

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **How can I get in contact with a nursing representative for specific questions?** You may contact, Rhonda Boles in the Allied Building –Lake Worth Campus @ (561) 868-3412 for appointments or by email [bolesr@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:bolesr@palmbeachstate.edu). You may also contact one of our Health Science Advisor; Ms. Latisha Myrick can be reached at (561) 868-3819 or [myrickl@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:myrickl@palmbeachstate.edu) for questions and appointments.
2. **Does Palm Beach State maintain a waiting list?** No; The Nursing Department has implemented a point scale system to determine entry into the program.
3. **Are any of my courses subject to expiration before entry into the nursing program?** Only your science courses have expiration dates. All Science courses such as Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology II and Microbiology must be completed within 10 years of entry into the registered nurse program.
4. **How can I transfer in my credits from another college/university?** Please have the prior college send an official copy of your transcripts to any of the Palm Beach State Campus Admissions offices.
5. **How can I appeal a similar course taken at another school that PBCC did not make equivalent?** Attach a course description of the course in question to a letter addressed to the District Registrar, Ed Mueller, requesting that the similar class equate to a Palm Beach State course. Provide your student ID, address and phone number on the letter for point of contact.
6. **How long is the nursing program?** The Lake Worth and Belle Glade Full Time Program both span two years in length or (four semesters excluding summers), while the Evening/Weekend Program is two years eight months including summers (year-round program).
7. **How many students do you accept each semester?** The Lake Worth Full Time program accepts 90 students each semester for a total of 180 students per year. The Evening/Weekend Program accepts 30 students once a year and the Belle Glade Full Time Program accepts 24 students once a year.

8. **What are the deadline dates for entry?** The Lake Worth Full Time Program has a Fall Term application deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and the Spring Term deadline date of October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Evening/Weekend Program and the Belle Glade Full Time Program both accept application once per year with an application deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
9. **What Pre-entrance Exam will Palm Beach State accept?** For students applying for the October 1, 2011 deadline date and thereafter, the HESI A2 Exam is required for entry with a minimum cumulative test score of 75. The HESI A2 exam must contain all 10 sections of the test in order to submit your score. Please refer to RN homepage for additional information.
10. **Where can I find study material for the Pro-Calc Math Proficiency Test?** You may practice Pro-Calc at any of the Palm Beach State Campus location Computer labs or visit the nursing homepage @ <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/nursing.xml>. Click on Pro-Calc in the left hand column.
11. **Where should I turn in my completed nursing application?** You may submit your completed nursing application along with your \$20 application fee receipt to the Limited Access Office (Admissions Office) in the Lake Worth
12. **If I have a prior conviction, will that hinder me from being accepted to the nursing program?** We advise all students to check with the Board of Nursing @ (850) 245-4125 and inquire about your ability to sit for State Boards at the end of program completion.
13. **May I volunteer at a healthcare facility in order to receive the one point for healthcare experience?** Yes, as long as you have the facility write a letter confirming your employment or volunteer hours on company letterhead with your status of duties in their office. In order to receive one point for healthcare experience you must complete a minimum of 100 hours of work or volunteer experience over a consecutive three month period within the last three years.
14. **What degree will I earn after completing the Registered Nurse Program at Palm Beach State?** An Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.
15. **Does Palm Beach State College offer a Bachelor of Nursing (BSN) Program?** Yes, once you obtain your RN license you may apply to the RN to BSN program here at Palm Beach State. See website for details: <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/x15550.xml>.

16. [Can I apply to more than one program?](#) No. There is one application which has three program boxes for the student to choose. You can only apply to one program per term.
17. [If I attended another nursing program, can I transfer those credits into the RN program at Palm Beach State?](#) No. Palm Beach State College does not recognize any previous completion of nursing course work. A transfer nursing student will have to apply through the generic applicant pool.
18. [Are online nursing classes offered at the Belle Glade Campus?](#) No. Online nursing classes are offered for Full Time students on the Lake Worth only.
19. [If the application deadline falls on a weekend, can I turn in my application the following Monday?](#) Yes. The Monday following the June 1<sup>st</sup> or Oct 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will be the final day to turn in applications.
20. [Can I take any nursing courses prior to entering the nursing program?](#) Yes. Pharmacology is the only nursing course permitted for a student to take prior to entry. You may choose from the 2 credit (NUR 1141) or 3 credit (NUR 2140) Pharmacology course.
21. [Can I transfer the 3 credit Pharmacology to a University?](#) Not any longer. You will still have to complete a higher level Pharmacology at the University level. The 3 credit Pharmacology has more Pathophysiology contained in the material. Either Pharmacology course is acceptable towards your RN degree, but the 3 credit Pharm will transfer into the RN to BSN program at Palm Beach State College.
22. [Which co-requisites should I take before entering the RN program?](#) I suggest getting as many co-reqs if not all co-reqs out of the way before you apply to the program, since we are based on a point scale system. ENC 1101, A & P II and MCB 2010 are all Semester I pre-reqs; HUN 1201 is a Semester II pre-req; and PSY 2012 is a Semester III pre-reqs. These courses must be taken before the entering semester or along with the registered semester.
23. [How many students apply to the RN program each semester?](#) The Spring Term has more applicants since we accept applications for all three programs. Best guess, around 300 students.
24. [Where can I pick up a nursing application?](#) You MUST download the application from the Palm Beach State Nursing webpage.

25. [Is the nursing program four years with pre-requisites?](#) The minimum amount of time one can complete the RN program is three years if you are a Full Time student. One year of pre-reqs and two years of the RN program.

**For additional information call:**

**Palm Beach State College Nursing Program**

**@ (561) 868-3412 Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm**

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