



Practical Nursing Program
Admission
Information Packet

2020-2021

The Practical Nursing Program is accredited by the

New Jersey Board of Nursing

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www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/nursing.html

Hudson County Community College Practical Nursing Program

At HCCC, students will gain knowledge and experience in the art and science of nursing. Clinical experiences will occur across a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, nursing homes, and home care agencies. Admission to the program is competitive and requires additional admission testing. The curriculum is challenging and requires dedication to studying and preparation both for class and clinical experiences. The education that one will receive at HCCC will assist the graduate to become a productive member of the nursing profession. The faculty and staff are eager and ready to work with students to encourage both personal and professional growth.

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Program Objectives

Upon completion of the Practical Nursing program, the graduate will:

1. Practice holistic nursing using human needs as a framework.
2. Implement caring interventions in a variety of settings based on the nursing process.
3. Communicate effectively with clients and members of the interdisciplinary health care team.
4. Act in a manner consistent with legal and ethical standards of practice.
5. Perform all learned nursing skills safely.
6. Meet the cultural/spiritual needs of a diverse population.
7. Value critical thinking in the decision making process.
8. Assume responsibility for continuing professional and personal development.

Program Outcomes

1. 80% of the graduates will pass the NCLEX- PN Examination on the first attempt.
2. Within 9 months of passing the NCLEX-PN 75% of graduates will be employed as licensed Practical Nurses.
3. Within one year of graduation, 85% of responding graduates will express satisfaction with the program of study.
4. Within one year of employment, 85% of employers will express satisfaction with the graduate's performance.
5. Within three years of graduation, 85% of those graduates who enrolled in a RN Program will express satisfaction with the articulation process.

Admission Requirements

HCCC maintains an open admission policy; any residents of Hudson County who is 18 years of age or older with or without a high school diploma may be admitted. All applicants must submit the following items:

1. HCCC application
2. Official copy of High school transcript/diploma or GED
3. Official transcript of all college credit/transcript

*Foreign students must have their transcript reviewed and accredited by a member agency of NACES credentialing. A list can be obtained from the office of Enrollment Services or downloaded from www.naces.org/members.html .

4. Social Security Card and/or valid state ID
5. College Placement Test - Exit Academic Foundations and/or ESL
6. Complete the following three courses with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0

- College Composition I
- Math for Health Sciences
- Human Biology (If you have completed BIO 211, it will be accepted in place)

*These three courses **must** be completed **before** beginning the first nursing course.*

7. Successful completion of a standardized program entrance exam
8. Professional references (2)
9. Personal interview
10. Health screening; proof of health insurance, CPR certification and professional liability insurance
11. Criminal background check

Admission to the program is a competitive process, based on standardized test, academic transcript, and a personal interview.

Application Process

1. Complete the HCCC application. Apply online at www.hccc.edu/mystart
2. Complete the PN program application (attached).
3. Schedule the NLN PAX-PN, ATI-TEAS, or SAT exam.
4. There will be a personal interview with the Director of Practical Nursing Program.
5. Students will receive a letter of acceptance through e-mail & posted mail.

Legal Considerations:

Acceptance into the Nursing Program (RN) is contingent upon student showing proof of legal immigrant status or US Citizenship which will allow the student to qualify for employment authorization and a social security card. In addition, students in this program are required to pass a criminal background check and drug screening with satisfactory results acceptable by Hudson County Community College (“HCCC”) and/or participating clinical facilities.

Failure to maintain legal status, qualify for employment authorization, or pass a criminal background check or drug screening may result in admission being denied/rescinded or termination of enrollment.

If for any reason, a student does not complete the clinical requirement of the Nursing Program, that student will not be eligible to graduate from the Nursing Program.

Questions about immigration status and whether a candidate will qualify for professional licensure under the federal law should be directed to the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services at: 1-800-375-5283.

PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM (3 Options)

NLN PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM:

Pre Entrance Exam study guides provide valuable study information for preparing to take the **NLN Pre-Entrance Exam**. The guides can be purchased at the college bookstore or from published websites. The exam is comprised of three main areas: verbal skills, which consist of both word knowledge and reading comprehension; mathematics, which includes basic calculations, word problems, and incorporates algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and applied mathematics; and the sciences, which examine general biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science. At least a score of 45% percentile rank on each of the sections: verbal, math and science)

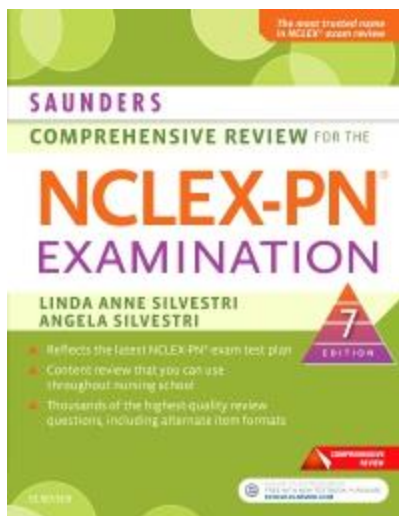
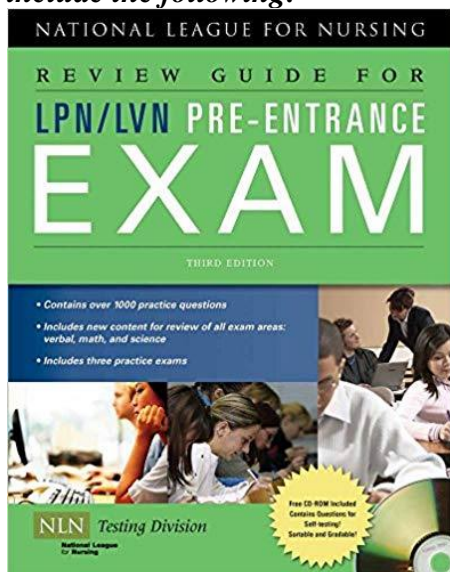
SAT EXAM

An applicant who has achieved an acceptable SAT score may have the NLN Pre-Entrance Exam waived. SAT tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math. SAT score of at least 480 Math and 480 Verbal/Reading.

ATI TEAS

An applicant who has achieved an acceptable TEAS score may have the NLN pre entrance exam waived. ATI TEAS test your knowledge of reading, science and math. Scores of 55% is required in all areas - reading, math and science.

All entrance exams are timed test. Students should prepare themselves and practice taking these test. Books you may want to purchase to assist you in preparing for the admission test include the following:



TRANSFER CREDIT–COLLEGE COURSES

An applicant who has completed college level courses from an accredited US college or university will be evaluated for up to 15 credits towards a certificate, provided the grade is C or better and, the credits meet the course requirements of the Hudson County Community College.

For further information and transfer of credits from foreign institutions please refer to Hudson County Community College Catalog.

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE NURSING PROGRAM

In order for safe nursing practice to occur and for students to be qualified to participate in and complete the program a nursing student must be able to perform these essential functions. Listed below are the Essential Functions of a student nurse. Applicants need to be aware of these Essential Functions prior to acceptance. Students must be able to performance the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to notify the College of any disability impacting on his or her ability to perform the essential functions prior to entering the Nursing Program.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTION PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Ability to Use Senses

Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify color changes in skin, respiratory movement in patients; read fine print / writing on physicians orders, monitors, equipment calibrations, measure medication in syringes, IV's, etc.

Hearing ability with auditory aids to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells, telephone orders; to hear blood pressure, heart, lung and abdominal sounds with a stethoscope; to understand a normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face.

Tactile ability to feel differences in skin temperature and to perform physical assessment.

Motor Ability

Physical ability to walk long distances, to stand for prolonged periods, to lift, move, and transfer patients / equipment of 20 lbs. or more, to maneuver in limited space, to perform CPR, to provide routine and emergency care, to have manual dexterity and feeling ability of the hands to insert tubes, prepare medications, and perform technical skills.

Ability to Communicate

Ability to communicate effectively in English in verbal and written form through interactions with patients, family, and healthcare members from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds; to write clearly and correctly on patient's record for legal documentation.

Ability to Problem Solve

Intellectual and conceptual ability to think critically in order to make decisions, which includes measuring, calculating, reasoning, analyzing, prioritizing and synthesizing data.

Coping Abilities

Ability to function safely under stress and adapt to changing clinical and patient situations.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Course #	Course Title	Credits
Pre-requisites: ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 102	Math for Health Sciences	3
BIO 107	Human Biology	4
First Semester PNU 101	Practical Nursing- Fundamentals of Practice	6
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Second Semester PNU 102	Practical Nursing-Clients with Alterations of Basics Needs	8
Third Semester PNU 201	Practical Nursing- Maternal Child Health	5
PNU 203	Role Transition	1
Fourth Semester PNU 202	Practical Nursing- Clients with Complex Needs	8
PNU 204	Capstone / NCLEX Prep.	2

Total Course Credits Required: 43

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

TUITION & FEES – 2020*

HCCC FEES:	In-County Rate	Out-of-County	Out of State
Tuition	\$149.00 per credit	\$298.00	\$440.00
Registration Fee	\$25.00 per term		
General Service Fee	\$25.00 per credit		
Technology Fee	\$18.00 per credit		
Activity Fee	\$4.75 per credit		

*Subject to change August 2020

CLINICAL / LAB FEES:

PNU 101 – Practical Nursing Fundamentals	\$1,500.00
PNU 102 – PN Clients with Basic Needs	\$1,800.00
PNU 201 – PN Clients with Maternal/Child	\$1,800.00
PNU 202 – PN Clients with Complex Needs	\$1,800.00

OUT-OF-POCKET FEES: (paid directly to vendors)

NLN – Pre PN Exam:	\$60.00 per occurrence
Books:	\$500.00
Student Nurse Uniforms:	\$80.00
Criminal Background	\$48.00 – \$85.00
Drug Screen:	\$62.00 per occurrence
Malpractice Insurance:	\$45.00 per year
Immunitrax:	\$45.00
CPR certification:	\$60.00
Health Insurance:	Prices vary according to coverage.
Physical Examination:	\$50.00

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Practical Nursing Program Application

Please print clearly or type

APPLICANT INFORMATION											
Last Name				First				M.I	Date		
Street Address							Apartment/Unit #				
City				State				ZIP			
Phone				E-mail Address							
Semester Requested	Fall		Spring		Student ID No.				GPA		
Are you currently attending HCCC ?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, are you attending another college?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
If you are not currently attending HCCC, have you applied?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If so, when?								
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or minor crime?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain								

EDUCATION										
High School				City/State						
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree			
College				City/State						
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree			
College				City/State						
COURSE WORK – HCCC CURRENT STUDENTS - Please attach an unofficial copy of your HCCC transcript showing courses completed and/or transferred.										

On the reverse side of this form, write a brief essay as to why you want to become a Practical Nurse.

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE	
I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to enrollment, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my dismissal from the Program.	
Signature	Date

Return to: Nursing & Health Sciences Division – 870 Bergen Ave. Suite 302 – Jersey City, NJ. 07306