

How do I apply with Advanced Standing to the Practical Nursing program?

The following policies and procedures apply to students requesting admission to the Practical Nursing program with advanced standing. "Advanced Standing" indicates that the student has satisfactorily completed, or has been given credit for at least one or more of the clinical nursing courses at North Central State College. This student can be a transfer student, or a returning North Central State College student previously enrolled in a clinical course in the nursing program, including students who have had one dismissal from the program for academic reasons.

Returning and transfer students must meet the following criteria established by the Nursing Department:

1. Accumulative GPA of 2.3 or better

All students must have an accumulative GPA of no less than 2.3, to be considered for acceptance to the program with advanced standing. Students who do not meet this requirement may take pre-nursing courses to raise their GPA.

2. Latest nurse course was completed within the past three years

Students whose latest nursing course was taken three years or more prior to reentry are not eligible for readmission with advanced standing.

3. Health Sciences Re-entry Form

Six weeks before the beginning of entry to the program, the student should complete the Health Sciences Re-entry Form. This form is available from the Student Records Office. The student's file will be sent to the Nursing Department to determine total accumulated points on the Criteria for Advanced Standing.

Once the student's file has been evaluated, he or she will be notified by the Nursing Department of the results of this evaluation. In instances when students have been enrolled in a clinical nursing course during the previous semester, the student is encouraged to enroll and attend classes and orientation for one week while waiting for evaluation and completion of admission criteria. If unable to qualify for admission with advanced standing, the student must withdraw. Fees will be refunded upon withdrawal. This option is offered to students so they may keep up with the first week of classes.

4. Obtain 10 points on the Criteria for Advanced Standing

Accumulation of a satisfactory number of points (10 or more) on items 1 through 7 of the attached Criteria for Advanced Standing to the LPN Program is required.

Each applicant who has obtained 10 points or more will be evaluated by the nursing faculty. Based upon individual evaluation, faculty may decide any of the following:

- a. Readmission into the program
- b. Conditional readmission into the program with specific stipulations as outlined by the faculty.
- c. Denial of readmission

The nursing faculty will evaluate individual cases and may, for cause, deny readmission on an individual basis.

5. Math or Dosage Calculation Test

The Department of Nursing will contact the student to make arrangements for a math, or dosage calculation test, and technical skills test (below) after the student has satisfactorily obtained 10 points as stated above. One (1) attempt will be allowed. The Nursing Department will notify the student of satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion of the criteria for admission with advanced standing.

6. Technical Skills Test

Students must successfully demonstrate six technical skills. Performance will be evaluated using the criteria identified in the North Central State College critical skills checklist. Students will be given a list of critical skills and six skills will be chosen from the list. One (1) attempt will be allowed.

State Tested Nurse Aide Certification

All incoming students must have a current State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) Certification in order to begin their nursing clinical classes. North Central State College will be working in partnership with Madison Adult Education and Pioneer Adult Education to offer STNA classes, both day and evening. For more information about those classes contact Madison Adult Education at 419-589-6363 and Pioneer Adult Education at 419-347-7744.

Successful completion of RNUR1010 or PNUR1012 with a grade of C+ or higher will also fill this requirement.

Returning Students

Students who have interrupted the clinical course sequence (PNUR1012, PNUR2012, PNUR2032) with a failing grade (grade of less than 77%) in a clinical nursing course, or by not taking a clinical nursing course during any one semester, must apply for admission with advanced standing to the Practical Nursing program

Transfer Students

Transfer students must submit an official transcript of previously completed college courses for evaluation. Contact the Student Records Office to begin the process. Descriptions of previously completed courses may be required. Deadline dates in the college catalog for transcript evaluations must be observed.

Important Additional Requirements!

Students will be required to maintain a current CPR certification for Health Care Provider throughout the Practical Nursing program. More information regarding CPR training through North Central State College is available in the Admissions Office of the Byron Kee Center for Student Success, and in the Health Sciences Office.

An acceptable health physical along with verification of required vaccinations will be required while in the Practical Nursing 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 Practical Nursing program. The BCI&I check, FBI background check, and drug screening will be done at the college at the beginning of the Practical Nursing program and the cost is included in the lab fees of the first nursing course. Upon graduation from the Practical Nursing program, students 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 & aggravated burglary.

It is the student's responsibility to notify the Student Records Office of any address or phone number changes. Failure to keep contact information updated could prevent the student from receiving important communication about acceptance to the program, which will result in the student's name being removed from the Associate Degree Nursing Advanced Standing Pool.

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

How are students accepted with advanced standing in to the Associate Degree Nursing program?

Admission is based on meeting the established criteria, available space in the program, and satisfactory completion of the Admission with Advanced Standing procedure.

Students will be considered for admission with advanced standing according to the following priority list:

- Category 1 First priority – previously successful NC State LPN student. This includes students who, at the time of withdraw, had a passing grade in current nursing course.
- Category 2 Second priority – transfer student in good standing (successful at previous college).
- Category 3 Third priority – previous unsuccessful NC State LPN student. This includes students who, at the time of withdraw, had a failing grade in current nursing course.
- Category 4 Fourth Priority – transfer student not in good standing (unsuccessful at previous college).

Ranking of students from within one category will be based on total accumulated points obtained from the Criteria for Advanced Standing to the LPN Program, 1 through 6. If the total accumulated points are equal, the earlier date of application will be given priority consideration.

Associate Degree Nursing Students seeking transfer to the Practical Nursing program should be advised that if all criteria for transfer are met and space is available, they can expect to be admitted as follows:

Satisfactorily completed	Admitted to
RNUR1010, RNUR1030	PNUR2012 – second semester
RNUR1050, RNUR1070	PNUR2012 – second semester
RNUR2030, RNUR2050	PNUR2012 – second semester

Applications will be held for one year. If entrance into the program has not occurred, and the student wishes to be considered for future openings, a new application must be completed.

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

What else should I know about the Associate Degree Nursing Program?

Physical Examination

Students accepted to the Practical Nursing program will receive physical examination materials from the nursing department at the college. Each student must pass a complete physical with verification of immunizations/immunities and an acceptable Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI&I) report/FBI background check and drug screening before being permitted to enter clinical areas.

Uniforms

Practical Nursing students are required to purchase uniforms. Purchasing information will be sent along with the physical exam materials. Uniform costs are estimated to be approximately \$150, or higher, depending on the number of uniforms purchased.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR)

All Practical Nursing students must have a current valid certificate in CPR before they will be allowed to start their clinical classes. This certificate can be obtained through the American Heart Association or Red Cross. Successful completion of HLST1010 CPR/First Aid will also fill this requirement. Current certification must be maintained throughout the program.

Academic Standards

Beginning Fall semester, 2012, pre-practical nursing and Practical Nursing students must have earned a minimum grade of 77% in each science course (BIOL1101, BIOL1730, and BIOL1550) in order to meet prerequisite and graduation requirements. Practical Nursing students receiving less than 77% in a science course cannot progress to the next semester in their Practical Nursing sequence.

In addition, 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 curriculum to progress in the Practical Nursing program and meet prerequisite and 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 Practical 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 nursing course.

Contact Information

Contact for Additional Information:

North Central State College Admissions – 419-755-4761

Financial Aid Office – 419-755-4899

Student Success Center – 419-755-4764

Health Sciences Office – 419-755-4805

**PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM
CRITERIA FOR ADVANCED STANDING**

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA:

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| 1. | Enrolled in post-secondary education program within the last two years. | Yes = 1
No = 0 | ____pts. |
| 2. | TEAS Composite | | ____pts. |
| 3. | North Central State College, or previous college GPA | | ____pts. |
| 4. | Number of college hours successfully completed (Grade of B or better) | 14-17 hours = 1
18 and over = 2 | ____pts.
____pts. |
| 5. | Previous nursing grades (average) within the past three years prior to date of admission with advanced standing. | 92%-100% A = 6
83%- 91% B = 4
77%- 82% C = 2
Transfer Credit or Proficiency = 2 | ____pts. |
| 6. | Basic anatomy and physiology grades (average) | 92%-100% A = 6
83%- 91% B = 4
77%- 82% C = 2
Transfer Credit or Proficiency = 2 | ____pts. |
| 7. | Total Points | | ____pts. |

<u>TEAS Composite % Points</u>	<u>Points</u>
Below 65	0
65-72	1
73-79	2
80-86	3
87-93	4
94 and above	5

College GPA Points
(based on 4.0 scale)

Below 2.30	0
2.30 - 2.75	1
2.76 - 3.00	2
3.01 - 3.25	3
3.26 - 3.50	4
3.51 - 3.75	5
3.76 - 4.00	6