

PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) PROGRAM

The Alabama Community College System practical nursing program is a 3-semester curriculum with the opportunity to earn stackable credentials:

- **AL Nurse Aide Certification (CNA) Exam Eligibility**
 Following successful completion of NUR112: Fundamental Concepts of Nursing, or the first semester of the 3-semester curriculum, the student will be qualified to apply to take the Alabama Nurse Aide Certification Exam.
- **AL Medication Aide Certification (MACE) Exam Eligibility**
 Following successful completion of NUR113: Nursing Concepts I, or the second semester of the 3-semester curriculum, the student will be qualified to apply to take the Alabama Medication Aide Certification Exam.
- **Certificate – Practical Nursing (PN)**
 Following successful completion of the third semester of the 3-semester curriculum, the student will be eligible to apply for the practical nursing certificate and sit for the National Council Licensure Examination: NCLEX-PN.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements for the College, admission into the practical nursing program requires:

1. Unconditional admission to the college.
2. Receipt of completed application for admission to practical nursing program before published deadline.
3. A minimum established score on accepted examination:
 - a. ATI TEAS- A minimum TOTAL score of 65% (PROFICIENT level) on the ATI TEAS examination. Scores are valid for three years. **-OR-**
 - b. NLN Pre-Admission (PAX) examination- A minimum composite score of 120 on the NLN Pre-Admission (PAX) examination. Scores are valid for three years. **-OR-**
 - c. ACT- A minimum COMPOSITE score of 21 on the ACT examination. Scores are valid for three years. **-OR-**
 - d. **HESI "A2 Assessment" test** with 75% or greater on each of the three (3) sections (math, grammar and reading)
4. A minimum of 2.5 GPA cumulative high school GPA for students without prior college courses (GED will be used if applicable).
5. Meet the essential functions for nursing.
6. Eligible for ENG101, BIO201, and MTH100.

Admission to the practical nursing program is **competitive** and the number of students admitted is limited by the number of faculty and availability of clinical facilities. **Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the practical nursing program.**

CALCULATION OF POINTS

After meeting all minimum requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on:

1. ATI TEAS total score or NLN Pre-Admission (PAX) or ACT examination composite score (Must be less than 3 years old).
2. Points from Nursing required college courses (i.e. ENG101, MTH100 or higher, BIO201 and BIO202). Points for grades are as follows: A = 3 points, B = 2 points, and C = 1 point.*
3. Additional points*

Additional Points Awarded	Criteria
Ten (10)	Completed and been awarded a practical nursing certificate at CVCC -OR-
	Completed and been awarded an A.A.S. in Medical Assisting at CVCC.
Five (5)	Completed ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201 and BIO 202 with a grade of 'C' or higher at CVCC or at another institution. -OR-
	Completed a minimum of twelve (12) hours of college-level coursework at CVCC. -OR-
	Been awarded a Medical Assisting short certificate (Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, Electronic Health Records Specialist, Medical Administrative Assistant) at CVCC.
Three (3)	Completed NAS100: Long-term Care Nursing Assistant and received a 'C' or higher at CVCC. -OR-
	Completed MAT218: EKG Technician and received a 'C' or higher at CVCC. -OR-
	Received nationally accredited medical assisting certification. Certification must be current. <i>Proof of certification must be submitted.</i>

In order to receive Nursing required college course and/or additional points, courses must have been completed, with a grade of 'C' or better, prior to application deadline. Official transcripts reflecting grade MUST be on file in CVCC Admissions and an unofficial copy attached to nursing application in order to be considered for ranking purposes.

Practical Nursing Certificate Curriculum

All non-nursing courses must be completed during or before the semester they are designated to be completed, as shown in the curriculum above.

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
First Semester					
MTH 100 – College Algebra or Higher	3	-	-	3	3
BIO 201 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3	1	-	4	5
NUR 112 – Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	4	2	1	7	13
Term Total	10	3	1	14	21
Student may be eligible to take AL Nurse Aide Exam upon successful completion of first semester. Visit https://home.pearsonvue.com/al/nurseaides for more information.					
Second Semester					
ENG 101 – English Composition	3	-	-	3	3
BIO 202 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3	1	-	4	5
PSY210 – Human Growth and Development	3	-	-	3	3
NUR 113 – Nursing Concepts I	4	1	3	8	16
Term Total	13	2	3	18	27
Student may be eligible to take the Medication Aide Certification Exam upon successful completion of second semester. Visit https://www.abn.alabama.gov/mac/ for more information.					
Third Semester					
SPH 106 or SPH 107 - Speech	3	-	-	3	3
NUR114 – Nursing Concepts II	5	-	3	8	14
NUR115 – Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	1	-	1	2	4
Term Total	9	-	4	13	21
Student may be eligible to apply for Practical Nursing Certificate and sit for NCLEX-PN upon successful completion of third semester. Visit https://www.abn.alabama.gov/apply/#tab_exam for more information.					
Credit Hours	Practical Nursing (semesters 1-3)				
	Nursing Credit: 25				
	Academic Credit: 20				
	Total Credit Hours: 45				

The nursing programs at CVCC are approved by:	CVCC is accredited by:	
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For more information go to www.cv.edu/practical-nursing-lpn/ or call 334-291-4925.