

Nursing Program Application Process

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URGENT NOTICE TO STUDENTS

THE NURSING APPLICATION PROCESS HAS
CHANGED FOR ADMISSION FALL SEMESTER 2024

Please read the program application process carefully. If you have questions, please see an advisor.



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The following steps are required to apply to the Pueblo Community College Nursing (ADN AAS) Program for Fall Semester 2024 Admission.

STEP 1 Meet with a PCC advisor to review application requirements and course completion

STEP 2 Complete all admission requirements

Courses

Applicants must have completed the following six (6) general education prerequisites courses to apply to the program. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. The six (6) courses must have a minimum **GPA of 2.8**. In progress grades will be accepted, however, course(s) must show in progress at time of application and be completed in Spring semester. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit final spring semester course grade(s) as soon as possible to the admission committee for consideration.

- ENG 1021 English Composition, 3 credits
- PSY 2440 Human Growth and Development, 3 credits
- BIO 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 credits, with lab¹
- BIO 2102 Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 credits, with lab¹
- BIO 2104 Microbiology, 4 credits¹
- HPR 1010, Dietary Nutrition, 1 credit (HWE1050 Human Nutrition can be substituted)

¹All Biology (BIO) courses must be completed within ten (10) years of entry into PCC Nursing Program. The better of 1st 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 1111 General College Biology, 5 credits
- BIO 2116 Pathophysiology, 4 credits

Nurse Aide course or certification

Complete the Nurse Aide (NUA1001) skill course within the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) <u>or</u> have a Colorado **CNA certification** from any training facility. Nurse Aide certificate must be in good standing without stipulation. Nurse Aide courses must be completed within seven (7) years of entry into PCC Nursing program. If the applicant is a current Colorado Certified Nurse Aide, in good standing, there is no time limit.

*If NUA coursework is completed at PCC or one of the Colorado Community College System schools **and** you earn CNA Certification you will receive additional application points. (See Nursing Application Scoring tool)

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 around \$90. A study guide and additional information is available at ATI Testing.

- There is no minimum score requirement, however, students are ranked by their score performance on the TEAS exam. For a competitive application, students should strive for a minimum of proficiency-level in their tests scores.
- Applicants may take the exam a maximum of twice in the 12 months prior to application.
- If you have a documented disability and require testing accommodations please contact the Disability Resource Center at 719-549-3446 three weeks prior to your testing date.



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STEP 3 Application

Complete program admission online application at <u>Pueblo Community College Nursing</u> web page. Applications must be submitted between **March 1 to May 19, 2024 for Fall 2024 Admission**.

Upload the following PDF's into the online application:

- 1. Unofficial transcripts (all required courses and those being considered for additional admission points). Course may be in progress in spring 2024. Final grades must be submitted as soon as possible to the Admissions committee for consideration.
- 2. TEAS scores (Reading and Math)
- 3. *Work verification and job description (min of 1000 hours of patient care healthcare experience)
- 4. *Verification of previous degree (a minimum of Associate degree, if applicable)
- 5. *Verification of Nurse Aide certificate (if applicable)

STEP 4 Application Scoring

Admission to the nursing program is a competitive process. All decisions for admission are made by the Nursing Department Admission Team using a holistic Nursing Application Scoring tool.

Our applicants are evaluated on the successful completion and their performance in perquisite courses, additional course work, and other certificates/degrees previously earned. Students scores on the ATI TEAS exam and prior health-care work experience evaluated. Students are scored individually then ranked with all qualified applicants. The nursing program has limited seats and will offer admissions to applicants in order of ranking until seat occupancy has been filled.

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.

STEP 5 Admission

Accepted applicants will receive email confirmation by the 1st week in June. Students must accept admission by the designated deadline to participate in the nursing program. 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 TB, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella, COVID and Flu vaccines.
- Current American Heart Association CPR for Health Professionals (2 year).

^{*}Supplemental items are not required, however are awarded application points. See Nursing Application Scoring tool.