McDowell Technical Community College

PNE
Practical Nursing Education
Fall 2024
Class of 2025

Practical Nursing Education

D45660 (Diploma)

The Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher curriculum provides a refresher course for individuals previously licensed as Practical Nurses and who are ineligible for reentry into nursing practice due to a lapse in licensure for five or more years. Individuals entering this curriculum must have been previously licensed as a Practical Nurse.

Course work includes common medical-surgical conditions and nursing approaches to their management, including mental health principles, pharmacological concepts, and safe clinical nursing practice.

Graduates will be eligible to apply for reinstatement of licensure by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community health agencies.

Academic Admissions and Regulations:

In addition to regular college admissions requirements and procedures, individuals interested in Practical Nursing Education are also subject to the following admissions requirements, procedures and academic regulations. The PNE Program is a selective program, admitting only **24** students per year to an evening/weekend option and may require a day clinical dependent upon clinical site availability. Additional students may be admitted dependent upon seat availability.

Admissions Information: For class entering Fall **2024**, graduating Summer **2025**.

All applications must be updated annually. If you have previously applied to the Practical Nursing Education program, you must re-initiate the application process. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) pre admission exam score will be accepted for a period of **five years**. We do not maintain a waiting list. All applicants must complete a student information form. Applicants will receive this form the day of the TEAS test on the MTCC campus.

McDowell Technical Community College (MTCC) and the Practical Nursing Education (PNE) program follow a semester curriculum plan. The MTCC PNE program is approved by the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON).

The application period for the Practical Nursing Education program is **June 1, 2023 – March 15, 2024**. Items 1-7 on the list of admissions requirements must be completed during this period. **All admission requirements must be met before applicants will be considered for admission to the program.**

Applicants need to be aware that upon admission to a health science program with a clinical component, the clinical agency may require a criminal background check and/or drug testing prior to participation in clinical practice experiences.

* These are completed through a compliance tracking company. The cost is approximately $131.95. This cost is the responsibility of the student.

McDowell Technical Community College does not guarantee that institutions with student training affiliations will accept any student for training in any clinical program. Furthermore, the inability to complete the clinical portion of the program will result in course withdrawal and dismissal from the program.

In accordance with the NC General Statute 90-171-48 applicants for initial licensure in North Carolina must have a criminal background check. Applicants with criminal convictions may have limited licensure and employment opportunities.

*The clinical agency reserves the right to refuse someone with a criminal record the use of their facility.

Additionally, admitted students will be <mark>assessed an ATI fee of approximately $2100.00</mark>. This is a prescriptive learning program to help prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN).

<u>General Admission Requirements</u>: (1-8 must be completed by March 15, 2024).

1. Complete the North Carolina Residency Determination Service Questionnaire requirement through RDS located on the MTCC website. Assistance is available in Student Services.

2. Applicants must submit a completed admissions application available on the MTCC website or through CFNC.org. Assistance is available through Student Services.

3. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for Financial Aid at www.studentaid.gov (MTCC School code: 008085), as well as MTCC Foundation Scholarships on the MTCC Financial Aid webpage. Students can contact the MTCC Financial Aid Office at Financial.Aid@go.mcdowelltech.edu or 828.652.0602/0624 with additional questions.

4. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. An official high school transcript or General Education Development (GED) certificate must be sent to the college. ***Student copies of these items are not acceptable.***

5. Official transcripts of all previous post-secondary education must be requested by the applicant and sent directly from the forwarding institution to the college. ***Student copies are not acceptable.***

The minimum required GPA is 2.0.

6. Applicants must meet with the Success Coach/Pre-nursing Advisor to complete a "Program of Intent" application, which puts your name in the pool of applicants for fall selection. **Mandatory nursing information is addressed during this and every student is required to sign the form at the conclusion of the meeting.** (Large mandatory meetings are not being held at this time)

7. Applicants must have completed a unit of **high school Biology with a grade of "C" or above**. College substitutions for this requirement are one semester of:
   BIO 111 or a higher level college biology course, with a grade of "C" or above. Pre-requisite courses are not accepted from the Adult High School Diploma unless the student is a graduate of the program.

8. Verification of completion of a North Carolina state approved *Nurse Aide I Training program* is required by **May 15, 2024**. Current *NA I listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registr*y, without substantiated findings, is required for all applicants by **August 1, 2024** and must be current through the beginning of fall semester **2024**.

   Acceptance Status will become pending completion of the Nurse Aid I on the NC Nurse Aid Registry.

Institutional Requirement: Admission to the PNE program requires the applicant be eligible to take ENG 111 and MAT 110 without a co-requisite. Students that need to take a co-requisite with either ENG 111 or MAT 110 are not eligible for admission.

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9. The TEAS exam dates will be provided by the Health Sciences Pre-nursing Advisor/Success Coach. There is a cost for the TEAS. Applicants must score a 55 or higher to be considered for admission to the PNE program**. Scores are not rounded and are valid for a period of five years. Students whose scores do not meet the required minimum may schedule an appointment with the Student Enrichment Center or Health Sciences Pre-nursing Advisor/Success Coach regarding various career and educational options available to them.**

10. Once all other admission requirements are met, applicants will be ranked using a competitive process, according to the Point Rating Tool. The top **24** ranking applicants will be admitted to the PNE program and notified with a letter of acceptance, pending receipt of the "Student Medical Form." The next **6** applicants will be placed on an alternate list in order of ranking and notified accordingly. All admission rankings are confidential information.

11. All accepted applicants for admission to the PNE Program and alternates must submit a completed "**Student Medical Form**" by **August 1, 2024** that is provided

on the day of the TEAS exam or from Deb Monosso, Health Sciences Administrative Assitant.To be considered complete, the form must include required immunization records and the lab/diagnostic tests. The examination of an applicant's physical and emotional health is a requirement and the accepted applicant's status is considered "pending" until this form is turned in to the Health Sciences Administrative Assitant and screened by the nursing faculty. If problematic physical or mental health conditions exist, faculty may require timely medical report from a physician confirming that the individual is physically and mentally competent to enter the Practical Nurse Education program.

12. Accepted applicants for admission <u>must</u> have or obtain **American Heart Association** Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider CPR certification to include Adult, Infant, and child CPR. Courses are routinely offered through the Department of Continuing Education at MTCC. Students admitted to the program will not be allowed to begin classes without current CPR certification. **<u>Proof of current CPR certification valid for two (2) years (2024–2026) must be provided at orientation.</u>**

13. An orientation session is scheduled for all applicants accepted for admission. <u>The orientation date is **Friday, June 14, 2024** and will be held at 3:00 pm for the PNE students in the Dogwood Building (17) in room 104.</u> **(Attendance is mandatory.***
McDowell Technical Community College does not discriminate in its admission policies and procedures on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, age, religion, or handicap. For further information, refer to the MTCC catalog section entitled "Non-Discrimination Policy."

**Accepted applicants who are unable to attend the orientation session due to extenuating circumstances must notify the Nursing Program Director As soon as possible and and complete all orientation requirements by July 1, 2024. <u>An accepted applicant who fails to meet orientation requirements will forfeit his or her place in the PNE program.</u>

14. Applicants will be provided clinical onboarding information at the orientation session and must complete these requirements by **August 1, 2024**. Failure to complete these clinical requirements by the deadline may prevent the student's ability to attend clinical and lead to dismissal from the program.

<u>Required Courses</u>

Students may take these general/related (non-nursing) co-requisite courses before acceptance into the nursing program or before the specified semester**. While not required for admission, completion of these course will contribute additional points on the Point Tally Tool.**

General Education: PSY 150 - General Psychology
                                          ENG 111- Writing and Inquiry
                                          BIO 168 - Anatomy and Physiology I

BIO 169 - Anatomy and Physiology II
ACA 115 – Success and Study Skills

Completion of these courses will help prepare students for, but not guarantee, admission to the PNE Program.

Point Rating Tool

The Admission Rating Tool is used by the PNE Admission Committee to select applicants for the PNE Program. All general admission requirements must be met, including an acceptable score on the TEAS Exam, prior to use of the Point Rating Tool.

This tool was developed as an objective means of evaluating applicants. The point count criteria are divided into seven distinct areas:

(1) Most recent cumulative overall GPA - college or high school/GED
(2) TEAS score
(3) TEAS Science score
(4) TEAS Math score
(5) TEAS English score
(6) The following college courses completed with an "A', "B", or "C" will earn additional points BIO 168, BIO 169, ACA 115, ENG 111, and PSY 150**
(7) Resident of McDowell County – 5 points.
(8) CNA II Listing – 6 points

**Extra points are given for specified college courses with a "C" or better, but are not required.

An applicant's admission rating is confidential information. At no time and with no exceptions will an applicant's admission rating be discussed with anyone other than the applicant. When an individual's application is complete, the total point count will be calculated. It is this total which will be used in the selection process and ranking of applicants.

Please do not call to inquire about your point count. If you are accepted, you will be notified of your acceptance as outlined in "Selection Process" outlined on the next page. In the event of an identical score for ranking, TEAS test scores will be used to differentiate tie scores.

1. First preference will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest TEAS science scores.

2. In the event of a tie in TEAS science scores, preference will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest TEAS math scores.

3. In the event of a tie in TEAS math scores, preference will be given to applicant(s) with the highest TEAS English scores.

Admission criteria are reviewed each year and are subject to change from year to year.

Graduates of the PNE Program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Selection Process	*Deadlines*
1. General admissions requirements (#'s 1-7) must be met.	**March 15, 2024**
2. Written notification will be mailed to eligible students regarding dates and times to sit for the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).	**April 12, 2024**
3. If notified, eligible applicants will report for the TEAS (**A fee is charged**). **A valid TEAS score will be accepted for a period of five years at deadline**.	**Apr 22 – 26, 2024**
4. Final selection for admission is based on the Point Rating Tool (see separate section) and acceptable results of the Student Medical Form.	
5. Written notification of acceptance will be mailed by the Nursing Program Director and the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant	**May 1, 2024**
6. Complete Health Forms must be submitted to the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant. *Note: Dates subject to change*	**August 1, 2024**

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS CONTACT HEALTH SCIENCES PRE-NURSING ADVISOR AT 828-659-0495

Student Budget Expenditure

Practical Nursing Education (PNE) *Approximate Cost* for One Year Program (Rev 05.09.23)

Program Cost 2024-2025

1. Tuition (45 total program hours plus activity fees)...**$3,445.00**
   ($76.00/credit hour each semester and $20.00 student activity fee, and $5.00 student success fee per semester *includes all nursing classes and other required classes*).

2. Books, supplies and miscellaneous fees per year (approx. costs)... $**900.00**
   (Includes student lab kits 317.00, liability insurance $ 14.50, technology fees $45.00,
   parking fees $15.00, accident insurance $1.30 and student ID badge $5.00 per year)

3. Clinical Uniforms and supplies...$**470.00**

4. Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Complete Package... **$2100.00**
   *($700.00 in first semester, $700.00 in second semester, and $700.00 in third semester)

5. Castlebranch-Background check, Drug Screen, and Immunization Tracker….......................……....**$121.95**

Total Program Costs...………….**$6905.95**

GRADUATION and PINNING COST

1. Cap, gown, tassel, and (10) announcements...…**$28.00**
2. Pinning Uniform, shoes, hose/socks...…$**150.00**
3. Pinning Ceremony dues...**$102.00**
   Comprised of the following costs:
   a. Lamp..$21.05
   b. Nursing Cap $15.00
   c. Class photo..$29.00
   d. Invitations/Programs..$5.00
   e. Nursing Pin $32.00
   f. Sound, Light, Music, Interpreter...$12.50
   g. EMMS Auditorium rental fee...$2.50
4. NCLEX Fees (application to Pearson Vue)...**$200.00**
5. North Carolina Board of Nursing Fees...**$113.00**
   (Application – $75.00 & Criminal Background Check - $38.00)

Total Graduation and Pinning costs...**$593.00**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST…..**$7498.00***

 (*All costs are estimated and may not reflect actual fees)