

Okaloosa Technical College
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM
APPLICATION INFORMATION
PLEASE READ THIS IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR
APPLICATION:

Entering the Practical Program. The Practical Nursing Program is open to all qualified persons 18 years of age and above with a high school diploma or its equivalent. The Florida Board of Nursing and the Florida Department of Education set forth the Practical Nursing program policies.

A. Entrance Requirements.

1. You must pass the TEAS test with a composite (overall) score in the 62nd percentile or better, with a 60th percentile or better in math and a 65th percentile or better in reading, 60th percentile or better in science and English/language.
2. You must provide proof of completion of high school or its equivalent (after acceptance).
3. Any applicant who has been convicted of a felony must submit a Certificate of Restoration of Civil Rights with their application. Further details on this matter are available from our program Director.

B. Placement into the Program. Applicants are placed into the Practical Nursing Program when all admission requirements are met and selection committee has made final decisions.

Applicants must:

1. **Apply and pay registration fee.**
2. Make an appointment for your required **TEAS test (Test of Essential Academic Skills)**. Information is provided only after an application is submitted. Appointments are made through ATI. You will need a computer that has video available. The ***non-refundable*** testing fee is paid directly to ATI when testing date is selected on-line. Test score submission will be accepted up until specific deadlines per Spring and Fall semester deadlines.
3. **Scheduling:** Because of the number of applications received, you will be ***allowed to test only once*** during a testing cycle, unless arranged through the Nursing Program. Preparation materials are available on-line or via resource materials. We suggest that you write down the day, date and time of your test. You may change your test appointment, as long as it is within the testing time frame.
4. **Test Description:** The TEAS is a multiple-choice assessment that measures basic academic preparedness in reading, math, science, English and language usage. The overall test contains 170 questions and has a three hour and 29-minute (209 minute) time limit. Of the 170 total questions, 20 questions are used for internal testing purposes and not scored.
5. **Test Results.** The top scores from the TEAS exam will be eligible for placement in the next class. If selected for the program, the student will take a Basic Skills Test (those with a college degree are exempt) within the first weeks of the program. ***If you are not selected*** to enter the program, you will be required to start the admission process again for the next testing cycle. If you do not pass the Basic Skills Test, you will have an opportunity to remediate and retake the test.
6. **Interview:** The applicant will meet with the Director of Nursing or faculty member after a

TEAS score has been received.

7. If a candidate has prior college credit (within 5 years) in required courses and received a C (77%) or better, that student will not be required to retake that course in our program. Having college credit will not guarantee your automatic admission into this program, however. Each qualified candidate will have an equal opportunity for admission into the program.

Note: For those accepted into the Practical Nursing Program, it is your responsibility to have all financial aid applications approved and ready for processing. For information regarding financial assistance, consider the following:

- Pell Grant www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Military families: www.afas.org-docs-for2.doc or visit Base children and family services.
- Other resources: www.okaloosaschools.com.

Okaloosa Technical College Financial Aid, please call 850-833-3500 for more information.

C. Additional Entrance Requirements. Applicants selected for Practical Nursing Program will be required to:

1. Attend orientation. The date and time will be determined.
2. Complete a physical examination. The necessary forms will be issued at the orientation or with the acceptance email.
3. Submit to a background check, fingerprint and urine drug screening. Further information will be given after admission to program.
4. Update Immunizations
 - Tetanus: must be current within past 7 years
 - Measles
 - Mumps
 - Rubella
 - Influenza shot (during Flu season Oct – March)
 - Varicella vaccine or date of chickenpox disease
 - Hepatitis B
 - TB Skin test

NOTE - ONLY THOSE NOTIFIED OF THEIR TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE NEED BE CONCERNED WITH THE ABOVE FOUR REQUIREMENTS.

General Practical Nursing Program Information: The Practical Nursing Program is a 14-month 1350- hour course of study leading to licensure as a Practical Nurse in the state of Florida. It consists of classes at the Okaloosa Technical College campus and clinical practice in local health care facilities. All instructors are registered nurses and certified vocational technical teachers.

Attendance Policy: OTC School of Practical Nursing has a **NO ABSENCE** policy. Due to the limited number of hours available for instructional purposes, all absences must be made up within the semester time is missed. Excessive absences will jeopardize the student's progress in the program and may be grounds for dismissal. **When a student accumulates a total of 22.5 hours of absences in any one semester, he/she may be dropped from the program.**

CURRICULUM CONTENT

Fall semester of one year to Fall semester of the Next year (14 Months)

Projected Schedule.

Fall Semester - August (Class days/hours 0715 – 1400 Mon. – Thurs., Clinical hours 0630 – 1430; occasionally until 1500,

Computers

Anatomy & Physiology

Nutrition

Growth and Development

Geriatrics

Fundamentals of Nursing Class and Lab

Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical

Advanced Fundamentals of Nursing Class and Lab

Advanced Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical

Spring Semester - January (Class days/hours 0715 – 1400 Mon. – Thurs., Clinical hours 0630 – 1430; occasionally until 1500 or later depending on clinical site.

Mental Health

Community Health Education

Pharmacology and Lab

Med/Surgical Nursing I Class

Med/Surgical I Clinical

Fall Semester - August (Class days/hours 0715 – 1400 Mon. – Thurs., Clinical hours 0630 – 1430; occasionally until 1500 or later depending on clinical site.

Med/Surgical Nursing II Class

Med/Surgical Nursing II Clinical

Medical/Surgical Nursing Preceptorship (may be 12-hour days Monday through Friday)

Maternal Child Care Class

Maternal Child Care Clinical

Graduate/Employability Skills

CURRICULUM CONTENT

Spring semester of one year to Spring semester of the Next year (14 Months)

Projected Schedule- 450 hours per semester – 1350 total

Spring Semester - January (Class days/hours 0715 – 1400 Mon. – Thurs., Clinical hours 0630 – 1430; occasionally until 1500,

Computers
Anatomy & Physiology
Nutrition
Growth and Development
Geriatrics
Fundamentals of Nursing Class and Lab
Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical
Advanced Fundamentals of Nursing Class and Lab
Advanced Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical

Fall Semester - August (Class days/hours 0715 – 1400 Mon. – Thurs., Clinical hours 0630 – 1430; occasionally until 1500 or later depending on the site,

Mental Health
Community Health Education
Pharmacology and Lab
Med/Surgical Nursing I Class
Med/Surgical I Clinical
Med/Surgical II Nursing Class
Med/Surgical II Clinical

Spring Semester - January (Class days/hours 0715 – 1400 Mon. – Thurs., Clinical hours 0630 – 1430; occasionally until 1500 or later depending on the site

Med/Surgical Nursing III Class
Med/Surgical Nursing III Clinical
Med/Surgical Nursing IV Class
Med/Surgical Nursing IV Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing Preceptorship (may be 12-hr days Monday through Friday)
Maternal/Newborn Class
Maternal/Newborn Clinical
Nursing of Children Class
Nursing of Children Clinical
Graduate/Employability Skills

Estimated Expenses. (Costs are subject to change without prior notice)

Tuition (for Florida Residents)

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| Semester (\$1,314 x 3 per semester) | \$3,942.00 |
| Books and Lab Bag | \$ 850.60 |
| Lab Fee (\$850 x 3 terms) | \$2,550.00 |
| Non-Refundable Professional Fee | <u>\$ 336.00</u> |
| Tuition Total | \$7,678.60 |

Miscellaneous Expenses

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| TEAS Entrance Examination Fee ** | \$ 115.00 |
| Basic Skills Test ** | \$ 15.00 |
| Uniforms and accessories ** | \$ 175.00 |
| Background check, Drug screen, Finger Printing ** | \$ 215.24 |
| CPR certification ** | <u>\$ 30.00</u> |
| Outside Expense Total | \$ 550.24 |

Total (Tuition and Expenses) **\$8228.84**

** Out of Pocket cost not covered by financial aid

FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE!!

Selection Process: (You MUST be registered for the program BEFORE scheduling your test)
The entrance test will require approximately 2 ½ hours of testing time for completion. As the fee is \$115 for this test, please make sure you are ready for the test. If you do not pass the entrance test you must wait six (6) months and pay the testing fee again before being allowed to retest.

Telephone: 833-3500 for information.