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## **Practical Nursing Diploma Program**

Thank you for your interest in Nunez Community College's Practical Nursing Diploma program. Before you apply, you should be aware of a few general rules.

The Nunez Community College Nursing program is a limited, competitive, admission program. The number of qualified applicants may exceed the number of positions in a class. Individuals who are *not* selected into the class for which they apply will be given the opportunity to be considered for the next scheduled class (by written request and new application only).

Applicants to the Practical Nursing Program **must** be registered students at Nunez Community College and meet all admission requirements to the College *before* applying to the nursing program. To register at the College, please contact the Admissions Office at (504) 278-6467 for further information.

### ***When to apply for nursing?***

Nursing classes begin in spring (January) and fall (August). We will accept applications for the Fall semester starting March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be accepting applications for the Spring semester starting July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

An individual should apply for admission to the Practical Nursing Program when he/she has met **all** of the following:

- Has attained a high school diploma or GED
- Has reached the age of 18 years old
- Is a registered student at Nunez Community College
- Has **completed** the following Prerequisite Courses:
  - Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (Lecture) BIOL 1010 **or** Human Anatomy & Physiology I (Lecture) BIOL 2300 **and** Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Lecture) BIOL 2400 (grade of 80% "B" or greater and no more than 4 years old will be accepted)
  - Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (Laboratory) BIOL 1020 **or** Human Anatomy & Physiology I (Laboratory) 2310 **and** Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Laboratory) BIOL 2410 (grade of 80% "B" or greater and no more than 4 years old will be accepted)
  - Nutrition and Diet Therapy BIOL 1500 (grade of 80% "B" or greater and no more than 4 years old will be accepted)
  - Introduction to Psychology PSYC 1100
  - English Composition I ENGL 1010
  - Algebra for Allied Health MATH1190 Note: College for Algebra Students (MATH 1180) is a prerequisite to this course.

**NOTE:** *Students wishing to further their education in a RN program should consider taking BIOL 2300, BIOL 2310, BIOL 2400, BIOL 2410 for their Anatomy & Physiology requirement*

Validation tests are required to challenge Anatomy & Physiology and Nutrition courses older than 4 years and/or below 80% (“B”). Validation testing may be taken only twice, with a thirty-day waiting period between test dates. If an acceptable score is not attained, then the student must retake the course he/she is challenging. \*\*\*Test scores **must** be turned in with application. Please refer to testing schedule for additional information.

- Has achieved minimum acceptable scores on the admission exam. We accept the following exams:

	Math	Reading	Language
TABE	10.5	11.0	11.0
ACT	17	19	17
ASSET	41	42	42
COMPASS	44	82	60

Exam must be taken within three (3) years of the application to nursing. Examinees may test a maximum of 3 times with a waiting period of 30 days between exams.

- Has attained an acceptable composite score of 40% on the pre-nursing exam (Psychological Service Bureau). Please refer to the testing schedule for additional information.
- Has attained two favorable references (one recommendation **must** be written by recent employer).
- If applicant has attended another health-related school/program, a letter of good standing must be submitted from each instructional institution attended.
- Has a minimum GPA of 2.5 in **all** prerequisite courses (no grade lower than a “C” in General Education courses and a “B” earned within 4 years in required Biology courses);
- Has a minimum overall college GPA (all college courses attempted) of 2.0 (4.0 system)

### **How to apply?**

1. Make payment of application fee in the amount of \$20.00 to the Bursar’s office.
2. Submit a completed Practical Nursing Diploma Program Application for Admission along with the paid receipt from the Bursar’s office.
3. Submit official college transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
4. Submit official High School transcript or documentation of GED.
5. Submit admission placement scores (ACT, TABE, COMPASS, ASSET)
6. Submit Psychological Service Bureau (PSB) exam scores.
7. Submit acceptable validation scores (if applicable).
8. Submit letter of recommendation.
9. Submit letter of good standing (if applicable).
10. Birth Certificate (original must be viewed by office personnel)
11. Social Security Card
12. Driver’s license

Applications will be accepted only in person and by appointment. Once your application is completed and all required documentation is collected, please call the Health & Natural Sciences Division at (504) 278-6380 **to schedule an application appointment**. Applicants with an incomplete

application or missing documentation will **NOT** be accepted for consideration. All paperwork must be completed by and turned in as a complete packet by May 30<sup>th</sup> for Fall 2011 consideration.

If you have previously applied to our program you must resubmit a new application with the application fee and meet the new requirements---EVEN IF YOU WERE ACCEPTED IN THE PROGRAM BEFORE.

Due to the competitive nature of the selection process, below is a list of classes recommended to for those serious applicants who wish to increase their profile points and possibility of getting accepted.

Recommended supportive classes for the PN program:

NURS 1000-Nursing Assistant: This is a 7 credit hour course that qualifies the student for "Credit by examination" for NURS 1010 and NURS 1020 in the actual PN Program, provides valuable experience, allows the student to work in the medical field after only one semester, and adds valuable profile points and preferential consideration for acceptance to the PN program.

EMTP 1010- Emergency First Responder: this is a 3 credit hour course that provides valuable experience and profile points.

EMPT 1020- Emergency Technician: This course provides the student valuable experience, profile points, and an opportunity to work in the medical field.

HSOM 1020 and HSOM 1030 Medical Terminology I and II: Students who take both courses are better prepared for the medical language used in the PN program and other allied health fields. Students who complete both courses are awarded valuable profile points.