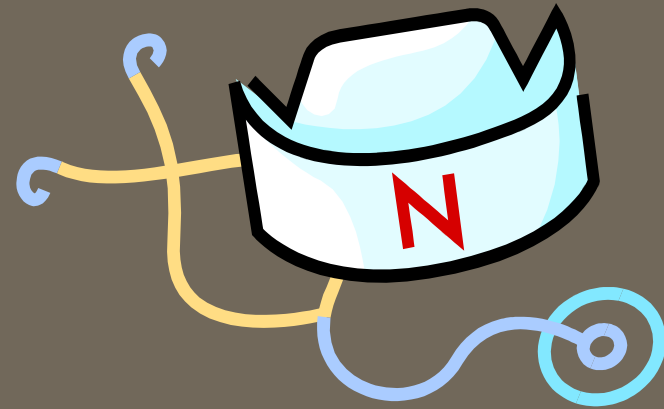


## What feature do the following words have in common?

- Armchair
- Egg
- Imagination
- Over
- Understand

# Welcome to Pine Technical & Community College Nursing Programs Information Session

Please be sure to 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.



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# Nursing School...

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Steps

- New to Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) apply at [www.pine.edu/apply](http://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.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)**

# Need Assistance with FAFSA?

FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS? ATTEND FAFSA FRIDAY!

# FAFSA FRIDAY



Every Friday in the University Center (Room 31) • 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Walk-ins and Zoom/Online appointments available



## PAYING FOR COLLEGE

There are many ways to pay for your education.

Learn what financial aid you qualify for by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Already filed? Have questions answered by PTCC staff.



Questions? Email [FinancialAid@pine.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@pine.edu)



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# Important note about applying at Pine

- If you have SAP requirement and holds from any other institution...you must appeal this and be accepted to Pine before being allowed to register for any courses.
- DO NOT wait to get this resolved.
  - Appeal today
  - <https://pine.edu/academics/satisfactory-academic-progress/>

# Associate Degree Nursing (AD) Program Application Requirements

- GPA minimum 3.0 on preliminary 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 1 or 2 elective credits to graduate
  - Number of elective credits needed depends on which PSYCH course is taken
  - 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 preliminary 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, additional information may be requested
- All non-Minnesota State System transcripts should be sent to PTCC ASAP. They take some time to evaluate.
- Students should use Transferology as a resource.

# ATI TEAS Entrance Exam

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Science
- English and Language usage

Pine, on-campus, TEAS testing dates are identified on the PTCC testing center webpage

# Entrance Exam Information

## **ATI TEAS exam information:**

- Students must attain scores equal to or above **53 (for PN program)** or **68 (for AD program)**;
- Official test scores must be received by the date identified on the posted application Timeline
- TEAS scores are valid for up to 18 months from the time of application

# Entrance Exam Preparation

- ATI online study materials and practice tests are available through ATI
- Free ATI TEAS prep may be available through Adult Basic Education (ABE)
  - Jen Strande is ABE instructor at PTCC
    - [jennifer.strande@pine.edu](mailto:jennifer.strande@pine.edu) 320-629-5129

# Do you need accommodations for TEAS Entrance Exam?

- Accommodations are available for the TEAS exam.
- Accommodations need to be approved 3 weeks prior to testing. Contact for accommodations: [Robin.Johnson@pine.edu](mailto:Robin.Johnson@pine.edu)
- Accommodations need to be set up 3 weeks prior to scheduling. Scheduling is done by emailing [proctoring@pine.edu](mailto:proctoring@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 Sara Carman (librarian) for assistance

# ATI TEAS Entrance Exam

- TEAS may be taken on campus at PTCC or another testing site
  - Test **must be taken in-person**
  - If taken at another testing site, students pay an extra fee to have transcript sent to PTCC
  - Scheduling your TEAS exam is done through the ATI website

# Clinical Requirements



See handout in the folder

**Documents are uploaded into Clinician Nexus**

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
    - TB screening: 2-step Mantoux or titer within 90 days of the start of classes

**\*Proof of completion is due approximately 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester (see posted application Timeline for specific date)**

# Clinical Requirements and COVID Vaccination

- ***As of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, COVID vaccinations are no longer required for entrance into the AD-Mobility or PN Programs at Pine Technical and Community College (PTCC). However, clinical sites may alter their clinical requirements at any time, and PTCC students would be required to comply at that time.***

# Clinical Requirements

- Background study
  - All students must have a **cleared** MN background study to attend clinical. Students may be required to have a cleared WI background study.
- Current Healthcare Professional CPR
  - American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Provider (BLS Provider) is the **only** accepted CPR. Must have hands-on skills test-out.

**\*Proof of completion is due approximately 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester (see posted application Timeline for specific date)**

# Process for Applying for the Nursing Programs



# Application

- Applications are accessed and submitted online and reviewed for completeness on a weekly basis
- Students must use their pine.edu email for the application
- Application due dates:
  - Spring PN Program start: **the Friday after Fall semester ends**
  - Fall PN and AD Program start: the **Friday after Spring semester ends**

# Late applications

- Late applications are considered, on a space available basis
- Late application due dates:
  - Due date for late applications for Spring PN start is the **see the posted Timeline (date varies)**
  - Due date for late applications for Fall AD and PN start is the **Friday after the Summer semester ends**





# Acceptance Process



# AD (RN) Program Acceptance

- Submitted application meets requirements
- Students ranked by points using a rubric
  - Ranking points are based on preliminary 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 preliminary courses GPA and TEAS score
- There are a maximum of 40 seats in the PN program each Fall and Spring semester  
*(dependent upon the number of applicants and available faculty).*

# Acceptance Notification

- Students will be **notified via their pine.edu email** if their application is accepted or denied. If it is denied, an explanation will be provided.



# Reasons why an application would be denied:

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



# Wait List

- Some semesters there are more applicants than seats available
  - Students may be put on a wait list, and will be offered a seat if one opens up
  - Wait lists do not carry over from one semester to the next
  - Students on the wait list who do not get accepted should reapply the next semester applications are accepted

# 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
  - Students will be notified of the date and time (see posted Timeline—date varies)

# Resources

- Students new to PTCC
  - Jen Rancour (recruitment and admissions specialist)
  - Jennie Axelsen (recruitment and admissions specialist)
- Current PTCC students seeking acceptance to PN or AD Program
  - Kristin Madigan (Director of Nursing and nursing faculty)
- Current PTCC students seeking acceptance to PN Program
  - Brittany Rappl (pre-nursing faculty)
- Specific questions about the application paperwork
  - Nursing Department administrative assistant

# Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. No. Apply after you have all of the preliminary courses (AD Program) or preliminary courses (PN Program) completed.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I want to apply to start the AD/PN Program in Fall. I am currently in preliminary courses, will I be considered a late applicant?

A. Yes. “On time” applicants need to have all of the preliminary courses and the other prerequisites completed before applying to the program.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where can I obtain my CPR Training?

A: Anywhere that offers American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider (BLS Provider), with hands-on skills test-out.

PTCC's Customized Education/Training does offer American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider (BLS Provider). Dates and times of available classes are found on the PTCC website

<https://pine.edu/cect/healthcareandwellness/cpr-and-first-aid-training>

The PTCC course is 4 hours long and costs approximately \$100.

# 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 (however, it is recommended)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. No. You should submit your application after you have taken TEAS and met the minimum benchmark



# 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.

**Note:** If you have had any issue in the past with passing a background study, please contact the MN Department of Human Services to resolve this.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much time per week will I need to spend on campus 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: for a 3-credit lecture course, students should plan to dedicate approximately 9-12 hours per week*

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I attend nursing school part time?

A: Yes and No.

- At this time, there is only a full-time option for our Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- Beginning Fall 2024, we will accept a cohort of 10 part-time students every fall semester.



Questions?????

