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**place**  
to start for

# PRACTICAL NURSING



The Practical Nursing program at Pickens Technical College will provide an unsurpassed, equitable, quality education that prepares the learner to become a member of the profession of nursing. Principles and skills of patient care in the following areas include: medical-surgical, maternal-infant, pediatric, and geriatric nursing. Supervised clinical experience courses related to these areas are part of the program curriculum. Upon successful completion of this program the student will receive a certificate and then be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing.

**The following certificate may be earned:**  
Practical Nursing

### Certificate length

The program is a daytime, two-semester track.

### Class Hours

7:50 am-2:55 pm, Monday-Friday  
Clinical courses may be any day and any time.  
Classes start twice a year in August & January.

### \*Prerequisites (not offered at PTC):

- ENG 121 English Composition I
- BIO 106 Basic Anatomy & Physiology  
(BIO 201 & 202 can be transferred in place of BIO 106 and are encouraged if planning to continue onto an RN program.)

*Students are required to have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher on these classes.*

**CPR Certification from the American Heart Association is required prior to entrance to the program.**

### Strongly Suggested:

- HPR 108 Dietary Nutrition (HWE 100 or other nutrition credits can be transferred)
- HPR 178: Medical Terminology
- College level Math
- Current, unexpired Nurse Aide Certification
- Current work in healthcare

### Additional Admission Requirements:

"TEAS V" Test proficient score on the TEAS test with an overall reading score of 58 or higher.



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Cost and information revised **October 2020**

### Estimated Cost

#### Tuition\*\*/Credit Hour Fee:

Semester 1:	Semester 2:
\$2,214.00(Tuition)	\$2,214.00(Tuition)
<u>\$230.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>	<u>\$230.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>
\$2,444.00	\$2,444.00

**Program charges:** \$500.00/semester\*

**Student ID:** \$10.00/yearly

**Children's Conference charges:** \$40.00/Fall Only

#### Clinical Charges:

**Semester 1:** \$3,000.00

**Semester 2:** \$3,000.00

**Books:** \$563.00 (plus tax)

**Nursing Kit:** \$80.00(plus tax)

**ATI CARP Assessment Packet:** \$1,700.00 (plus tax) \*Includes 3 day in person NCLEX review\*\*\*

**"TEAS V" Test:** \$75.00 - paid prior to application to program\*

#### Mandatory costs for program, but to be paid for off campus:

**Uniforms/Scrubs:** \$80.00

**Pickens Shirt:** \$20.00

**Solid colored Shoes (close toed, leather or vinyl):** \$40.00-\$150.00

**Other Equipment:** \$25.00-\$60.00

**Health Exam:** \$80.00-\$120.00

**Hepatitis, MMR, Tetanus and other required Vaccines:**

\$150.00-\$250.00 (arranged with private physician)

**CPR Class:** \$70.00-\$100.00

**CCCS Background Check and Drug Screen:** \$61.20

To be done through Castle Branch <http://cccs.castlebranch.com>  
(additional fees could be required)

**Nursing Organization Membership Fee:** \$10.00

#### Due at Graduation:

**State Board Licensure Application Fee:** \$88.00

**Pearsonvue NCLEX Testing Fee:** \$200.00

*Certain clinical sites may require paid parking*

#### Practical Nursing Certificate:

**Pickens Estimated Total:** \$14,311.00 (plus tax)

**Estimated Grand Total:** \$15,515.20 (plus tax)

Students will be required to pay the program charge each semester they attend\*

Based on Colorado Resident In-State tuition\*\*

\$1,000 deposit due at time of registration for 1st semester students, as down payment for ATI Kit\*\*\*

*Additional costs may apply. All books, kits & supply costs are estimated. Cost, information, and classes are subject to change at any time. This certificate is eligible for Financial Aid. You may begin the Financial Aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). If you have further questions, please call (303)344-4910, ext 27797.*

## **PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE**

*Students must successfully complete the prerequisite courses in addition to the following courses*

### **Courses required for this certificate:**

NUR 101 Pharmacology Calculations  
NUR 102 Alterations in Adult Health I  
NUR 103 Basic Assessment for the PN  
NUR 104 Alterations in Adult Health II  
NUR 105 Practical Nur Arts and Skills  
NUR 110 Pharmacology Practical Nursing  
NUR 111 Advancement into Practical Nur  
NUR 113 Basic Concepts MA NB Nursing  
NUR 114 Basic Concepts Peds Nursing  
NUR 115 Basic Concepts Mental Health  
NUR 116 Basic Concepts of Geri Nursing  
NUR 170 Clinical I  
NUR 171 Clinical II  
NUR 172 Clinical III  
NUR 173 Clinical IV

### **Practical Nursing Total**

Clock Hours: 855 Credit Hours: 36

\* + Prerequisites: 7 Credits (to total 43 credits)

*Clinical experience begins after the first quarter and includes 8-12 hour shifts 2-3 days per week depending on rotation and may include evening and weekend hours. It is a requirement for program admission and completion that students must be able to attend day, evening, or weekend clinical shifts as assigned.*

*Please visit [www.pickenstech.org](http://www.pickenstech.org) to view our catalog online for course descriptions*

### **Accreditation**

This program has full approval by the Colorado State Board and has initial accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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### **Articulation**

Transfer credit is granted after faculty review to ensure courses meet Pickens Technical College guidelines and program content. Students who receive a certificate from this program may be eligible to articulate to a registered nursing program within the state of Colorado in accordance with the Colorado nursing education articulation agreement.

### **Employment Opportunities**

A licensed practical nurse in Colorado can expect to find employment in long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, home health care agencies, hospice, correctional facilities, clinics and selected hospitals. Salary varies. Beginning salary is approximately \$20-\$25 per hour. Many facilities advance the hourly wage quickly.

