Welcome to Pine Technical & Community College Nursing Programs Information Session

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Nursing School...

Rigorous,
But
Rewarding!
1st Steps

- Apply to Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) at [www.pine.edu](http://www.pine.edu)
- Request all external transcripts be sent to PTCC

These steps are required to create an accurate Degree Audit Report.

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

- Enroll in and complete all prerequisite courses.
- See the Practical Nursing (PN) Program Guide or the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program Guide to identify which courses you need.
More about Pre-requisites

- Please see your Interactive Degree Audit Report (DARS) to ensure the pre-requisite coursework is in progress or complete.
  - Students may be in pre-requisite courses at the time of application
    - Students who are enrolled in pre-requisite courses at a different college need to notify Sarah Glocke (PTCC Transfer Specialist) via email 10 days prior to applying for the PN or AD Program.
  - A printed copy of your DARS is required for the application
Some courses “expire”

- Technical Courses expire after 5 years:
  - Medical Terminology
  - Medical Dosages
  - Pharmacology
Now it is time to apply!
Additional **Practical Nursing** Program Application Requirements

- GPA minimum 2.8
- “C” or better in all pre-requisite 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

- Nursing Assistant State Testing
Additional **Associate Degree Nursing** (AD) Program Application Requirements

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

**If your transfer credits are from within the Minnesota State System:** PTCC applications need to be completed 10 working days prior to the application deadline date.

**If any of your transfer credits are from outside the Minnesota State System:** PTCC applications, official transcripts, and the syllabus from the course(s) need to be received by PTCC 10 days prior to the application deadline date.

Refer to the semester deadlines handout!
Application

- Applications and supporting documentation (DARS, nursing assistant/LPN license, etc.) must be mailed, or submitted in person to Gina Zorotovich in the Nursing Department, by designated due date.
- NOTE: Late applications are considered, on a space available basis.
Entrance Exam Information

The following content areas are evaluated in the ATI TEAS Entrance Exam:

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Science
- English and Language
ATI TEAS exam information:

- Students must attain scores equal to or above the cut score of **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;
- ATI TEAS exams will be held on the PTCC campus;
- Official test scores must be received by deadline identified on application;
- Students are allowed to take the ATI TEAS exam up to three times in a 12 month period;
- TEAS scores are valid for up to 12 months.
Entrance Exam Preparation

- ATI TEAS study guides will be available for purchase in the campus bookstore.
- ATI online study materials and practice tests are available.
- Free ATI TEAS prep course may be available through Adult Basic Education (see PTCC website for information)
Acceptance Process

accept

peace, words, experience, everything

responsibility

now

need, allow

change, without

reality, run

desire, want

totally, possibilities, appreciate, beliefs

total

life, things, unconditionally, good, abundance, easily, right

universe, receive, mind

open, others

acceptance, actions

complete
PN Program Acceptance

- Submitted application meets requirements
- Students ranked by points using a rubric
  - Ranking points are based on pre-requisite courses, GPA and TEAS score
  - Bonus points for priority (early) application
- There are a maximum of 40 seats in the PN program each Fall and Spring semester.
AD (RN) Program Acceptance

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

Includes:

- Immunizations
  - Required proof of immunization/testing for: Tuberculosis, Influenza, Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Tetanus Diphtheria, Pertussis, Varicella, and Hepatitis B. Students must submit original documents.

- Medical Examination

- Background study (all students must have a cleared MN background study; WI background study may be required)

- CPR—students **must have either** American Red Cross BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers or American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Providers

*Each of the above documentation items are due 10 days prior to the start of the semester*
Mandatory Program Orientation

- Students accepted into the PN or AD 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.
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
- ATI Complete Integrated Package (payment required both semesters in the programs)—students may use financial aid to pay for this
  - ATI costs roughly $500 per semester
- NCLEX (National licensure exam)

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

- Students new to PTCC
  - Molly McCann

- Current PTCC students
  - Sally Stinson (pre-nursing faculty advisor)

- Specific questions about the application paperwork
  - Gina Zorotovich
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.

- Transcripts from outside the MN State Educational system need to be sent directly to PTCC. Those courses need to be hand-entered into your record. This process takes time.
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. Sarah, our Transfer Specialist, will email you as soon as your coursework is updated, and your DARS is complete.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What exactly is an official transcript, and why do I need to provide a syllabus for courses transferred from outside the MN State system?

A. An official transcript is a transcript sent from one college directly to another, OR if a student delivers it, the envelope CANNOT be opened. We cannot transfer credits/courses based on an unofficial transcript.

For courses outside the MN State System, it is not uncommon for the course to be reviewed by PTCC faculty to determine how it transfers into the program. In this case, we need a copy of the course syllabus for PTCC faculty to review. If this is not provided along with your transcript, your course transfer may not be available in time for your application, therefore we ask that both be submitted at the same time to avoid any delays.
Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. Our Transfer Specialist, Sarah, 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 PN or AD program while I’m still taking prerequisite courses?

A. Yes. It is common that students are finishing their pre-requisites when they start the application process. Your DARS indicates which pre-requisite courses you are enrolled in. Your final pre-requisite 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. You should submit an application once your DARS indicates you are enrolled in the pre-requisite course(s) for the summer session. Acceptance will be considered on a space available. Priority is given to students who have all pre-requisite courses completed by application due date.

Course Exception: See nursing application form.
Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. Yes. You can apply if you are planning on taking/retaking the TEAS. Submit your score by the due date indicated on the application.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I take the TEAS more than once?

A. Yes. Students can take the TEAS exam up to 3 times in a 12-month period. We will always accept the highest score. Note: students will need to pay for each exam and any test preparation materials.

Reminder: Students register to take TEAS through ATI, not through PTCC.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: My Nursing Assistant Registry expires just after the application due date. Do I need to stay current on the Nursing Assistant Registry while I am in the PN program?

A: As long as you are **fully accepted** prior to your expiration date, it is fine -- this means after all grades are entered and reviewed and you are confirmed to start the PN program. PN students, after admission, do not need to remain current with their Nursing Assistant Registry.
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: 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.
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.
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