



## Nursing (ADN-AAS) Program Application Process

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### The following steps are required to apply to the Pueblo Community College Nursing (ADN AAS) Program

1. Applicants must have completed the following five (5) general education prerequisites or be in progress during spring semester to apply to the program. Applicants with in- progress courses in the spring semester must submit updated transcripts at the end of the semester. All courses must be completed with a C or better. The five (5) courses must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
  - ENG 121 English Composition, 3 credits
  - PSY 235 Human Growth and Development, 3 credits
  - BIO 201 Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 credits, with lab<sup>1</sup>
  - BIO 202 Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 credits, with lab<sup>1</sup>
  - BIO 204 Microbiology, 4 credits<sup>1</sup>

Required General Education Courses – must earn a C or better. Required general education courses are recommended to be completed prior to applying to the program.

- BIO 216 Human Pathophysiology, 4 credits<sup>1</sup> (must be completed prior to entry into the second year)
- MAT 103 Clinical Calculations, 3 credits (Must be completed by the end of the first semester)
- HPR 108 Dietary Nutrition, 1 credit (Must be completed by the end of the first semester)
- Elective course – Humanities or Social Behavioral Science. Elective must be from the Guaranteed Transfer Course list. (Must be completed by the end of the last program semester)

<sup>1</sup>All Biology (BIO) courses must be completed with seven (7) years of entry into PCC Nursing Program. The higher Biology grade of the first two attempts will be used to calculate the prerequisite courses' GPA.

**NOTE:** As of Fall 2020, the science course time limit will be ten (10) years of possible entry into the PCC Nursing program.

**NOTE:** All **official** transcripts, as a PDF, **must be uploaded** into the online application. Highlighted **official** transcripts will be accepted for the online application only.

2. An applicant may be IN PROGRESS for Nurse Aide courses as of July 1, **OR** be a CNA in good standing without stipulation.

**NOTE:** Starting in 2020, applicants must take the Nurse Aide certification exam.
3. Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 6 pre-nursing examination by making an appointment at the PCC Testing Center at either the Pueblo campus – 719-549-3091; Fremont campus – 719-296-6116; and Mancos – 970-564-6209. The exam may be taken at other educational institutions. The test takes approximately 3.5 hours and costs \$90.

A study guide and additional information is available at [ATI Testing](#).

  - The total adjusted national mean for ADN programs will be the benchmark for applying to the PCC nursing program.
  - Applicants may take the exam a maximum of twice in the 12 months prior to application.
  - Exam must be taken prior to applying to the program. Applicants will be required to upload documentation of scores.

4. Complete program admission online application at [Pueblo Community College Nursing](#) web page. Official transcripts and additional documentation must be uploaded into the online application. Applications are submitted between January 1 and March 1 annually.
  - Applicants who have submitted a complete application will have their file reviewed by the Admissions Committee. The Nursing Department will not accept any additional application materials after the deadline, with the exceptions of completed in-progress spring course transcripts. The spring semester transcripts must be received by the deadline indicated on the admissions application.
  - Applicants with spring IN-PROGRESS courses will receive an email in May and will have a link to submit updated transcripts.
  - Notification letters will be sent after the Admissions Committee has reviewed all applications. Please note that inquiries about the status of an application before the scheduled notification date will only slow down the process.
  - Applicants not accepted for a given year, who wish to be considered for a subsequent term, must reapply the following year.
  
5. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be processed by the Nursing Admission Committee.
  - Any missing required documentation or data, the application will be considered as incomplete and **WILL NOT** be considered.
  
6. Competitive Ranking
  - Provisional admission is based on a merit evaluation. Applicants meeting all admission criteria will be ranked on a point system. A maximum of 58 points will be awarded on the following criteria:
    - Prerequisites courses GPA
    - Completion of recommended general education courses at the time of application
    - Education points
    - Healthcare work experience
    - Residency (Living within PCC service area)
  - All Decisions made by the Admission Committee are **FINAL!**
  
7. Accepted applicants are provisional and must successfully pass a background check and drug screen to be registered into nursing courses.
  - Current immunizations – TB, Tetanus, Measles, Hepatitis, Varicella, and Flu.
  - Current CPR for Health Professionals (2 year).