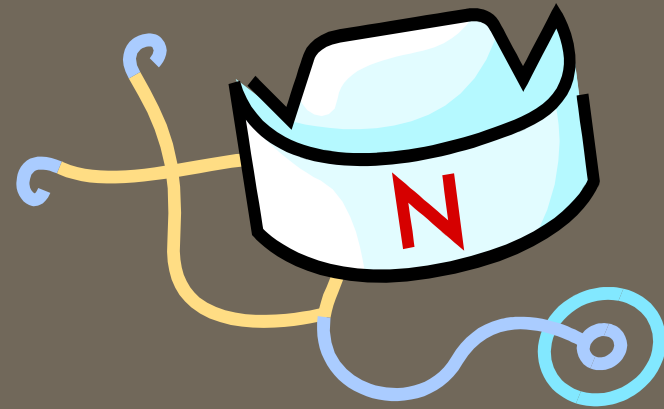


What feature do the following words have in common?

- Armchair
- Egg
- Imagination
- Over
- Understand

Welcome to Pine Technical & Community College Nursing Programs Information Session

Please sign in 😊



The Pine Technical and Community College Associate Degree Nursing (mobility) program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037.



The Pine Technical and Community College Practical Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Nursing School...

Rigorous,

But

Rewarding!

1st Steps

- New to Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) apply at www.pine.edu/apply
- Request all external transcripts be sent to PTCC

If you will need financial assistance or want to apply for scholarships, complete your FAFSA!

Go to www.fafsa.gov

Associate Degree Nursing (AD) Program Application Requirements

- GPA minimum 3.0 on prerequisite coursework
- “C” or better in all prerequisite coursework
- Licensed as a Practical Nurse (unencumbered)
- Program Entrance Exam: ATI TEAS 68+

Associate Degree Nursing (AD) Program Requirements

- Students need a minimum of 2 elective credits to graduate
 - Credits may come from any General Education course which is not a pre-requisite course
 - Credits may be taken while student is in the program, but it is advised that they are completed before starting core courses

Practical Nursing Program Application Requirements

- GPA minimum 2.8 on prerequisite coursework
- “C” or better in all prerequisite coursework
- Current Nursing Assistant (on MN or WI registry, in good standing)
- Program Entrance Exam: ATI TEAS 53+

Opportunities for Nursing Assistant (NA) Registry

- Nursing Assistant Courses and Refresher Courses

<https://www.pine.edu/cect/healthcare-programs-and-training/nursing-assistant-courses-and-exams>

- Nursing Assistant State Testing

<https://www.pine.edu/cect/healthcare-programs-and-training/nursing-assistant-courses-and-exams>

Degree Audit Report (DARS)

- DARS is required for the application
 - Students should be familiar with DARS
 - Staff will print students' DARS for application
- DARS contains:
 - Grades
 - Courses
 - Program progress
 - All Transfer data from other colleges

Transfer Coursework

- **Minnesota State System Transfer Credits:** official transcript is not required, additional information may be requested
- **Non-Minnesota State System Transfer Credits:** official transcripts, and the syllabus from the course(s) are required

All transfer work should be directed to PTCC Transfer Specialist (Molly McCann) via email **10 days prior** to applying for the PN or AD Program.

ATI TEAS Entrance Exam

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Science
- English and Language usage

Entrance Exam Information

ATI TEAS exam information:

- Students must attain scores equal to or above **53 (for PN program)** or **68 (for AD program)**;
- Students who have taken the ATI TEAS within the last calendar year may provide official transcripts of their scores, if it is not taken at PTCC
- Official test scores must be received by the application deadline date
- TEAS scores are valid for up to 12 months from the time of application

Entrance Exam Preparation

- ATI online study materials and practice tests are available through ATI
- For testing accommodations, contact Robin Johnson at 320-629-5174 or Robin.Johnson@pine.edu Accommodations must be in place 3 weeks prior to test date
- Free ATI TEAS prep is available through Adult Basic Education, contact Jami Kritzeck at 320-629-5139 or Jami.Kritzeck@pine.edu

Entrance Exam Preparation

- TEAS practice test available through EBSCO Learning Express
<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/collection/learningexpresslibrary/search-results/teas/0>
- Need EBSCO Learning Express Account to access—see library staff for assistance

ATI TEAS Entrance Exam

- TEAS may be taken on campus at PTCC, another testing site, or at home (with Proctorio)
- If taken at another testing site or at home, students pay an extra fee to have transcript sent to PTCC

Clinical Requirements



See handout in the folder

Includes:

- Immunizations (before submitting documents, review them to ensure all immunizations are listed)
 - Typically given as a child: Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Tetanus Diphtheria, Pertussis, Varicella (Chicken Pox)--depends upon age
 - Additional: Tuberculosis, Influenza, Hepatitis B, COVID

***Proof of completion is due 15 days prior to the start of the semester**

Clinical Requirements

- Background study (all students must have a cleared background study)
- Current Healthcare Professional CPR
 - American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Provider is the only accepted CPR. Must have hands-on skills test-out.

***Proof of completion is due 15 days prior to the start of the semester**

Process for Applying for the Nursing Programs



Application

- Applications are accessed and submitted online and reviewed for completeness on a weekly basis
- Application final due dates:
 - Spring PN Program start: the 2nd Wednesday in November
 - Fall PN and AD Program start: the Wednesday after Spring semester ends
- NOTE: Late applications are considered, on a space available basis



Acceptance Process



AD (RN) Program Acceptance

- Submitted application meets requirements
- Students ranked by points using a rubric
 - Ranking points are based on prerequisite courses GPA, TEAS score, and LPN work experience
 - Bonus points for receiving PN degree from PTCC
- There are a maximum of 40 seats in the AD program each Fall semester.

PN Program Acceptance

- Submitted application meets requirements
- Students ranked by points using a rubric
 - Ranking points are based on prerequisite courses GPA and TEAS score
- There are a maximum of 40 seats in the PN program each Fall and Spring semester.

Acceptance Notification

- Students will be notified via email if their application is fully accepted, conditionally accepted, or denied



Reasons why an application would be denied:

- Missing coursework
- Failure to meet GPA requirement
- Missing application documents
- Failure to meet TEAS testing benchmark



Student's Acceptance Paperwork

- Once a student's application is reviewed and accepted for the program, he/she will receive an email containing various attachments (including: a document to sign indicating he/she has chosen to "take a seat" in the nursing program, clinical requirements, background study directions, uniform information, etc.) and directions regarding next steps.
- ***It is vital students carefully read and follow the "next steps," along with due dates.***

Expenses to consider...

- ATI TEAS Program Entrance Exam
- Stethoscope
- Lab supply kit
- Manual Blood Pressure Cuff
- Scrub uniform and shoes
- Books—students may use financial aid to pay for these
- Laptop computer
- NCLEX (National licensure exam)



Please note this list is not all inclusive of costs associated with being enrolled in the nursing programs at PTCC

Mandatory Program Orientation

- Students accepted into the AD or PN program are required to attend a mandatory orientation session which will take place on the same day as Jump Start, the Thursday before the start of semester classes

Resources

- Students new to PTCC
 - Jen Rancour (recruitment and admissions specialist)
- Current PTCC students seeking acceptance to AD or PN Program
 - Brittany Rappl (pre-nursing faculty)
 - Elayne Beehler (nursing faculty)
 - Kristin Madigan (DON/nursing faculty)
- Specific questions about the application paperwork
 - Gina Zorotovich (administrative assistant)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What can delay the processing of my PTCC application and/or transcripts?

A. There are several factors that can slow down or halt the processing of transcripts or the application process. Common issues are:

- A hold on your account from a previous school. If this is the case, it is the student's responsibility to clear the hold. This hold will prohibit PTCC from pulling/receiving your transcripts.
- Transfer of credits sometimes need faculty approval. This process takes time and can slow down the availability of your updated DARS.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I submitted my PTCC application and transcripts 10 days before the PN/AD program application. How will I know when my DARS is ready?

A. Molly, our Transfer Specialist, will email you as soon as your coursework is updated, and your DARS is complete.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What if something is wrong with my transfer credits?
What if my DARS is late?

A. Our Transfer Specialist, Molly, will contact you via email if there are any unforeseen circumstances with inputting your coursework into the system, so you have an updated DARS.

In the event your DARS is not ready in time for your application, at no fault of your own (you got everything in on time), Sarah will communicate the situation via email to you and Gina Zorotovich. Your application should be submitted by the deadline date, and Sarah will submit your DARS directly to Gina when ready (you will be notified of this via email).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I apply to the AD or PN program while I'm still taking prerequisite courses?

A. Yes. It is common that students are finishing their prerequisites when they start the application process. Your DARS indicates which prerequisite courses you are enrolled in. Your final prerequisite GPA will be updated at the completion of the semester.

Therefore, final acceptance is confirmed after semester grades are posted.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I apply to start the program in the fall if I still need to take courses during the summer?

A: Yes, **however**-- Students taking any summer courses would be considered a late applicant and will be accepted on a space available basis.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: After I am accepted into the AD program, do I need to keep my LPN license current?

A: Yes. All students in the AD program need to maintain a current LPN license throughout the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: After I am accepted into the PN program, do I need to keep my Nursing Assistant current?

A: No

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I submit my application before taking the TEAS exam?

A. Yes. You must complete the TEAS exam with the required score and provide to PTCC **by the application deadline date**. Staff will have access to scores for TEAS taken at PTCC.

If a TEAS exam is taken at a different testing site, the applicant is responsible to contact ATI TEAS to pay for an official transcript of exam score to be sent to PTCC and arrive by the application deadline date.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I want to apply to the program, but it is after the final application deadline. Do I have to wait until the next application period, or can I still apply?

A: Yes. You can still apply. Late applications are considered on a space available basis, given there is enough time to complete all clinical requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if I have something in my past criminal history, will this prevent me from entering the nursing program?

A: It depends. You should contact the MN Department of Human Services and ask them if your offense will prevent you from providing direct patient care. If they say "yes," then you will not be able to take any clinical courses in our programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much time per week will I need to spend at school and outside of class completing homework?

A: For each credit, plan to be on campus for 1-2 hours (1 hour per lecture credit and 2 hours per lab credit). Also plan to spend 2-3 hours outside of class, per credit, studying the material.

For example: in a 3-credit lecture class, students should plan to spend 6-9 hours on this class per week.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I attend nursing school part time?

A: No. At this time, there are only full-time options for our Practical Nursing Program and for our Associate Degree Nursing Program.



Questions?????

