



**PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM**  
**Harrisburg Campus**

**TIME COMMITMENTS FOR PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS 12 MONTH PROGRAM**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Nursing 100 Clinical</b> Spring Semester 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Nursing 100 Class Spring -11:30 AM to 2:30 PM	<b>Nursing 100 Clinical</b> Spring Semester 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Nursing 100 Class Spring -11:30 AM to 2:30 PM	<b>Nursing 100 Clinical</b> Spring Semester 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Nursing Labs open as scheduled according to student usage.
<b>Nursing 101 Clinical</b> Summer Semester 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM	<b>Nursing 101 Clinical</b> Summer Semester 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM	<b>Nursing 101 Clinical</b> Summer Semester 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Nursing 101 Class Summer- 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM		
<b>Nursing 102 Clinical</b> Fall Semester 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Nursing 102 Class Fall – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	<b>Nursing 102 Clinical</b> Fall Semester 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Nursing 102 Class Fall – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	<b>Nursing 102 Clinical</b> Fall Semester 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	

Students who have not completed microbiology 100/221 are required to enroll in Microbiology concurrently with Nursing 100.

Time commitments for practical nursing students will vary according to the campus and the semester. Students should, however, plan on having 3-3 1/2 hours of theory twice a week and 7-8 hours of clinical experience 3 days each week. In some cases the clinical experience will be scheduled during the day, as early as 7:00 am, or during the evening as late as 10:00 pm. Nursing simulation lab practice is in addition to these experiences.

The first 3 weeks of Nursing 100, you will spend your clinical time in the nursing simulation lab practicing and demonstrating proficiency in selected nursing skills. The time will be from **8:00 am to 3:00 pm M/W/F**. Once you start at the various clinical sites, the time will be 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM as indicated. Nursing 101/102 have various start times depending on the experience and the clinical site. Times are as early as **7:00 am** and as late as **4:00 pm**.

During the program year, all students will have to arrange times for laboratory practice of nursing skills and return demonstrations. Also, during these times, students will need to arrange times to view videos in the library and complete computer modules in the nursing computer lab.

Class assignments include extensive reading assignments for every hour of class. Plan to read and prepare for each class. Clinical assignments include several hours of prep time before each clinical day and follow-up assignments to be completed after each clinical experience.

**OTHER EXPECTATIONS**

**Attendance**

Sick days must be made up. There **may** be (2) days at the end of some semesters that can be used as make up days. If sick days are not available, then special arrangements must be made to fulfill the hours missed. Attendance at all classes and clinical experiences is vital to your success. **Excessive absences may make it necessary to withdrawal from the program. Practice good health habits.**

**Books**

Plan to spend approximately \$875.00 on books, which are used the entire program year. A nursing packet, which includes the syllabus and related handouts, must be purchased prior to the beginning of each semester in the college bookstore. A lab kit must be purchased before beginning Nursing 100 and will be utilized throughout the year-long program.

### Uniforms

All practical nursing students are required to purchase the designated school uniform. Students are expected to comply with the Dress Code and Uniform Requirements while in the clinical laboratory setting. Expect to spend approximately \$250.00 to \$350.00 on uniforms and accessories.

### CPR

All practical nursing students must be certified in Adult/Child/Infant CPR for Health Care Providers the **entire length** of the program. Please tell your instructor you need proof of class attendance and completion of course by deadline.

### Health Form

All practical nursing students must have a completed health form on file by the first day of class and must sign a Legal/Physical/Emotional Requirements form.

All practical nursing students must have a current, satisfactory ***Pennsylvania Criminal History Background Check, Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, and Electronic FBI Fingerprinting*** on file in order to start the program and it must be current through the end of the program.

All health career students will be required to have a **Drug Screening with Alcohol Test** upon admission to the clinical phase of the program and on a yearly basis while participating in clinical experiences. The drug test is at the cost of the student. No student will be admitted with a disqualifying drug screen result.

**This practical nursing program is very demanding. Students must acquire the many skills and extensive knowledge necessary to safely practice as a licensed practical nurse. You will find that the work at times is overwhelming, but the rewards of nursing are worth the effort.**

### **Program Entry Requirements**

This is a selective and competitive admission program. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the clinical component of the program. You will be admitted as a pre-practical nursing student and work with your advisor to apply to the clinical component of the program. Acceptance by the practical nursing selection committee is based on an established point system. Please refer to the Practical Nursing Admission Criteria on the [Health Careers website \(www.hacc.edu/healthcareers\)](http://www.hacc.edu/healthcareers). A copy of this point system can be obtained from the practical nursing office or an advisor.

If you are interested in applying for admission to the clinical component of the program, you must have met with a practical nursing advisor. Online applications will be accepted starting August 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup> for the clinical class beginning January of the next year. You will be notified via mail of your admission status by mid to late October. Entry requirements include a high school diploma or GED, which must be on file in the practical nursing office prior to selection. At the time of selection ALL required developmental courses must be completed. This includes completion of English through 051 and Math through 020 with a C or better. A minimum overall GPA of 2.50 is needed to submit the application.

To make an appointment, please call 780-2380 and speak to the secretary.

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