

Update #: 26
Title: **AAS Nursing**
Type: Program description has been updated to comply with ACEN requirements.
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Program: Nursing
Award: Associate of Applied Science
Plan Code: 156
Length: 69 credits, 5 semesters
Lead Faculty: Trudy Kuehn

Purpose: The nursing major prepares selected students to qualify as practitioners of technical nursing in a variety of health care facilities. After successful completion of the program, students will be eligible for the National Council Licensure Exam Registered Nurse. The program provides a background for maximum transfer opportunities to four-year colleges and universities.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the AAS Nursing Program, the *graduate* will:

1. Provide patient-centered care that demonstrates therapeutic relationships, caring behaviors, self determination to diverse populations across the lifespan.
2. Practice safe nursing care that minimizes risk of harm across systems and client populations.
3. Demonstrate nursing judgements through use of clinical reasoning, the nursing process, and evidence-based practice in the provision of safe, quality care.
4. Practice professional behaviors that encompass the legal/ethical framework while incorporating self-reflection, leadership and a commitment to recognize the value of life-long learning.
5. Manage client care through performance improvement methods, technological resources, and fiscal responsibility to meet client needs and support organizational outcomes while collaborating with interdisciplinary teams.

Special Accreditation/Approval: This program is approval by the Virginia State Board of Nursing. The ADN/RN program is actively seeking national accreditation with ACEN and expects a site visit 2/28-3/2/17

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Virginia Board of Nursing post the passage rates for all programs on their web site. The scores can be located at: http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_edprogs.htm

The passage rates for PDCCC Nursing Program for the past 5 years

| Year | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
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| RN Program | 88% | 80% | 86.7% | 82.35% | 76.8% |
| LPN-RN Bridge Program | 66.7% | 90% | 87.5% | 100% | 70% |

Occupational Objectives: Employment opportunities for the registered nurse include staff positions in hospitals, nursing homes, health departments, physicians' offices, clinics, day care centers, industry, hospices, mental health facilities, rehabilitation centers, and home health care agencies.

Admission Requirements: Interested students should contact the nursing office for academic advising. The applicant must meet the following requirements for admission into the nursing program.

1. Admission to Paul D. Camp Community College (PDCCC).
2. Graduation from high school with an overall GPA of 2.5 (or better) or satisfactory completion of the GED. Must submit official GED scores with application.
3. Complete PDCCC placement tests in English, reading, and mathematics. If scores indicate, the applicant will be required to successfully complete developmental courses prior to admission to the Nursing program.
4. Complete one unit of algebra, one unit of general biology, and one unit of chemistry with a "C" grade or better. Deficiencies can be made up through approved developmental or college level courses. Developmental course requirements must be completed before the student can begin the nursing program.
5. Students must also have American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification.
6. A curricular and cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better in all related and general education requirements completed before admission into nursing program courses.
7. It is required that all applicants take and pass the Kaplan Entrance Exam prior to admission. Applicants must score in the 45th percentile on each component of the test. The test can be taken once a semester and scores are valid for two years after testing. The test is scheduled with the Nursing/Allied Health Programs secretary. TEAS scores will be accepted until February 2017.
8. Applicants who do not meet the residential qualifications will be considered based on space availability only if not all available admitted student slots are used.

Admission Procedure: Applications to the nursing program are processed during specified application periods. Applications for the ADN and LPN bridge nursing program must be submitted by February 24, 2017. Students must also apply to the college.

Applicants are responsible for making certain that all application materials are on file in the nursing office, including the following documents:

1. The completed nursing admissions on-line application, which begins the process
2. Official transcripts of all secondary school work and all prior college work to include GED scores, if applicable
3. Copy of any previously earned health care license (LPN, CNA, EMT)
4. Results of Kaplan Entrance Exam
5. Three completed reference forms (using the forms provided) from prior instructors or employers

Because the nursing program addresses the educational needs of a variety of students with a variety of experiences and prior education, a limited number of entering class positions are designated for prospective high school graduates. Interested high school sophomores should see their counselors in the spring of their sophomore year. Interested high school juniors should see their counselors in the fall of their junior year. All others should schedule an appointment with the Program Dean (dhartman@pdc.edu).

Admissions Procedures for Paul D. Camp's Nursing Programs

THE NURSING PROGRAM PARTICIPATES IN A SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS PROCESS. In the event that there are more applicants for the NURSING programs than there are slots, a selective admissions process outlined below will take effect. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION IS FEBRUARY 24 for the upcoming school year.**

The following **MINIMAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS** must be met by February 24 in the spring prior to the desired fall admission:

- **Student must complete a Paul D. Camp Community College General Student Application.** This application is available at the PDCCC website. Application must be received by February 24.
- **Student must provide, *in their application packet, in a sealed envelope*, an official transcript of any and all non-VCCS college work previously attempted and/or completed by February 24. The student must ALSO provide to PDCCC an official high school transcript or copy of the student's GED by February 24.** Students currently enrolled in high school at the time of application for admission should forward to PDCCC a copy of their high school transcript through the fall semester of the senior year. Transcripts should be sent as early as possible so that previous course work can be evaluated to determine the need for developmental courses prior to applying for admission to the Nursing programs.
- Competency in English and Math Essentials MTE 1-5 for ADN and MTE 1-3 for PN as demonstrated through the placement and diagnostic tests, or by satisfactorily completing the required MTE and/or ENF units or equivalent.

- Student must have completed one high school Biology with a lab with a minimum grade of “C”, or the student must have successfully completed one unit of developmental or college-level Biology.
- Student must have completed one high school Chemistry with a lab with a minimum grade of a “C”, or the student must have successfully completed one unit of developmental or college-level Chemistry.
- Student must have completed one high school Algebra class with a minimum grade of “C”, or the student must have successfully completed MTE 1-3 for PN and MTE 1-5 for ADN.
- Student must have completed American Heart Association, Healthcare Provider CPR with a minimum grade of “C”.
- All Developmental coursework must be completed prior to the February 24 admission deadline.
- **The student must have an overall minimum GPA of 2.5 for all college or high school work attempted.** If the student has completed ≥ 12 semester credit hours of college-level work, the college GPA will be used in calculating the student’s admissions score. If the student has completed <12 semester credit hours of college-level work, the high school GPA will be used in calculating the student’s admissions score. Because grades for courses taken during the spring semester of the application process will not be available during the student’s application assessment, all **GPA calculations will be based on work completed through the fall semester preceding the February 24 deadline. Points will be awarded for co-requisites completed and will be the basis of the GPA. Science courses (BIO 141, 142, 150) will be awarded additional points for grades of “A” or “B”.**
- **Student must take a pre-admissions screening test through PDCCC.** The student must contact Ms. Griffin via email cgriffin@pdc.edu or call 757-569-6731 to sign up to take the Kaplan Entrance Exam for Nursing. This is a web-based test with no fees involved. The Kaplan Entrance Exam will assess the student’s competency in high school level reading, high school level grammar, high school level Math up through Algebra I, and high school level general sciences. Tests may be taken at alternate sites (Suffolk and Franklin), however, the student **MUST** make arrangements and schedule the test through the Ms. Griffin. Further information on the testing is available online under the Nursing and Allied Health tab. All potential nursing students must score 45% on each of the categories. 10% of this grade will be added to the points system for admission.
 - **The student must complete an online application for the nursing programs. There are 3 applications. *Please pay close attention to this section!* If the student is interested in the RN program, then the student must complete the ADN application. If the student is interested in the LPN program, then the student must complete the PN application. If the student wants preference in the ADN program, but will accept a spot in the PN program, then the student must complete the single application for both (ADN & PN) programs by February 24th.**
 - **All applicants meeting the above requirements by the February 24th deadline will be screened based upon items ranging from overall and sciences GPAs, Kaplan Placement test performance, and completion of college level science classes, references, having a Pre-Nursing Certificate, and any Nurse Aide or EMS experience. The top-scoring finalists will be offered admissions into the available program of choice. The programs accept 30 students into each traditional program each year and at least 10 students into each of the LPN-RN Bridge programs.**

Students will be notified by approximately April 1st prior to the programs admission of their selection status. Students who are accepted for admission must notify PDCCC’s Nursing Office of their intention

to accept or decline the offered slot by the deadline listed on their admission letter. Failure to do so will result in the loss of that slot to an alternate. cgriffin@pdc.edu.

Students who are not accepted into the program must re-submit the entire package and complete the Kaplan Entrance Exam to reapply for a future year. If they wish, these students may also schedule an appointment with Nursing Advisor to discuss ways to improve their admissions ability.

Students who fail to submit any of the required material to the PDCCC Nursing Office by the February 24 deadline will NOT be considered for admission for the following admission semester. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. The PDCCC's Nursing programs will establish only ONE admission deadline, as there are frequently many more applicants than available slots. After the student submits their application, a file will be started. However, the applicant/student must submit the completed packet to the Nursing Office before the February 24 deadline at which time you will receive a receipt showing your packet is complete. Do not submit a packet under the door or in the department mail box. All packets must be hand delivered to ensure the packets are complete, Monday-Thursday from 8:30-3:00pm and Friday from 8:30-2:00pm. **It is not the duty of PDCCC's Nursing Office to notify applicants of incomplete application packets or missing information. Making sure that the admissions packet is complete is the SOLE responsibility of the applicant.**

Physical Demands: The typical physical demands of a registered nurse include the following: full range of motion including handling and lifting patients and/or equipment, manual and finger dexterity, hand and eye coordination. The job generally requires standing and walking for extensive periods. The registered nurse should be able to lift and carry items weighing up to 50 pounds. The job settings may have stressful conditions and/or irregular hours. There is a potential for exposure to communicable diseases. Upon admission to the nursing program, the prospective student is provided with a Nursing/Allied Health Program Physical Examination form that must be completed by a physician or nurse practitioner prior to enrolling in nursing classes.

Upon admission into the program, students must comply with the rules and regulations as outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook and course outlines including maintaining current (good for 2 years) CPR certification as designated, good academic standing by maintaining cumulative 2.5 GPA, satisfactory clinical performance, satisfactory physical and mental health, documentation of certain immunizations, and suitable demeanor and attendance. In fact, an attendance policy is in effect for both class and clinical experience. Students must pass each curricular nursing course to proceed to the next. Students must pass pharmacology and calculation tests, designated clinical skills testing, and demonstrate clinical competence in nursing courses with clinical components. Any student who receives a final grade lower than 80% in any of the courses in nursing or a "C" in any required general education courses will not be permitted to continue in the nursing courses. In order to resume nursing courses, students must write a letter of request to the Program Dean. Students may have day, evening, night and weekend clinical experiences. Students are also responsible for additional fees charged for required testing, uniforms, books, background checks, and drug screening. An estimated cost of the background check and drug screening is \$130.00 (cost is student responsibility).

Criminal history and background checks for sex offender crimes against minors are required for entrance into some clinical agencies. Students must have a negative background check and drug screen in order to begin clinical nursing courses. Some health care facilities may not employ individuals who have committed certain criminal acts. See Barrier Crimes located on the website. Students who have positive results from these checks may be prohibited from clinical and will not be able complete the program.

Please note: The Virginia State Board of Nursing can deny admission to any license or certification examination and refuse to issue a license or certificate to any applicant who has filed false credentials, falsely represented facts on an application for licensure, or has been convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Please see Barrier Crimes located on the website.

Students may be required to minimally attend 4 days a week - lecture twice a week and skills laboratory or clinical twice a week. Classes are scheduled between 8:00AM and 5:00PM. On-campus Skills Labs are scheduled between 8:00AM and 4:00PM. Clinical times vary may be nine or twelve hour shifts.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to RN Options:

The LPN to RN Bridge program provides an opportunity for the LPN to enter the nursing program to advance their careers and at the same time recognize the skills and knowledge they have already obtained through the Practical Nursing program. Those who apply for this program must have graduated from an accredited practical nursing program, have a current unrestricted license to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia or compact state, and have completed BIO 141-142, ENG 111-112 (recommended humanity), SDV 100, CST 100, PSY 201, PSY 230, and BIO 150 (BIO 150 can be completed once in the program). In addition, the candidate must meet all criteria for the nursing program, including maintaining a minimum grade of 80% in all nursing courses and a “C” in all required general education courses. A transition course (NUR 115) is required for all LPNs admitted in the program.

Transfer of Previous Nursing Credits: Students seeking to transfer credits received from nursing courses at other institutions will be considered on an individual basis by the Program Dean. The student may be asked to provide course descriptions, course syllabi, preadmission testing or achievement test scores, and selected data from the course instructor in order to determine placement in the nursing program. This option is subject to space availability. Since there are frequently differences among nursing programs, students desiring to transfer should be aware that there might be an interruption in their program progression depending on placement in the PDCCC Nursing Program. Students must schedule an appointment with the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health (dhartman@pdc.edu). Students who have failed two attempts in a nursing program will not be permitted to enroll in PDCCC’s ADN program.

Withdrawal/Readmission: An exit interview with a nursing faculty member or the Dean is required of all students who withdraw. In addition the student must complete a withdrawal form. Students who withdraw because of academic failure may not enroll more than once. Any student wishing to enroll in nursing courses must have at least a 2.5 cumulative and curricular grade point averages at PDCCC to be

considered. Readmission must occur within one year to maintain nursing course credits. A student who wishes to enter the nursing curriculum must follow the procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook. The student may be required to enroll in and satisfactorily complete specific courses before admission. Students will also have to demonstrate certain competencies and meet health and clinical requirements to be considered for enrollment. Students will be required to meet the requirements of the current ADN curriculum.

The Dean and nursing faculty will consider each student's application for readmission and the decision to readmit will be based on additional data, prior performance in the nursing program, and space availability. Students who fail a nursing course or withdraw for any reason from the nursing program may be readmitted to the nursing program only once. Students who have failed two attempts in the nursing program will not be permitted to enroll. All readmissions are at the discretion of Program Dean and nursing faculty.

Financial Requirements: In addition to the usual college tuition and fees, this program requires the following estimated expenses:

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| Uniforms | \$200 |
| Health/Physical Examination (\$75.00 at Total Family Care in Franklin) | varies |
| Books | \$3,000 |
| Graduation Pin (cost depends on price of gold or silver)* (<i>Mandatory</i>) | \$50 |
| American Heart association Healthcare Provider CPR Certification (good for 2 years) | \$148 |
| Kaplan Standardized test (over the course of the program) | \$600 |
| Criminal Background Check & drug test (May vary depending on name changes and how many states of residence) | \$130 |
| Skills Lab Kit | \$150 |
| Nursing Student Association | \$70 |
| Application for Licensure Fees | \$190 |
| Pearson Vue Fee | \$350 |
| Transportation to Clinical agencies, seminars, etc. as required | varies |

In an effort to reduce student fees, students are required to have an electronic device that they can load eBooks. The preference for nursing textbooks will be eBooks as opposed to the textbook.

Curriculum Requirements: In addition to formal lectures, laboratory exercises, selected clinical, and community experiences will be scheduled during day, evening, and weekend shifts depending on availability of facilities. Field trips at additional cost to the student may be included as a course requirement.

| Nursing Program (156) | | |
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| <i>Course Requirements and Sample Schedule</i> | | |
| FIRST YEAR | | |
| Fall Term | | |
| NUR 111 | Nursing I ^{1,2} | 8 |
| BIO 141 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| ENG 111 | College Composition | 3 |
| SVD 100 | College Success Skills | 1 |
| NUR 136 | Principles of Pharmacology I ² | 2 |
| | Total Semester Credits | 18 |
| Spring Term | | |
| BIO 142 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| PSY 201 | Introduction to Psychology I | 3 |
| NUR 170 | Essentials of Medical/Surgical Nursing ² | 4 |
| NUR 180 | Essentials of Maternal/Newborn Nursing ² | 4 |
| NUR 137 | Principles of Pharmacology II ² | 1 |
| | Total Semester Credits | 16 |
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| Summer Term | | |
| NUR 201 | Psychiatric Nursing ³ | 4 |
| *NUR 115 | LPN Transition | 7 |
| BIO 150 | Introductory Microbiology | 4 |

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| CST 100 | Principles of Public Speaking | 3 |
| | Total Semester Credits | 18 |
| SECOND YEAR | | |
| Fall Term | | |
| NUR 212 | Second Level Nursing II ⁴ | 8 |
| PSY 230 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| HUM ____ | Humanities elective (ENG 112 is recommended) | 3 |
| | Total Semester Credits | 14 |
| Spring Term | | |
| NUR 246 | Parent Child Nursing | 4 |
| NUR 202 | Medical Surgical Nursing I | 4 |
| NUR 254 | Dimensions of Professional Nursing | 2 |
| | Total Semester Credits | 10 |
| | Minimum Total Credits | 69 |
| * LPN Bridge students take NUR 115 (7 credits) instead of NUR 111, NUR 170, NUR 136, NUR 180 and NUR 137. Upon completion, LPN students will be awarded credit for these classes. | | |