Central Alabama Community College
Practical Nursing Certificate

Program offered in Childersburg, Prattville, Talladega (Summer Admission Only), and Alexander City

Overview

Nurses are responsible for gathering information about patients using communication, physical assessment, and analytical skills; administering medications; performing invasive and non-invasive procedures; communicating with patients and their family members, peers, and other health care professionals in an effective manner; and teaching patients and their families to promote or restore health. Nurses must respect the rights and dignity of individuals and display exceptional interpersonal skills, sensitivity, and tact with ill, injured, and suffering patients. Nurses must assume a commitment to patient care and the responsibility of life-long learning.

Accreditation/Approval

The Coosa Valley School of Nursing program at Central Alabama Community College at the Alexander City Campus located in Alexander City, Alabama is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Licensed Practical certificate in Nursing program is initial accreditation
–View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at https://www.acenursing.org/acen-programs-05202024/central-alabama-community-college-p

Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN)
Certificate Earned: Practical Nursing

Length of Program

3 Semesters (45 Semester Hours)

Credentials Earned

Licensed Practical Nurse following successful passage of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX)

Working Conditions

Pleasant, temperature-controlled environments. Patient care environment may include working with persons with AIDS, AIDS related diseases, Hepatitis, and other communicable diseases. Work schedules may include day, evening, or night shifts, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Curriculum

Semester I	
BIO 201* Human Anatomy & Phys. I	**4**
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or higher level math	**3**
NUR 112 Fundamentals Concepts of Nursing	7
Semester II	
BIO 202 Human Anatomy & Phys. II**	**4**
PSY 210* Human Growth & Development**	**3**
ENG 101 English Composition I	**3**
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts	8
Semester III	
SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (or SPH 107)	**3**
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II	8
NUR 115 Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	2
Total Credit Hours	**45**

***BIO 103 is a prerequisite for BIO 201.**
****BIO 201 is a prerequisite for BIO 202.**
*****PSY 200 is a prerequisite for PSY 210.**

Classes in bold may be taken prior to entering the nursing program or taken concurrently with nursing courses as outlined above. Completing prereq courses before applying strengthens a candidate's application.

Application Information:

The program admits twice per year (fall and spring) for all campuses except Talladega which only admits for summer.

Deadline for applications and all required application documents:

Fall/Summer Admission: February 1
Spring Admission: September 1
For detailed information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook, or visit the website at www.cacc.edu. For cost of attendance: https://www.cacc.edu/coa/

Admission Requirements:

Admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice. Please check with Health Sciences Division and/or website for updates.

In addition to the general admission requirements of the College, admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program requires:

1. Unconditional admission to the College.
2. Minimum of 2.5 GPA for nursing required academic core courses.
3. Minimum 2.0 GPA or higher at current institution.
4. Transfer students must enter CACC on a clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA).
5. Official transcripts sent to CACC admissions from **ALL** post-secondary institutions attended, along with high school transcript.
6. Eligibility for English 101, Math 100 and Biology 201.
7. Official score on ACT National or Residual with a minimum composite score of 18 OR a minimum score of 58 on the TEAS test.
8. Submission of completed application for PN Program before deadline.
9. Priority will be given to students who have completed both BIO 201 and BIO 202.

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Admission to the PN program is competitive, and the number of clinical facilities available limits the number of students admitted. After meeting minimal requirements, applicants are ranked for acceptance using a points system based on score on ACT National or Residual or TEAS test and quality points from selected college courses. Students may be eligible to earn additional points (see program application for details.)

For more information about admission to the program, contact: Coosa Valley School of Nursing nursing@cacc.edu • (256) 378-2045

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