PNE
Practical Nursing Education
Fall 2015
Class of 2016
The Practical Nursing curriculum prepares individuals with the knowledge and skills to provide nursing care to children and adults.

Students will participate in assessment, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, long term care facilities, clinics, physician’s offices, and home health agencies.

**Academic Admissions and Regulations:**

In addition to regular college admissions requirements and procedures, individuals interested in Practical Nursing Education are also subject to the following admissions requirements, procedures and academic regulations. The PNE Program is a selective program, admitting only 24 students per year to the day entry and 20 students per year to the evening/weekend option.

**Admissions Information:** For class entering 2015, graduating 2016.

All applications must be updated annually. If you have previously applied to the Practical Nursing Education Department, you must re-initiate the application process and must retake the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). We do not maintain a waiting list. All applicants must complete a PNE priority form indicating preference for day entry, evening/weekend option, or either schedule.

McDowell Technical Community College and the Practical Nursing Education Department follow a semester curriculum plan. The MTCC Practical Nursing Education program is approved by the North Carolina Community College System and the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The application period for Practical Nursing Education is **June 1, 2014 – Feb 20, 2015.** Items 1-6 on the list of admissions requirements must be completed during this period. All admission requirements must be met before applicants will be considered for admission to the program.

Applicants need to be aware that upon admission to a health science program with a clinical component, the clinical agency may require a criminal background check and/or drug testing prior to participation in clinical practice experiences.* McDowell Technical Community College does not guarantee that institutions with student training affiliations will accept any student for training in any clinical program. Furthermore, the inability to complete the clinical portion of the program will result in course failure and dismissal.
from the program. In accordance with the NC General Statute 90-171-48 applicants for initial licensure in North Carolina must have a criminal background check. Applicants with criminal convictions may have limited licensure and employment opportunities.

*The clinical agency reserves the right to refuse someone with a criminal record the use of their facility.

**General Admission Requirements:**

1. Applicants must submit a completed admissions application obtained from the Student Services Office.

2. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. An official high school transcript or GED (General Education Development) certificate must be sent to the college. Student copies of these items are not acceptable.

3. Official transcripts of all previous post-secondary education must be requested by the applicant and sent directly from the forwarding institution to the college. Student copies are not acceptable.

    *The minimum required GPA is 2.0.*

4. Applicants must attend a mandatory nursing information meeting before deadline (schedule of meetings will be provided).

5. Applicants must have completed a unit of high school Biology with a grade of “C” or above. College substitutions for this requirement are one semester of:

    - BIO 111 or a higher level college biology course, with a grade of “C” or above.
    - Pre-requisite courses are not accepted from the Adult High School Diploma unless the student is a graduate of the program.

In addition, high school or college level chemistry and math are strongly recommended.

6. Verification of completion of a North Carolina state approved Nurse Aide I Training program is required by the completion of fall semester, 2014. Current NA I listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registry, without substantiated findings, is required for all applicants by March 31, 2015 and must be current through the beginning of fall semester, 2015.

If an accepted applicant does not meet the listing deadline, the applicant will be moved to an alternate status.

**Institutional Requirement:** Placement testing and all developmental course(s) must be completed by the general admissions deadline. Placement tests must be within the last three years to be considered current.
7. The TEAS exam dates will be provided by Jane Wyatt for all applicants. There is a cost for the TEAS. Applicants must score a 55 or higher to be considered for admission to the PNE program. Students whose scores do not meet the required minimum will be counseled by the Student Enrichment Center regarding various career and educational options available to them.

8. Once all other admission requirements are met, applicants will be ranked using a competitive process, according to the Point Rating Tool. The top 44 ranking applicants will be admitted to the PNE program and notified with a letter of acceptance, pending receipt of the “Student Medical Form.” The next 12 applicants will be placed on an alternate list in order of ranking and notified accordingly. Placements in the day or evening/weekend option will be based on the applicant’s first choice if possible. All admission rankings are confidential information.

9. All accepted applicants for admission to the PNE Program and alternates must submit a completed N.C. Community College System “Student Medical Form,” that is available in student services, which includes required immunization records and diagnostic tests, by May 21, 2015. This examination of an applicant’s physical and emotional health is a requirement and the accepted applicant’s status is considered “pending” until this form is turned in to the PNE secretary and screened by the PNE Faculty. Where problematic physical or mental health conditions exist, faculty may require timely medical reports from a physician confirming that the individual is physically and mentally competent to enter the Practical Nurse Education program.

10. Accepted applicants for admission must have or obtain American Heart Association Healthcare provider CPR certification to include Adult, Infant, and child CPR. Courses are routinely offered through Continuing Education at the college. Students admitted to the program will not be allowed to begin classes without current CPR certification. **Proof of current CPR certification valid for two (2) years (2015 – 2016) must be provided at orientation.**

11. An orientation session is scheduled for all applicants accepted for admission. The orientation date is June 11, 2015 and will be held at 9:00 am in the Dogwood Building (17) in room 104. (Attendance is strongly recommended.)*

McDowell Technical Community College does not discriminate in its admission policies and procedures on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, age, religion, or handicap. For further information, refer to the MTCC catalog section entitled “Non-Discrimination Policy.”

**Accepted applicants who are unable to attend the orientation session due to extenuating circumstances must notify the Nursing Program Director and complete all
orientation requirements by August 1, 2015. An accepted applicant who fails to meet orientation requirements will forfeit his or her place in the PNE program.

**Required Courses**

Students may take these general/related (non-nursing) courses before acceptance into the nursing program or before the specified semester.

General Education:  
- PSY 150
- ENG 111
- BIO 168
- BIO 169
- ACA 115

Completion of these courses will help prepare students for, but not guarantee, admission to the PNE Program.

**Point Rating Tool**

The Admission Rating Tool is used by the PNE Admission Committee to select applicants for the PNE Program. All general admission requirements must be met, including an acceptable score on the TEAS Exam, prior to use of the Point Rating Tool.

This tool was developed as an objective means of evaluating applicants. The point count criteria are divided into 7 distinct areas:

1. Most recent cumulative overall GPA – college (minimum 12 hours) or high school/GED
2. TEAS score
3. TEAS Science score
4. TEAS Math score
5. TEAS English score
6. Specified college courses completed with a “C” or better (Med 121 & Med 122, Chm 131 & Chm 131A, Nut 110, Cis 110)*
7. Current Nursing Assistant II listing with the NC Board of Nursing**

An applicant’s admission rating is confidential information. At no time and with no exceptions will an applicant’s admission rating be discussed with anyone other than the applicant. When an individual’s application is complete, his or her total point count will be calculated. It is this total which will be used in the selection process.

**Please do not call to inquire about your point count.** If you are accepted, you will be notified of your acceptance as outlined in the “Selection Process” on the next page. In the event of an identical score for ranking, TEAS V test scores will be used to differentiate tie scores.
1. First preference will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest TEAS science scores.

2. In the event of a tie in TEAS science scores, preference will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest TEAS math scores.

3. In the event of a tie in TEAS math scores, preference will be given to applicant(s) with the highest TEAS English scores.

*Extra points are given for specified college courses with a “C” or better, but are not required.

**Extra points are given for having current NA II Certification, but NA II Certification is not required for acceptance in the PNE Program.

Admission criteria are reviewed each year and are subject to change from year to year.

Graduates of the PNE Program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

**Selection Process**

1. General admissions requirements (#’s 1-6) must be met. **Deadlines**
   - Feb 20, 2015

2. Written notification will be mailed to eligible students regarding dates and times to sit for the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). **Deadlines**
   - March 13, 2015

3. If notified, eligible applicants will report for the TEAS (A fee is charged). A valid TEAS V score will be accepted for a period of one year at deadline. **Deadlines**
   - Mar 23 – Mar 27

4. Final selection for admission is based on the Point Rating Tool (see separate section) and acceptable results of the Student Medical Form. **Deadlines**
   - April 24, 2015

5. Written notification of acceptance will be mailed by the Nursing Program Director and the Health Sciences Advisor. **Deadlines**
   - May 21, 2015

6. Complete Health Forms must be submitted to the Health Sciences Secretary. **Deadlines**

   *Note: Dates subject to change*

Questions: Contact Jane Wyatt at (828) 652-0611