



## Practical Nurse (PN) Program Application Process

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The following steps are required to apply to the Pueblo Community College Practical Nurse Certificate Program offered only at the PCC Southwest Campus located in Mancos, Colorado.

1. Applicants must have completed the following two (2) prerequisites. All courses must be completed with a C or better. The two (2) courses must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
  - ENG 121 English Composition, 3 credits
  - BIO 106 Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology, 4 credits  
BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology and BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II would be accepted in place of BIO 106

NOTE: Biology (BIO) courses must be completed within ten (10) years of entry into PCC Nursing Program. The higher Biology grade of the first two attempts will be used to calculate the prerequisite courses' GPA.

2. Complete the Certified Nursing Assistant (NUA) coursework within the Colorado Community College System (CCCS), or have an active Colorado CNA certificate. (If Nursing Assistant Certificate is obtained through a private company or an out of state institution, student must obtain an Active Colorado CNA certificate). 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. An applicant may be IN PROGRESS for Nurse Aide courses but must be completed by December 11, 2021.

**The following are CCCS Nurse Aide courses:**

- NUA 101 Certified Nurse Aid Health Care Skills
  - NUA 170 Nurse Assistant Clinical Experience
  - NUA 171 Advanced Nurse Aide Clinical
  - NUA 102 Nurse Aide Certification Prep Exam
3. Schedule the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 6 pre-nursing examination by making an appointment at the PCC Testing Center at the Mancos Campus with Alex Linden at 970-564-6273 or [Alex.Linden@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Alex.Linden@pueblocc.edu). The exam may be taken at other educational institutions. The test takes approximately 3.5 hours and costs \$88. A study guide and additional information is available at [ATI Testing](#). Additional resource: Pueblo Corporate College TEAS Prep at <https://bit.ly/PCC-TEAS-2020>
    - The total adjusted national mean for LPN programs will be the benchmark for applying to the PCC nursing program. TEAS score must be 58% or higher for applying to the LPN program.
    - Applicants may take the exam a maximum of twice in the 12 months prior to application.
    - **Exam must be taken prior to applying to the program. Applicants will be required to send documentation of scores.**
    - 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.

4. Please contact Kimberlee Ackles at 970-564-6234 or [Kimberlee.Ackles@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Kimberlee.Ackles@pueblocc.edu) for more information.

**Online applications period opens June 15, 2021 and closes October 29, 2021.**

- Applicants who have submitted a complete application will have their file reviewed by the Admissions Committee. The Nursing Department will not accept any additional application materials after the deadline.
- Notification letters will be sent after the Admissions Committee has reviewed all applications. Please note that inquiries about the status of an application before the scheduled notification date will only slow down the process.
- Applicants not accepted for a given year, who wish to be considered for a subsequent term, must reapply.

5. Competitive Ranking

- Entrance into the nursing program is a competitive process. Admission scoring is based on the following:
  - Nursing Program Prerequisites Courses GPA
  - TEAS Score
  - CNA License
  - Worked hours in delivering patient care

6. Accepted applicants are provisional and must successfully pass a background check and drug screen to be registered into nursing courses. All accepted students must complete the following before clinical rotations start:

- Current immunizations – TB, Tetanus, Measles, Hepatitis B, Varicella, and Flu.
- Current CPR for Health Professionals (2 year).

7. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be processed by the Nursing Admission Team.

- Any missing required documentation or data, the application will be considered as incomplete and **WILL NOT** be considered.

8. Previous failure of two nursing classes prohibits application to PCC's nursing program for three years following the date of failure.