

# THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING ADVISING AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION FALL 2026

Please read the program application process carefully and completely. If you have questions, please see a success coach, advisor, or Division Academic Excellence Administrator.

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The following steps are required to apply to the Pueblo Community College Nursing Program for Fall Semester 2026 Admission.

#### STEP 1 MEET WITH PCC SUCCESS COACH OR ADVISING STAFF

#### STEP 2 REVIEW PREREQUISITES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### Courses

Applicants must have completed the following seven (7) general education prerequisites courses to apply to the program. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. The seven (7) courses must have a **minimum GPA of 2.80**. No points will be awarded for in-progress grades. If an application is submitted with incomplete transcripts, no points will be awarded for incomplete classes. **If a student has attempted a course more than once, the better of the first two attempts will be used to calculate the <b>GPA**. Please use an online <u>GPA Calculator</u> to determine your overall core GPA.

- ENG 1021 English Composition, 3 credits
- PSY 2440 Human Growth and Development, 3 credits
- BIO 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 credits, with lab <sup>1</sup>
- BIO 2102 Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 credits, with lab <sup>1</sup>
- BIO 2104 Microbiology, 4 credits <sup>1</sup>
- HPR 1010 Dietary Nutrition, 1 credit (HWE 1050 Human Nutrition can be substituted)
- MAT 1120 Math for Clinical Calculations, 3 credits

<sup>1</sup>All Biology (BIO) courses must be completed within ten (10) years of entry into PCC Nursing Program. The better of 1<sup>st</sup> two attempts for any biology course will be used to calculate the prerequisite courses GPA.

\*Prior to application, you can complete other **general education courses** required for the nursing degree. For each course completed prior to application, you will receive additional application points. These include:

- BIO 1010 Biology Foundations, 2 credits OR
- BIO 1111 General College Biology, 5 credits AND
- BIO 2116 Pathophysiology, 4 credits <sup>1</sup>

## **TEAS** exam

Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 7 pre-nursing examination by making an appointment at the PCC Testing Center at either the Pueblo campus – 719-549-3091; Fremont campus – 719-296-6116; and Mancos – 970-564-6209. The exam may be taken at other educational institutions. The test costs approximately \$90. A study guide and additional information is available at ATI Testing.

- **Reading and Math** scores will be used during application review. Students will need to take all four sections of the TEAS, but points are only awarded to Reading and Math scores.
  - See the Nursing Application Scoring tool for points awarded for each exam score.
- Applicants may take the exam a maximum of twice in the 18 months prior to application.
- Exam results are only viable for 18 months.
- If you have a documented disability and require testing accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 719-549-3446.

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## STEP 3 APPLICATION

Complete program admission online application at <u>Pueblo Community College Nursing</u> web page. The Nursing application for the 2026 Fall Admissions cycle will open on **April 1, 2026**, and close **May 27, 2026**.

Upload the following PDF's into the online application:

- 1. Unofficial transcripts (all required courses and those being considered for additional admission points).
- 2. TEAS scores (Reading and Math)
- 3. Work verification and job description (must be direct patient-care experience)\*
- 4. Verification of previous degree (a minimum of Associate degree, if applicable)\*

\*Supplemental items are not required, however, they are awarded application points. See Nursing Application Scoring tool.

## STEP 4 APPLICATION SCORING

Admission to the nursing program is a competitive process. All decisions for admission are made by the Nursing Admissions Committee using the Nursing Application Scoring tool found on page 5.

Incomplete applications will **NOT** be processed by the Nursing Admission Team after the application deadline. If there is any missing required documentation, the application will be considered incomplete and **WILL NOT** be scored for application.

## Request for alteration to progression or other application processes

- Any request to modify this application process or requirements must be submitted in writing to the Nursing Admissions Committee via email at <a href="mailto:nursing@pueblocc.edu">nursing@pueblocc.edu</a>.
- Requests must be submitted prior to the closing of the application period.
- Clearly outline the specific modification being requested and provide a detailed explanation of why the request should be considered. Include any supporting evidence or documentation to substantiate your case.

## STEP 5 ADMISSIONS

Accepted applicants will receive email confirmation by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. It is your responsibility to check your email and spam folders during that time. Admission is provisional pending successfully passing a background check and drug screen. In addition, the following will be required:

- Current immunizations Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (TDAP), Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B, Varicella, Influenza Vaccines
- Health screenings Tuberculosis (chest X-ray, QuantiFERON gold blood test, or 2-step PPD skin test)
- Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) (2 year).

# **Admissions Appeals Process**

- 1. Grounds for Appeal
  - Applicants who believe they were denied admission due to procedural errors or discrimination may file an appeal.
- 2. Appeal Submission
  - Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Nursing Program Director within 5 business days of receiving the admission decision.

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- In the appeal, include why you feel this decision was in error or unjust.
- Provide any supporting documentation.
- Appeals based on not uploading correct documentation or transcripts will be denied.

# 3. Review Process

• The Nursing Program Director will review the appeal and provide a decision within 5 business days.

APPLICATION CRITERIA	Maximum Points	Points
Required prerequisite courses all courses must be passed with a "C" or higher. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.80 for prerequisite courses only.  NOTE: Better of first two (2) attempts for biology courses are used in calculations.  ENG 1021: English Composition I  PSY 2440: Human Growth & Development  BIO 2101: Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab  BIO 2102: Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab  BIO 2104: Microbiology with Lab  HPR 1010: Dietary Nutrition OR HWE 1050: Human Nutrition  MAT 1120: Math for Clinical Calculations	Completed	□ Yes □ No
• ENG 1021 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • PSY 2440 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • BIO 2101 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • BIO 21021 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • BIO 21021 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • BIO 21041 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • HPR $1010^2$ A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • MAT 1120 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • MAT 1120 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • MAT 1120 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • MAT 1120 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • MAT 1120 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points • MAT 1120 A = 7 points B = 6 points C = 4 points	49	
COMPLETION OF OTHER GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES  1 point per successful completion ("C" or better)  BIO 1111: General College Biology OR BIO 1010: Foundations of Biology  BIO 2116: Pathophysiology	2	
ATI TEAS EXAM RESULTS           Test for Essential Academic Skills Exam           Criteria         12 points         9 points         6 points         3 points         0 points           Reading         83 or higher         82.9-78         77.9-71         70.9-66         65.9 and below           Math         85 or higher         84.9-80         79.9-75         74.9-67         66.9 and below	24	
PCC GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES Two (2) points per course that is taken with Pueblo Community College. ENG 1021, PSY 2440, HPR 1010, BIO 1111 <i>OR</i> BIO 1010, BIO 2101, BIO 2102, BIO 2104, BIO 2116, MAT 1120	18	
VERIFICATION OF WORK EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH-RELATED FIELD  Submit a letter that includes a job description, number of hours worked, dates of employment with original signature of supervisor or Human Resource Officer.  • More than 1000 hours = 5 points  • 500 – 999 hours = 3 points  • 100 – 499 hours = 1 points	5	
PRIOR COLLEGE DEGREE Associate degree or higher in any discipline.	2	
TOTAL	100	