

# Practical Nursing - Admission Criteria

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

**The Priority Deadline for Practical Nursing is July 31.** All application steps listed below must be completed prior to July 31 for consideration. After the priority deadline, the program will move to rolling admissions until incoming cohort slots are filled.

- Follow the Steps to [Apply and Enroll](#).
- Meet the [Testing requirements](#) and complete all required transition/support courses.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 on the most recent academic transcript with at least 10 hours of college credit. If you do not have college credits, your cumulative grade point average will be taken from your high school transcript.
- As a SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS program, there is only one entry point into the program annually. The TEAS test is required for Practical Nursing applicants and must score a 60 or above. Applications will be ranked using the [Health Sciences Admissions Rubric](#).
- All applicants must have taken BIO 163 (or BIO 168\*) with a "C" or higher within five years prior to admission to the Practical Nursing program. BIO 168 will require BIO 169 to be taken during the course of the program. \*BIO 168 and BIO 169 are recommended if you plan to further your education. \*\*BIO 163 (or BIO168) must be taken prior to admission to the program.

Those individuals who are notified of provisional acceptance to the program must attend a mandatory orientation session and have SCC health forms completed by the appropriate medical personnel indicating the candidate is mentally and physically capable of performing the job duties required by this profession.

Once accepted into the program, students will be required to complete an onboarding process, which will include a criminal background check and drug testing prior to participation in the clinical component. If any clinical facility refuses to allow the student to participate in clinical experiences, for any reason, the student will not be able to progress in the program. Each student completing a health science program may be required, by an external agency, to submit a criminal background check and/or drug test prior to a state or national licensing/certification board approving the graduate to sit for exams.

Due to the rigorous nature of the curriculum, where possible, students are encouraged to have successfully completed general education courses prior to enrolling in program specific courses: ACA 122, ENG 111 and PSY 150 with a "C" or better. See your advisor for acceptable general education substitutes.

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