

Eastern Shore Community College Practical Nursing Program Application Packet 2021

The Eastern Shore Community College School of Practical Nursing was originally Northampton- Accomack Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing formed in 1956 as a joint effort of Northampton County Schools, Accomack County Schools and the Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital. Later when NAM Hospital was renamed the school became Shore Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing. In 2007 the school of practical nursing was moved to the Eastern Shore Community College under the Virginia Community College System. It is a three semester program leading to a certificate in practical nursing and graduates are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Exam for practical nurses (NCLEX-PN). The ESCC School of Practical Nursing has full approval by the Virginia State Board of Nursing. The NCLEX pass rate for the 2016 and 2017 graduating class was 100%%, 2018 was 87.5 %, and 2019 90.9%. For previous pass rates see the Virginia Board of Nursing web site.

This program is committed to providing each individual an equal opportunity for success and does not discriminate in admissions and/or during matriculation based upon an applicant's or student's race, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, non-disqualifying disability or age.

Program Application Requirements to Apply for Admission

In addition to the general admission requirements established for the College, minimum Standards for entry into the program are:

1. High school diploma or GED
2. Eligibility for ENG 111 by current ESCC placement criteria or completion of ENF 1-3
3. Strong competence in basic arithmetic by ESCC placement scores or successful completion of MTE 1-4
4. Complete PN preadmission exam HESI A2 with an acceptable score, test results cannot be over 1 year of age at the time of admission to program.
5. Current CPR certification at the Basic Life support Health Care Provider level
6. PNE curriculum courses that have been completed must have a minimum grade of "C"
7. GPA of 2.0 or better for all previous college courses taken
8. Submission of program application
9. PNE 161 Nursing in Health Changes I and NUR 135 Drug Dosage Calculations cannot be taken until program application and acceptance into the PN program has been achieved
10. Completion of physical examination is required after offer of admission to PN program, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
11. Documentation must be provided for the following immunizations:
 - a. Tetanus booster (td or T-dap vaccination) within the past 10 years.
 - b. Two measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) immunizations or titers proving immunity
 - c. Hepatitis B (HPV) immunization series completed or in progress.
 - d. Lab results showing immunity to varicella (chickenpox) or vaccination series, two doses required.
12. Two step TST tuberculin skin test required. For a previous positive TST, documentation of a chest x-ray within the past 6 months is required.
13. Annual influenza vaccination required.
14. Completion of a criminal background check and urine drug screen is required once admission to program has been achieved. This will be done through CastleBranch, which is contracted with the PN program. Forms obtained from program coordinator.
15. Liability insurance through NSO.com will need to be obtained once accepted into the program. Forms obtained from program coordinator.

Program Notes

The nursing law of Virginia addresses criteria for application for licensure. The Virginia Board of Nursing has the power to deny opportunity to become licensed through testing if the applicant has committed a felony/misdemeanor violated provisions of 54-367.32 of the Code of Virginia. A student's eligibility to take the PN licensure exam cannot be determined until application for licensure is received by the State Board of Nursing. Some health care facilities may not employ individuals who committed certain criminal acts or allow students to participate in clinical experiences in their facilities. Any student that has committed any illegal offenses other than minor traffic violations should discuss these matters with the program director for further clarification

1. Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus facilities for clinical experiences.
2. Students must receive a grade of "C" or better in all PNE courses to stay in the PN Program.
3. Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better.
4. Students are responsible for costs necessary for program completion such as required testing fees, liability insurance, uniforms, stethoscopes, nursing pins, books, criminal history and sex offender crimes against minor's background checks.
5. Students must complete a drug dosage calculation test with the score of 80% or greater at the completion of NUR 135 Drug Calculations to stay in the PN Program.

Admission Sequence

1. If not enrolled at ESCC, submit an on-line application for admission, along with high school transcript or proof of GED and official transcript of any previous college work.
2. Complete ESCC computer-based placement testing in math and English if applicable.
3. Take the HESI A2 entrance exam and achieve an acceptable score. A fee must accompany the testing.
4. Submit Practical Nursing application to program coordinator. Admission to the Practical Nursing Program must be achieved before PNE 161 Nursing in Health Changes I and subsequent PNE courses can be taken. Non PNE courses and PNE 155 Body Structure and Function may be taken prior to Practical Nursing Program admission. PNE 155 and PNE 116 must have been taken **within 5 years of application** to be accepted by the Practical Nursing Program unless approved by the program coordinator. Courses must be taken in the appropriate sequence.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who meet the program requirements, complete the physical/mental exam and submit the physical form signed by the physician stating that they are able to perform as practical nurses in the clinical setting are admitted. It is the responsibility of the student to meet the physical/mental/legal requirements for state certification.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE:

When applying to the ESCC School of Practical Nursing, the applicant should:

- A. If not enrolled at ESCC, submit an on-line application for admission, along with high school transcript or proof of GED and transcript of any previous college work.
- B. Complete the computer-based placement testing (Math & English) if necessary (see Student Services).
- C. Submit application to ESCC Practical Nursing Program director. Application opens January 11, 2021 and application deadline for following fall class is **February 26, 2021.**
- D. Take the HESI A2 admissions test. Cost is \$42.00 but subject to change. See Program Coordinator for instructions.
- E. After provisional program admission is received, applicant must complete a criminal background/ urine drug screen report with Castlebranch.com. Forms must be obtained from Program coordinator.
- F. Complete CPR-Basic Life Support Health Care Provider certification.

Fees/Expenses/Tuition/Supplies

This is an itemized breakdown of approximate expenses you can expect to incur while a student.

ALL COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Tuition

In-state \$160.00 per credit hour

Out of state \$357.60 per credit hour

Misc. fees included

Physical Exam

Variable approximately \$100

Books

Approximately \$400.00 (Nursing Books only)

Student Uniforms

Two clinical uniforms at approximately \$65.00 to \$85.00 each

White Nursing Shoes - \$50.00

White Lab coat - \$55.00

Nursing Cap - \$15.00

Nursing Graduation Pin - \$25.00 to \$100.00 depending on type ordered

Program Requirements

Stethoscope - \$20.00 – \$50.00

Bandage Scissors - \$6.00 - \$10.00

Nurse Pac - \$100.00 (subject to change)

Nursing Liability Insurance - \$35.00-\$45.00

Criminal History and Sex offender Background Checks / Urine Drug Screen \$150.00

NCLEX-PN Licensing Exam - \$370

3. Selection of the Practical Nursing Class

- a. Previous coursework both high school and college
- b. HESI A2 Practical Nursing Admission Exam Scores
- c. Handwritten letter
- d. All applicants will receive written notification of acceptance/non-acceptance. **If the applicant's acceptance of an admission offer is not received by the program coordinator by the stated deadline, the offer will be withdrawn without further notice.** Appeals of an admission decision must be made in writing to the Program Coordinator.
- e. All applicants must complete program requirements that exist at the time of admission into the program not the time of application.
- f. Individuals accepted into the program must pass a physical examination given by a licensed physician, and be free of any physical or mental condition, which would adversely affect performance as a member of the nursing

profession. Immunizations and two step PPD must be current. Students must also be certified in CPR. A drug screen will be performed as well as a criminal background check.

Reapplication to the Practical Nursing Program

If a student is not admitted to the program but wishes to reapply for the next year's class, he/she **MUST** complete a new Practical Nursing Program Application form and submit it to the Practical Nursing Program Coordinator prior to established deadlines for the next year.

Evaluation during the Practical Nursing Program

Upon admission and during the course of the program, the PN faculty will carefully observe and evaluate the student's suitability for nursing. Students are expected to complete all courses listed in each semester of the curriculum before being allowed to enter subsequent semesters. Any student who earns a grade **lower than "C" in any practical nursing course** will be dismissed from the program. If seeking re-admission to the program the re-applicant must meet with program coordinator and complete an application. Re-admission may be granted by the faculty based on additional data, prior performance and space availability. Students may not apply for re-admission more than one time. Re-admission **must occur within two years** or the student will have to repeat all nursing courses. When applying for re-admission students will be asked to validate their skills by written test and a practicum.

**Eastern Shore Community College
Practical Nursing Program Application Form**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 26, 2021

Nursing application information must be sent to the following address:

Peggy Bennett, RN, BSN, MEd
Program Coordinator, Practical Nursing Program
Eastern Shore Community College
Practical Nursing Program
29316 Lankford Highway
Melfa, VA 23410

Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Other Names Used: _____

Date of Birth _____

EMPL ID Number _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Telephone Number: _____

ESCC Email Address: _____

What is the best way to contact you?

MAILING ADDRESS:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you a CNA? Yes No

CNA Graduation Date: _____

Please list the names of other colleges/universities that you have attended:

Do you have a degree from another college/university? Yes No

State the Degree and the Major _____

Have you previously been admitted to a RN or PN nursing program? Yes No

If your answer to this question is yes, please provide a brief explanation of your status when you left the program.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor? YES ____ NO ____

Nursing students are involved in providing direct patient care in medical facilities. Certain medical facilities require all nursing students to have a Criminal History and Sex Offender’s Crimes against Minors background investigation completed prior to the provision of patient care. Some facilities may also require drug testing for nursing students. Any student found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony prior to or during nursing education will be required to request an Exemption from Disqualification from each of the medical facilities to which they may be assigned during the program. If an exemption is not granted by the medical facility, the student will be unable to complete the requirements for the nursing program, and will not be permitted to continue in the college’s nursing program. Students will be required to submit similar documentation to the Virginia Board of Nursing when making application to take the NCLEX –PN in Virginia. The Board of Nursing can deny licensure to any applicant who has filed false credentials, who has falsely represented facts on the application for licensure, and/ or who has committed a felony or misdemeanor. In addition, certain health care facilities may not hire individuals who have committed a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations.

Falsified information on the application for admission will be grounds for denial.

Please attach the following to this application:

- 1. An unofficial copy of your college transcripts**
- 2. One handwritten page or less answering the following question**
I would like to become a licensed practical nurse because.....

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Nursing Program Office Use Only:

Date Application Received in Nursing Program Office: _____

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