



Practical Nursing Admissions 2023



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Application Deadlines

- Practical Nursing Application Deadline March 1st
- Practical Nursing Readmission Deadlines
 - Practical Nursing Readmission Application Fall Deadline March 1st
 - Practical Nursing Readmission Application Spring/Summer Deadline October 1st

Curriculum Description (D45660)

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides knowledge and skills to integrate safety and quality into nursing care to meet the needs of the holistic individual which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes safe, individualized nursing care and participation in the interdisciplinary team while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.



Practical Nursing Admission Requirements Spring 2023

The Practical Nursing (PN) Program at Johnston Community College is a 1-year program completed over 3 semesters (fall, spring, summer). Students are admitted in the fall semester of each year. The PN Program has a limited enrollment number and meeting the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

A student with two previous attempts in a practical nursing program within three (3) years is ineligible to apply to the JCC (Johnston Community College) Practical Nursing Program. However, a student who has not been enrolled in a nursing program for 36 consecutive months may request consideration for re-evaluation. A student who exited the JCC nursing program for any reason may re-enter the JCC nursing program **one time**.

Applicants are admitted under the provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the PN program as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog. Applicants are selected based on academic records, admission testing, and the maximum number of seats available as approved by the State Board of Nursing.

The guidelines, deadline dates, and admission policies apply to all applicants equally. The deadline to apply to the Practical Nursing Program is **March 1st at 5:00 pm**. If this date **falls on a weekend, the documents must be submitted the Friday before the due date**.

All steps below are **required**.

Step 1: Enroll at Johnston Community College

- Complete Johnston Community College Application.
 - Applicants must complete the Residency Determination and online Admissions application to JCC at <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/future-students/admissions/apply-now.aspx>
- Official high school or official high school equivalency transcript and official transcripts of **all Colleges attended** on file in Student Services.
 - Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope or sent electronically directly to the College. Electronic transcripts may be sent to: jccadmissions@johnstoncc.edu
- All foreign transcripts (secondary and post-secondary) **must** be evaluated by a JCC recognized evaluation company at the student's expense. For specific details, see International Transcript information in the College catalog.
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent as recognized by the State of North Carolina **before** entering the Practical Nursing Program.
- Apply for Financial Aid (recommended). JCC Code is: 009336.
- Complete a Mandatory Virtual Health Science Information Session, available on the JCC Practical Nursing website.



Step 2: Meet College Readiness

Students must demonstrate they are college ready in one of the following ways:

- Provide proof of unweighted US high school GPA of 2.5 or higher or college GPA of 2.0 or higher within the last ten years.
- Provide proof of completion of an associate's or bachelor's degree.
- Provide proof of any one of the following ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET, or college placement test within the last ten years. Scores will be reviewed to meet RISE eligibility.
- Demonstrate mastery of RISE English placement test 2 and Math placement test 2; OR successfully complete ENG-002 through Tier 2 (grade P2) and MAT-003 through Tier 2 (grade P2).

Course Prerequisites

Students need to provide proof of all the following documents with the completed Nursing Application Form before **March 1st at 5:00 p.m.** the admitting year.

- Have an unweighted cumulative college GPA of 2.0 or higher from *last college attended. *If you are currently a student at JCC, your JCC current cumulative GPA will be used for scoring **or** a high school GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Completion of one unit of high school or college level general biology course (with a lab) with a grade of C or higher. ****Anatomy and Physiology does NOT meet this requirement.**
- Completion of one unit of high school or college level chemistry (with a lab) with a grade of C or higher. ****Starting fall 2022 CHM 090 will no longer be accepted.**
- Completion of one unit of high school **or** college level algebra I or II (or equivalent) with a grade of C or higher **or** completed MAT 143 **or** MAT 152, **or** MAT 171 with a grade of C or higher.
- If a student has completed the following BIO courses prior to applying to the program, they must be completed within the last 5 years at the point of entry into the program. *BIO courses over 5 years old must be retaken.*
 - BIO courses (163, 168, 169) may be completed as co-requisites in the semester as outlined in the program of study and are *not prerequisites* to apply to the program.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Scores: (5-year limit on scores). If you graduated from a high school in the United States TOEFL scores are not required.
 - Minimum score of 70 required for admission to JCC. Specific scores for admission to the nursing program are: Speaking Score: 24; Reading Score: 19; Listening Score: 19; Writing Score: 19.
 - For specific details, see International Student information on the college website or College Catalog.
 - TOEFL Exceptions: Applicants with completion of ENG 111 with a C or better, and completion MED 120, **or** MED 121 & 122 with C or better within the last five (5) years **may** be considered for admission.



- Completion of a state approved NC Nurse Aide I course (course completion certificate from School attended) **OR** currently enrolled in a NC state approved Nurse Aide I course and will be listed on the NCNA registry by **December 30th** prior to the admitting year.

ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS Test)

Applicants will be issued a TEAS Testing Ticket when the Nursing Application form has been submitted to the Health Science Student Navigator. ***Applicants are responsible for ensuring all required materials and documents, transcripts, test scores, etc. are on file with Johnston Community College before a TEAS Testing Ticket will be issued.***

The TEAS TESTING ticket issued via e-mail allows you to view and schedule a testing date. The testing fee is paid at the Cashiers Office in the Wilson Building.

- Applicants are allowed to test twice (2) per academic year with a thirty (30) day interval between testing dates at any testing location. JCC offers the TEAS: only scores from ATI are accepted. Applicants must achieve a **minimum of 60 or higher** on the overall adjusted individual score and a **65 or higher on the reading portion** of the TEAS test to be considered for admission.
- TEAS scores are valid for two (2) years and must be completed by February 28th of the admitting year. View the JCC and ATI website for additional information. Visit the Academic Skills Center for information on the TEAS Testing. Study materials may be purchased in the College Bookstore or online at www.atitesting.com.

Please note: waiting until the deadline to complete initial admission steps will impact the applicants' ability to obtain the TEAS Testing Ticket and complete testing and the admission process in a timely manner.

Step III: Point Ranking and Notification

Students are ranked objectively and anonymously.

- Points are awarded for the following.
 - Completion of BIO 163 (with a seated lab) or BIO 168 & 169 (with a seated lab),
 - Completion of ENG 111,
 - Completion of PSY 150,
 - Completion of MED 120 **or** MED 121 & 122,
 - TEAS scores,
 - Applicants that are Johnston County Residents,
 - Applicants with documented service in the Armed Forces.
- Only courses completed by the deadline date will be used in the point ranking of applicants. Only a grade of A or B earned on the first attempt in courses will be used in the point ranking.
- **NOTE: Points will only be awarded for BIO 163, 168, 169 if they were completed within the last five (5) years from the date of point of entry into the program.**
- Points will **ONLY** be given for BIO 168 and 169 if the two courses have been taken at the same college.
 - Points for BIO 163, 168 and 169 will **ONLY** be given to **seated or face-to-face laboratory instruction**, not an online lab component (documentation may be required)



to award points).

- Points will also be awarded to applicants who completed PSY 150, or ENG 111 with a grade of A or B.
 - PSY 150 and ENG 111 may be taken in any format (seated, online, hybrid) for point ranking.
- Qualified applicants are ranked objectively and anonymously using the point ranking from the highest to the lowest.
 - Acceptance to the program depends upon availability of seats.
 - If two or more applicants have the same number of points, ATI TEAS scores will determine the ranking. Applicants are notified of acceptance by mid-April. Applicants may be placed on an alternate list (for the current admitting year only) or not accepted.
 - Applicants who are not accepted may schedule an appointment with a counselor to discuss other educational opportunities or continue with college course work and reapply the next year. Applicants must submit the Nursing Application form each year to be considered.
 - Johnston Community College does not create a waiting list for the PN program.

Step IV: Acceptance

Applicants accepted into the Practical Nursing Program must:

- Return acceptance to the Health Science Student Navigator within **five (5) days** of the date of the Acceptance notification letter.
- Orientation: Attend a mandatory orientation on the designated dates provided by the nursing program. Applicants should plan to attend initial orientation days (during the 2nd and 4th weeks of June of the admitting year)
- The Health Science Student Navigator will provide a list of accepted students to the Admissions office for program code change.
- Provide documentation of satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunizations after receipt of conditional acceptance and prior to final admission into the Practical Nursing program.
 - The physical form will be provided upon acceptance.
- Provide documentation of program-required immunizations as noted in the HWHS Compliance Policy for Clinical Placement.
 - <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/associate-degree-nursing/hwhsclinicalrequirements2022and2023.pdf>
- Basic Life Support/CPR certification: Provide evidence of current CPR certification by the **American Heart Association** at the Healthcare Provider level (adult, child, & infant) and maintain CPR certification while enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program.
- Background Check and Drug Screen: Submit to criminal background checks and initial and random drug screenings as directed by affiliation clinical agencies.
 - Criminal background checks and drug screenings are completed through the College's designated service provider and the student incurs costs.
 - Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screenings every six months while enrolled in the program.



- Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and will result in the inability of the student to complete the program.
- Provide evidence of individual medical insurance coverage.
- Submit one (1) current passport style photo (2x2) to the Nursing Department prior to orientation.

Application for Licensure – North Carolina Board of Nursing

The application for licensure examination with the North Carolina Board of Nursing contains questions as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony excluding minor traffic violations. If the answer is "yes," the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. The question is asked because of the legal requirements for becoming licensed as a registered nurse in North Carolina similar requirements exist in other states.

The Nurse Practice Act, Article 9 Chapter 90-171.37 (a) (1) (2) of the General Statutes of North Carolina states that the North Carolina Board of Nursing may deny an application for licensure if the Board determines that the applicant:

Has given false information or has withheld material information from the Board in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice Nursing; Has been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to any crime which indicates that the nurse is unfit to practice nursing; or that the nurse has deceived or defrauded the public.

Johnston Community College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one-year notice, however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited notice.

Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

All DACA students are eligible to apply and test for NCLEX upon successful completion of member Board approved nursing education program. North Carolina does not require residency or citizenship as a requirement for testing and obtaining licensure.

Effective October 1, 1997, in accordance with U.S. Title 42 U.S.C. 405 et al and Section 343 of Public Law 104-208 (1996) and NC General Statute 93 B-14, individuals, foreign graduates or otherwise, who are seeking licensure by examination must have a **valid Social Security number** to be issued a license to practice nursing.



The Board accepts the following types of social security cards for the issuance of a license:

Type 1

Shows your name and Social Security number and lets you work without restriction.

- U.S. citizens; and
- People lawfully admitted to the United States on a permanent basis.

Type 2

Shows your name and Social Security number with notes, "VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION." We issue it to people lawfully admitted to the United States on a temporary basis who have DHS authorization to work.

State Board of Community Colleges Code 1D-SBCC 400.2

Students lawfully present in the United States shall have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when capacity limitations exist.

READMISSION to the Practical Nursing Program

A student who is academically ineligible to continue in the JCC Practical Nursing Program or who has exited the program for any reason (personal or academic or withdrawals), may apply for **re-entry to the JCC nursing program only one time.**

The student who wishes to apply for **readmission** to the Practical Nursing Program:

- **Must apply within one year of the exit date.**
- Must have completed all courses (including nursing and related courses) in the Program Plan of Study to the point of re-entry with a grade of C or better.
- **Must have completed BIO courses** (BIO 163 or BIO 168 and 169) within the last five (5) years by the point of readmission into the program.
 - BIO courses completed greater than 5 years ago must be retaken.
 - BIO courses may be completed as co-requisites in the semester required as outlined in the program of study and are not required as pre-requisites for admission into the program.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 at the last college attended.
- Must have valid TEAS scores. TEAS scores are valid for two (2) years.
- Nursing Assistant I: Must demonstrate current (active) listing on the NCNA Registry with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility.

The student who wishes to re-enter the nursing program in any course **beyond NUR 101**, in addition to the requirements above, must:

- Must pass a competency exam based on previously learned content and up to the point of re-entry into the program.
 - Applicants for readmission will have **one attempt** to pass the competency test.
- Must pass a dosage calculations exam on previously learned content and up to the point of re-entry into the program.
 - Applicants for readmission will have **one attempt** to pass the competency and dosage calculation exam.
 - Students who do not successfully pass the competency and dosage calculation exam will not be considered for readmission.
- Competency testing is handled by the Nursing Department and testing dates will be communicated to the applicants by the Nursing Department Chair, Assistant Program Director, or Health Science Student Navigator.
- Applications for Fall readmission are due by March 1st at 5:00 p.m.
- Applications for Spring/Summer readmission are due by October 1st at 5:00 p.m.



Transfer Students:

- Students applying as a transfer student must have completed all courses in the JCC Program Plan of Study, up to the point of entry, both nursing and related courses, with a grade of “C” or higher to be considered.
- Transfer students must meet the same requirements for admissions as new admission students.
- Students transferring from another nursing program will be required to submit two (2) letters of recommendation from the transferring institution-nursing program faculty members.
- A student who was dismissed from another nursing program will not be considered for admission.

PC-19 Grading:

The Practical Nursing (PN) program is aware of the PC-19 grading system for 9-11th graders and non-graduating seniors implemented during the 2020-2021 Academic School Year which allowed students to either:

(1) accept the numerical grade for a course (as of March 13, 2020) OR, if they were meeting course expectations,

(2) to accept a grade of PC-19 which would not be calculated as part of their GPA.

The PN program will accept a grade of PC-19 for any students applying to the nursing program who meet our minimum GPA requirements. All other students will need to take a college level course equivalent and achieve a C or better in the course to be considered for admission.

Plan of Study

Practical Nursing (D45660)

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides knowledge and skills to integrate safety and quality into nursing care to meet the needs of the holistic individual which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential. Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes safe, individualized nursing care and participation in the interdisciplinary team while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.

Fall Semester

NUR 101 Practical Nursing 1	11
BIO 163* Basic Anatomy and Physiology	5
NUR 117* Pharmacology	2
Total Credit Hours	18

Spring Semester

NUR 102 Practical Nursing II	10
PSY 150‡ Introduction to Psychology	3
Total Credit Hours	13

Summer Semester

NUR 103 Practical Nursing III	9
English 111^ Writing and Inquiry	3
Total Credit Hours	12
Total Curriculum Hours	43



All co-requisite courses may be taken prior to the semester they are scheduled. Otherwise, they must be completed in the scheduled semester in order to progress to the next semester.

*Co-requisite course for NUR 101

‡Co-requisite course for NUR 102

^Co-requisite course for NUR 103

Pre-requisite courses: One unit of high school or college algebra I and one unit of high school or college general biology

Course Substitutions

BIO 163: BIO 168 & BIO 169

The admission pre-requisite requirements for the PN program include the following: 1) one unit of high school or college level algebra I; and 2) one unit of high school or college level general biology. The student applying to enter the PN program should have a basic understanding of math, in order to be successful in medication dosage calculations. In addition, the applicant for the PN program should have a basic understanding of the principles of biology, in order to be successful in the general anatomy and physiology, as required in the plan of study for the PN program.



JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING TECHNICAL STANDARDS

ABILITIES AND SKILLS NECESSARY FOR THE PROFESSION

As a student nurse, it is necessary to possess certain physical, mental, and emotional abilities / skills to function effectively and efficiently in the role of health care provider. The student nurse must also demonstrate a set of abilities / skills referred to as 'technical standards' which include the following six (6) categories: observation, communication, motor, intellectual, behavioral / social, and emotional intelligence.

Reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities will be considered on an individual basis, but a student must be able to perform in an independent manner. Such accommodations will be provided in accordance with Disabilities Services at Johnston Community College. The following abilities / skills are required, with or without accommodation.

Abilities and Skills Necessary for the Profession

- Physical and mental proficiency
- Energy to fulfill responsibilities of the role
- Visual acuity (with corrective devices as needed)
- Color vision, depth perception, peripheral vision
- Auditory acuity (with corrective devices as needed)
- Speech which can be understood by all people across the lifespan
- Tactile ability
- Manual dexterity in all limbs
- Strength to push, pull and lift
- Strength / ability to carry, stoop, squat, and bend
- Ability to:
 - o Reach above shoulder height
 - o Stand / walk for extended periods of time
 - o Organize and effectively manage time to meet deadlines



- o Perform neat and accurate work
 - o Respond to increasing pressure, emergencies, and workloads
 - o Set priorities
 - o Communicate effectively with the health care team and consumer of health care services, both verbally and nonverbally
 - o Document completely and legible, using acceptable professional terminology
- Computer literacy

Technical Standards of the Profession

Observation: Students must have sufficient sensory capacity to observe and participate in the classroom, laboratory, and all clinical settings. Functional vision, hearing, olfactory and tactile sensation must be adequate to accurately observe or assess clients and to elicit information through procedures regularly required in the care of clients or groups of clients.

Communication: Students must be able to communicate effectively in the classroom, laboratory, and all clinical settings with clients, families, and members of the health care team. Students must demonstrate evidence of effective written and verbal communication skills, and technological literacy.

Motor: Students must have sufficient motor function to participate in basic diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and to provide effective, quality care to clients. Motor function includes both gross and fine motor skills, strength and coordination, physical stamina, and should be sufficient to allow the student to endure extended periods of sitting, standing, walking, bending, lifting, twisting, and crouching and moving about in complex health care environments.

Intellectual: Students must be able to perform measurements, calculations, read charts and graphs, adhere to professional ethics, and demonstrate a professional manner and insight in the communication process. In order to complete any coursework in the nursing major, the student must be able to demonstrate mastery in reading and comprehension and use them together to demonstrate critical thinking and clinical reasoning.

Behavior and Social: Students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment and prompt completion of all academic and client care responsibilities. The development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with clients and other members of the healthcare team is essential. The role requires flexibility, compassion, integrity, and motivation.

Emotional Intelligence: Students must possess and further develop emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence encompasses knowledge and management of one's own emotional life and the skills to process the various workplace and client situations that arise including death of a client unexpectedly or with prolonged suffering, negative responses to care, or strained work environments or coworker



relationships. Responses to giving and receiving feedback, both positive and negative, are also a part of emotional intelligence.

Environment: Health care is often delivered in high stress areas, requiring management of multiple roles, tasks, and decisions simultaneously. The equipment and supplies used in the delivery of care may present a danger to individuals with sensitivities and allergies, especially to certain fumes and / or latex products.

Risks for Health Care Providers

The student nurse must be aware of potential risks related to the delivery of health care which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Exposure to communicable and infectious diseases
- Exposure to blood and body fluids
- Exposure to radiation
- Cuts and punctures

- Environmental hazards (e.g., slippery floors, various levels of lighting, various room temperatures, etc.)
 - Exposure to biological, chemical and / or electrical hazards
 - Assault and battery
 - Legal / Ethical Dilemmas
 - Liability Issues

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APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition and Fees (subject to change)	\$3258.50
Healthcare Provider (Registration fee)	\$ 80.00
Certification (Card)	\$ 3.00
Other Expenses related to clinical requirements	\$25.00 - \$150.00/year
Nursing Books /Supplemental Resources for NCLEX (for the entire program –1 year)	\$1000.00 - \$2000.00
Uniforms, Lab Bag, etc.	\$350.00
Professional Liability Insurance	\$20.00
Physical Exam & Lab Work	\$345.00
Criminal Background and Drug Screen	\$150.00
Testing Admission to Program	\$65-120 per attempt
Testing Fees (licensure/exam prep)	\$650.00
Total Approximate Cost	\$5310.00 - \$7126.50

Please note: A traditional Pinning Ceremony is held upon completion of the PN program. Pinning fees vary and may include the cost of a white uniform, cap (women), pin, etc.

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Practical Nursing Program Typical Student Schedule

Class and Lab

- Monday – Friday, day hours
- 2-3 days/week on campus, may vary

Clinical

- Long-term Care, Acute Care Facilities, Community Sites/Clinics
- Typically, 2 days/week from 06:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - 8- and 12-hour clinical days, including weekends, are possible depending on clinical site availability

Typical Professional Work Schedule:

- Hospital Hours – 12-hour shifts, day or night
 - Typically, 3 – 12 hour shifts per week
- Other locations – community/clinic/education, etc.
 - Hours and days vary