



EAST CENTRAL

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Practical Nursing Program

Pactical Nursing offers a rewarding career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in a profession that is highly valued and respected. The program is designed to educate students to meet the challenges of an exciting and dynamic career in nursing.

The graduate of the Practical Nursing Program is prepared for the entry level to assist in providing general nursing care in a variety of health care settings.

Admission Requirements:

- Candidates must have **no** visible tattoos on hands or face.
- Apply for regular admission/readmission and be accepted by the College.
- Submit a completed application for the Practical Nursing program to the Office of Healthcare Education in the Phil A. Sutphin Hall.
- Must be at least eighteen (18) years-of-age.
- High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- An ACT composite score of 16 after October 1989.
- Submit transcripts of all colleges attended
- Complete prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better in each course prior to taking the first nursing course: Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs (or upper-level equivalents with labs).
- All applicants are required to complete HESI A2® with Critical Thinking Pre-entrance examination, at candidate's expense.
- Submit to fingerprinting for criminal history background check and achieve a satisfactory record, at the candidate's expense.

Scholarships and Financial Aid:

Financial assistance, which may include Pell Grants®, College Work Study, scholarships and loans are available to qualified East Central Community College Students. For more information contact the Office of Financial Aid at 1-877-462-3222, extension 218.

Faculty: Highly qualified faculty are dedicated to the mission of the college in preparing students to meet national and state agency competencies and preparation for students to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®) examination.

Health Care Alliances: A variety of rotations are used to enhance students' knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout the one year program.

Where do I begin:

Visit our website at

<http://www.eccc.edu/practical-nursing.html>

Fall Admission: Applications are accepted from **January 3rd until March 31st**.

East Central Community College's Practical Nursing Program is accredited by the **Mississippi Community College Board** at 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211. <http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/workforceEdu/divdefault.aspx>

Meeting minimum PN admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Admission is based on academic records, criminal history background, and available space. When the number of applicants who meet minimum requirements exceed the number of available spaces, the most-qualified applicants will be chosen for admission. **Qualified applicants will be considered by the admissions committee on a competitive basis using Points Category criteria.**

Points Category

1. Within the five county
ECCC district or previously
enrolled at ECCC= **1 Point**

| Composite Score | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| 16-18 | 1 |
| 19-21 | 2 |
| 22-24 | 3 |
| 25 & above | 4 |

Points

3. GPA: College or High School

| GPA | Points |
|---------|--------|
| 2.0-2.9 | 1 |
| 3.0-3.9 | 2 |
| 4.0 | 3 |

4. Pre-entrance Exam Score

| Cumulative Score | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| 51% - 60% | 1 |
| 61% - 70% | 2 |
| 71% - 80% | 3 |
| 80% or Above | 4 |

Points

5. A & P I

| Grade | Points |
|-------|--------|
| A | 3 |
| B | 2 |
| C | 1 |

6. A & P II

| Grade | Points |
|-------|--------|
| A | 3 |
| B | 2 |
| C | 1 |

CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS

All Healthcare Education Division students must submit to and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check. Candidacy for admission may be rescinded and reversed based on review of the students' criminal background check. Students and applicants who refuse to submit to a criminal background check will be disqualified as an applicant if seeking admission or readmission to the program. Students and applicants who are disqualified from a Healthcare Education Division program may seek admission into another educational program.

Criminal history record checks will be performed through the legal process of collecting data and fingerprints on all healthcare applicants and students by designated ECCC personnel. Fingerprints and data will be transmitted to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and run through the Mississippi Criminal Information and Federal Bureau of Investigation databases to complete state and national criminal history background checks.

ECCC performs criminal history record checks pursuant to, but not inclusive to, Section 37-29-232 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 43-11-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972:

If the fingerprinting or criminal history record checks disclose a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23(g), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult that has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall not be eligible to be admitted to the health care professional/vocational technical academic program of study.

A comprehensive criminal history search will be conducted through all state and federal databases. All convictions, deferred adjudications or judgments, expunged criminal records, and pending criminal charges will be noted. The student and/or applicant will be responsible for expenses to provide any necessary documentation showing disposition of charges. Students and/or applicants have the right to review information reported by the Mississippi Department of Health for accuracy and completeness. (*See Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights.*) Prior to making a final determination that will adversely affect the student, the student will have the opportunity to provide any supporting documentation in disposition of the charge(s). The process to review, challenge, correct, or update erroneous information can be obtained at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>. Students who are dismissed from a Healthcare Education Division program may seek admission into another educational program at East Central Community College.

Practical Nursing Program of Study

| Academic Calendar | Course | Credit Hours |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Pre-requisites | BIO 2511 and BIO 2513 or BIO 2514: Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab or upper level equivalent | 4.00 |
| | BIO 2521 and BIO 2523 or BIO 2524: Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab or upper level equivalent | 4.00 |
| | | Total: 8.00 |
| Fall | PNV 1115: Practical Nursing Foundations | 15.00 Total: 15.00 |
| Spring | PNV 1216: Intermediate Practical Nursing PNV 1241: NCLEX Review | 16.00 1.00 Total: 17.00 |
| Summer | PNV 1412: Advanced Practical Nursing | 12.00 Total: 12.00 |

Enrollment in PNV courses is limited to students who have been admitted to the PN program and these courses must be taken in the sequence specified. All nursing courses must be completed within two years to graduate from the Practical Nursing program.

Progression/Graduation Requirements:

- Semester average of 80 or above in PN courses
- Grade of "C" or above in all required courses
- Mastery of selected nursing skills
- Satisfactory clinical grade, where applicable
- Completion of required assessment examinations.

Upon successful completion of the practical nursing program of study, graduates will be awarded 52 credit hours.

We appreciate your interest in our program and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or wish to make an appointment to discuss the program contact the Office of Healthcare Education, by calling 601-635-6293.