

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS

1. Do I need to attend an information session each application period?
Yes. Attendance is mandatory within **each application** cycle.
2. How is admission determined for the Practical Nursing Program?
Admission to the program is based on a point system. Students with the highest points are accepted for admission. The number of points awarded for each category is listed within the application packet.
3. What categories are points awarded in?
Points are awarded for the following categories:
 - Student average score on the Test of Essential Adult Skills (TEAS)
 - Residency status (Based on application information)
 - Health related work experience
 - Education
 - Health Occupation Program completion
 - Strategies for College Success (SLS 1501)
4. How many points are required to get into the program?
Points vary from one admission cycle to the next. There is not average or required minimum for acceptance. The more points you have the greater your chance of acceptance.
5. What are the application deadlines?
 - April 1st to start classes in May
 - July 1st to start classes in August
 - November 15th to start classes in January
6. How long does it take for my application to be processed once received by the college?
Applications are processed in the order that they are received. Notifications are then sent out regarding your application being complete or incomplete. The earlier your application is submitted the better.
7. What should I do if my application is processed and I am informed that it is incomplete?
If your application is processed and you are notified that it is incomplete you have until the application deadline to submit the necessary documents to complete your application packet. If you turn your application in on the deadline date and it is processed and declared incomplete you will not be able to turn in supporting documents to complete the application packet. That is why students are encouraged to complete the application process as early as possible.
8. How many students are accepted?
20 students are accepted three times per year.

9. Does the Practical Nursing program maintain a waiting list?
The practical nursing program does not maintain a waitlist and applications are not carried over from one cycle to another. If you are not accepted you must re-apply in the next application cycle.
10. What entrance exams are required to apply to LPN program?
The LPN program requires that students take the Test of Essential Adult Skills (TEAS) and the pro-calc conversion exam. In addition to those entrance tests, students must take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE).
11. How are points awarded for previous education for Health occupation programs and degrees?
To be awarded points for a certificate or degree, the award / degree/ certificate must be issued from an accredited institution on or before the application deadline. The award/degree/ certificate must be verified by transcript. Applicants are awarded points for completion, points will not be awarded for courses in progress. Points are not awarded for the number of credits a student has.
12. What classes (pre-requisites) do I need to take prior to being accepted to the LPN Program?
There are no classes that need to be taken prior to being accepted to the LPN program. Course work is taken in order within the program to fulfill the state requirements.
13. What class can I take to help improve my point total?
Strategies for College Success (SLS 1501) or its equivalent. Students who chose to take SLS1501 must complete the course with a grade of “C” before the application deadline. Points will not be awarded for courses “in progress” on the application deadline or that are more than 10 years old. You can also take the Patient Care Assistant Program at Palm Beach State College. Please see www.palmbeachstate.edu/pca.xml for more information.
14. Does Strategies for College Success (SLS 1501) or its equivalent from another institution count for points in the application cycle?
Points are awarded for Strategies for College Success (SLS 1501) or its equivalent from another institution if taken within the last 10 years and if it transfers in to Palm Beach State as 3 credit hours or more.
Strategies for College Success or its equivalent that transfers in for less then 3 credits will not be awarded points.
15. What classes can I take to help prepare me for the LPN program?
Students can enroll in the Patient Care Assistant (PCA) program here at Palm Beach State College to help prepare them for admittance to the LPN program. The PCA program will help applicants learn valuable skills, earn points toward acceptance into the Practical Nursing application program and allow for possible advanced placement if accepted to the program
16. How long are entrance exams good for?
TEAS, TABE and Procalc scores are good for two (2) years.
17. Are entrance test scores accepted from other schools/testing sites?
TEAS and Procalc test scores must be taken at Palm Beach State College. Scores will only be accepted from the Palm Beach State Testing Center.
Survey Level D or Level A TABE test scores will be accepted when submitted directly to Palm Beach State College testing center from the other school or test site.

18. How is the average for TEAS test calculated?

Your TEAS test average is the average of your *individual scores* in Math, Reading, Language and Science i.e. the four numbers you earned in your *individual scores* divided by four.....this number must be 55 to pass the TEAS test.

19. Do I have to pass the TABE test prior to being admitted?

The TABE test must be taken in order to apply to the program. If accepted the student must pass the TABE or qualify for an exemption prior to program completion.

20. What are examples of accepted work experience?

All work experience must be: directly patient-care related, (hands-on) within the past two (2) years and for at least consecutive six (6) months to earn points. Examples are Home health aide, nursing assistant, orderly.

21. How can I earn points for completing a Health Occupation Program?

You must have completed a program of at least 150 hours from an **accredited school** and include the program certificate (s).

22. Do I need to submit transcripts from all schools/colleges I have attended?

Yes. Transcripts from all schools you have attended must be received by the Office of the College Registrar by the posted deadline date in order for your application to be “complete”. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered for admission.

23. How can I tell if you have received my test scores and transcripts?

Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/pantherweb.xml under Limited Access Application through following steps:

- a. After submitting your application :
- b. Go to www.palmbeachstate.edu/pantherweb.xml.
- c. Log on using your Palm Beach State student ID number and pin.
- d. This takes you to your student pantherweb page.
- e. Click on “Limited Access Application status

24. How am I notified if I have been accepted into the program?

Palm Beach State College e-mail is the official means of communication with all students. You will need a valid student ID and e-mail account to access this information. Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately two weeks after the deadline date by Palm Beach State e-mail. If an applicant is selected and does not complete the registration process, the applicant must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

25. Do I have to repeat courses I have already taken and passed?

If you have taken HSC0003 Health Care Concepts and PRN0022 Body, Structure and Function within the past five (5) years you will not have to repeat them. However, you will need to present certificates for Bloodborne Pathogens Including Aids, Domestic Violence as well as a current American Heart Association CPR card for BLS (Basic lifesupport) for the Health Care Provider.

There is also an equivalency process for both these courses which can be completed after you are accepted into the program. You can access the information for the Health Core Equivalency Process at www.palmbeachstate.edu/x6160.xml