THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSE PLUS PROGRAM ADVISING AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION FALL 2027

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 Practical Nurse Plus (PN+) Program for Fall Semester 2027 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 three (3) general education prerequisites courses to apply to the program. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. The three (3) courses must have a **minimum GPA of 2.50**. 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 GPA.** Please use an online GPA Calculator to determine your overall core GPA.

- ENG 1021 English Composition, 3 credits
- PSY 2440 Human Growth and Development, 3 credits
- BIO 1006 Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology, 4 credits[1]

[1]Any 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.

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.

STEP 3 APPLICATION

Complete program admission online application at Pueblo Community College Nursing web page. The Nursing application for the 2027 Fall Admissions cycle will open on **June 1, 2027,** and close **June 30, 2027**.

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 and not doing so may result in missed points applied to scoring tool. See Nursing Application Scoring tool on page 5 for detailed information.**

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 nursing@pueblocc.edu.
- 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 1st 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.
- 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 prior to the start of the program. Applicants must have a **minimum GPA of 2.50** for prerequisite courses only. *NOTE: Better of first two (2) attempts for biology courses are used in calculations.* • BIO 1006: Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology • ENG 1021: English Composition I • PSY 2440: Human Growth & Development	**Completed**	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
PREREQUISITE COURSE GRADES • ENG 1021 A = 9 points B = 7 points C = 4 points • PSY 2440 A = 9 points B = 7 points C = 4 points • BIO 1006[1] A = 9 points B = 7 points C = 4 points [1] *Better of first two (2) attempts for biology courses are used for calculation*	**27**	
PCC GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES Two (2) points per course that is taken with Pueblo Community College: ENG 1021, PSY 2440, BIO 1006 *Note: Transcripts will verify course completion.*	**6**	
ATI TEAS EXAM RESULTS Test for Essential Academic Skills Exam Criteria / 12 points / 9 points / 6 points / 3 points / 0 points Reading: 100-77 / 76.9-68 / 67.9-64 / 63.9-55 / 54.9-45.0 Math: 100-80 / 79.9-65 / 64.9-64 / 63.9-50 / 49.9-45.0 **NOTE: Scores less than 44.9 may be deemed ineligible for admissions.**	**24**	
CURRENT CMHHIP EMPLOYEE Current employment in a position within Colorado Mental Health Hospital in Pueblo will receive additional points. Are you a current employee of CMHHIP? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** *NOTE: Employment verification letter must be attached to application.*	**5**	
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. • 1000 hours or more = 10 points • 500 – 999 hours = 6 points • 100 – 499 hours = 2 points	**10**	
PRIOR COLLEGE EDUCATION Certificate or higher in any discipline from an accredited institution.	**3**	
TOTAL	**75**	