Fee	16.00
Campus Access Fee	20.00

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Graduation Fee	5.00
Nursing Student Fee	120.00
Insurance	1.25
Travel & Parking	500.00
Graduation Fee	25.00
Nursing Pin	50.00
NCBON Background Check**	38.00
NCBON Application**	75.00
Pearson NCLEX Fee**	200.00

****Subject to change**