

**ADMISSION PROCEDURE  
PRACTICAL NURSING TO  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING ARTICULATION  
Summer Semester, 2020**

**How do I apply to the PN to RN Articulation program?**

The Practical Nursing to Associate Degree Nursing Articulation program is for Practical Nurses wishing to pursue a Registered Nursing license, and may also be referred to as simply the Articulation Program. The following items must be completed and be part of your records at North Central State College before acceptance to the program can be determined:

**1. Application to the college.**

The general application to North Central State College must be completed and submitted. The application can be completed in the Admissions Office located in the Byron Kee Center for Student Success, or online at <https://ncstatecollege.edu/admissions/>. Previous students of North Central State College who have not attended classes in at least one year will need to update their application to the college.

Students who desire acceptance to the nursing program will be first accepted as “pre-nursing students.” This status neither implies nor guarantees eventual acceptance into the articulation program. Pre-nursing students may register for developmental, general, and basic courses only; this excludes the nursing courses with the RNUR prefix.

**2. Official copy of nursing school transcripts.**

An official copy of your practical nursing school transcript must be submitted to the Student Records Office in The Byron Kee Center for Student Success. This needs to be ordered by you directly from your school either in person or by using the North Central State Transcript Request form available at <https://ncstatecollege.edu/student-services/student-records/>.

**3. Meeting with Academic Liaison**

Once items 1 and 2 have been completed, an appointment with the Academic Liaison for Health Sciences programs should be scheduled to review the applicants completed coursework and complete the Health Science re-entry form. You may schedule an appointment by calling Brandon Stover, Academic Liaison at 419-755-5635.

**4. Online verification of Practical Nursing license.**

You must have verification of your active, unencumbered Practical Nursing license from the Ohio Board of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ohio.gov](http://www.nursing.ohio.gov). The staff in the Admissions Office will verify your license online at the Board of Nursing website at the time of the dosage calculation test.

**5. Dosage Calculation Test.**

Testing must be arranged through the Student Success Center located in The Byron Kee Center for Student Success. Applicants must achieve a minimum of 80% in the Dosage Calculation test. The student will have two opportunities to demonstrate satisfactory competency on this exam. If unsuccessful after two attempts, the student must take RNUR 1030 Pharmacology Nursing and pass with a grade of C+ or better to meet this requirement.

Calculators may be used when taking the dosage calculation test. Calculators may not be shared, nor can they be encased in a carrying case. Please allow one hour to complete the testing process. Once successfully completed, the score for the Dosage Calculation test will remain valid for five years from the testing date.

**6. ATI TEAS Scores.**

You are required to take the ATI TEAS. The minimum acceptable Composite Percentage Score is 65%. If your composite score is below the 65% minimum, a course of action will be recommended by ATI Testing, the company that distributes the exam, to help prepare you to take the exam again.

The ATI TEAS may only be taken 3 times per calendar year. It is suggested they allow at least three months between testing. Academic classes may be taken during the three-month interval as a means to improve the test score. Tutoring is also available through the Tutoring Center located in Rooms 117 & 119 of the Fallerius Technical Center on campus.

MATH-0074/MATH-0084 (or higher level of Math or Statistics) and CHEM 1010 (or higher level courses) will be pre-requisites to the ATI TEAS.

If you wish to prepare for this examination, refer to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) for available study guides both in printed and online formats. For more information and test dates, contact the Student Success Center, or visit <https://ncstatecollege.edu/student-services/student-success-center/>.

### Important Additional Requirements!

- ☞ You must have a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) to begin the first term in the articulation program.
- ☞ You will be required to maintain a current CPR certification for Health Care Provider (or American Red Cross, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers) throughout the articulation program.
- ☞ An acceptable health physical along with verification of required vaccinations will be required while in the articulation program.
- ☞ An acceptable Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) report/FBI background check and drug screening is required in order to enter the articulation program. The BCI&I check, FBI background check, and drug screening will be done at the college at the beginning of the program and the cost is included in the lab fees of the first nursing course. Upon graduation from the program, you will be eligible to take the licensing examination administered by the Ohio Board of Nursing. The Board will not approve applications for persons who have been convicted of the following crimes: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated assault, aggravated robbery, and/or aggravated burglary.
- ☞ It is your responsibility to notify the Student Records Office of any address or phone number changes. Failure to keep contact information updated could prevent you from receiving important communication about acceptance to the program, which will result in your name being removed from the Associate Degree Nursing Application Pool.

*These pre-requisites are reviewed on an annual basis and may be revised for the next academic year.*

### How are students accepted into the Practical Nursing to Associate Degree Nursing Articulation program?

Prior to entering the articulation program in the summer term, each successful applicant must complete the following North Central State College courses with a grade of at least 77% or transfer credit for all courses taken Fall 2012 or later:

- BIOL 1101 – Nutrition
- BIOL 2751 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2752 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- MATH 0086 – Intermediate Algebra (or MATH 0084 Intro and Intermediate Algebra or STAT 0086 Algebra for Probability and Statistics)
- PSYC 1010 – Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 2010 – Human Growth and Development

Refer to the Academic Standards on page 3 for information regarding upcoming changes to the nursing program.

Please be advised that Statistics requires a pre-requisite of MATH 0086, which must have been met prior to Summer term.

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### Competitive Acceptance into the Program

Review of applications will start at the end of fall semester. Students in the Application Pool will be selected based on how many science courses they have completed with a grade of 77% or above, or transfer credit, and their ATI TEAS score. Rankings will be done in the following manner:

- Tier 1 All science courses completed, sorted by ATI TEAS composite score
- Tier 2 All science not completed, sorted by ATI TEAS composite score

In the event of ties, the date/time of the Special Application will be used.

All updates to the Competitive List must be done by end of fall semester 2019. This includes completion of a science course, update to the ATI TEAS score (the NET and HOBET are no longer available), and evaluation of college transcripts for transfer credit. Transcripts from another college can take up to 30 days to be evaluated before transfer credit is awarded. Any updates after fall semester will not be considered in the selection of the class for 2020.

### Acceptance Letters and Responses

Students initially accepted into the program for the 2020 class will receive an official acceptance letter and must respond within the deadline noted in the letter. The student can indicate that they accept the position in the class and will begin, cannot start this year but wish to remain in the application pool (defer), or are no longer interested in the nursing program. A student can defer a maximum of two (2) times. After the second deferral, the student must accept the next appointment into the PN to RN Articulation program or be removed from the application pool. In the event that the response card is not returned, the student

will be removed from the Application Pool. Once removed from the application pool, the student will be required to meet current admission criterion and submit a new Special Application to be placed back in the pool.

Students who wish to remain in the application pool for the following year must inform the Health Sciences office no later than **the first Friday in February, 2020.**

This procedure is reviewed on an annual basis and may be revised for the next academic year.

### **What else should I know about the Practical Nursing to Associate Degree Nursing Articulation program?**

#### **Uniforms**

Nursing students are required to purchase uniforms. Purchasing information will be sent along with the physical exam materials.

#### **Academic Year and Schedules**

A new class is started summer term of each year. Lecture and demonstrations are given at the college. Clinical experience is concurrent with the classes and is scheduled in different health care facilities during the year. Students must be able to provide their own transportation.

#### **Academic Standards**

A grade of 77% or above will be required in all courses taken Fall semester, 2012, or later that are part of the Practical Nursing to Associate Degree Nursing Articulation curriculum to progress in the nursing program and meet graduation requirements. If a student is unsuccessful and desires re-entering the program at a later date either as an advanced standing student or starting the nursing program from the beginning, the student must meet the admission procedures that are current at that time.

#### **Liability Insurance**

Each nursing student must carry liability insurance which must be in effect the entire time the student is enrolled. This price of the insurance is included in fees for the first semester nursing course.

### **Contact Information**

#### **Contact for Additional Information**

North Central State College Admissions – 419-755-4761

Student Success Center – 419-755-4764

Financial Aid Office – 419-755-4899

Health Sciences Office – 419-755-4805

**SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR TESTS**

Dosage Calculation Test: (A calculator may be used for this test)

- a. You are to obtain 1500 mg. of magnesium sulfate from a solution labeled 50 gm. per 100 cc. How many ml.'s do you need?

Answer: 3 ml.

- b. You are to give gr. vi. of a medication. The tablets on hand are labeled 0.2 gm. How many tablets would you give?

Answer: 2 tablets

- c. You are to give 500 mg. of ampicillin. The bottle label says 1 Gm. per 2.5 ml. of solution. How many cc's would you give?

Answer: 1.25 cc

- d. The doctor orders 500 ml D<sub>5</sub>NS to run at 125 ml/hr. The drop factor is 60 gtt/ml. At what flow rate (gtt/min) should this IV be set?

Answer: 125 gtts/min

- e. The doctor orders 2500 ml D<sub>5</sub>RL to run at 125 ml/hr. The drop factor is 13 gtt/ml. At what flow rate (gtt/min) should this IV be set?

Answer: 27 gtts/min

Further references for this test are available from the nursing faculty, or may be found in the Student Success Center and Testing Assessment Center.

**NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE**  
**Practical Nurse Articulation Form**

Please complete the items below.

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Practical Nurse Program Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned a G.E.D. (Please check if applicable)

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

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1<sup>st</sup> Writing

2<sup>nd</sup> Writing

Dosage Calculation Score \_\_\_\_\_

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