

**Chesapeake Career Center
Practical Nursing Program
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How do I apply for the Practical Nursing Program?

High school juniors make application through their school guidance counselors. Adults should refer to the application packet, which is published each January. This is available online: <https://www.cpschools.com/ccc/>

2. Are there prerequisites for admission to the program?

High school juniors must have a minimum 2.5 average and successfully completed Biology, Algebra I and Chemistry. Adult applicants must submit proof of high school graduation or have a GED. They must also perform satisfactorily on preadmission tests. The tests measure reading comprehension, basic mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities.

3. What is the length of the program?

This is an 18-month or 4 semester curriculum. During the first two semesters, students attend class from 9 a.m. until 11:38 a.m. Theory classes, during the third and fourth semesters are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. Clinical rotations are usually scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Classes are admitted annually, in September. Students graduate in April.

4. What is the cost of the program?

Tuition, uniforms, books, and fees average about \$6500 for the program. However, high school seniors do not pay tuition the first two semesters. Tuition is due the first day of class for each semester. No refund after the first day of class.

5. Where will I do clinical rotations?

The school enjoys affiliations with Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, St. Mary's, and two local long-term care facilities. Students also gain experience in other community agencies.

6. What is the employment outlook for the Licensed Practical Nurse?

Over the next eight years, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that over 120,000 new jobs will be created for the L.P.N. Career prospects in Virginia and the Hampton Roads area are excellent. See Career Prospects in Virginia. (www.careerprospects.org). Area employers recruit our graduates for hospital, nursing home, assisted living, physicians' offices, and clinic positions.

7. My career goal is to become a registered nurse. Can this program assist me to achieve my goal?

The CCC Practical Nursing Program has articulation agreements with Tidewater Community College, Norfolk State University and Thomas Nelson Community College. Graduates of the program receive college credit for nursing courses. There are also several L.P.N. to B.S.N. programs in our area.

8. Are scholarships or student loans available?

Scholarship opportunities are available from a number of agencies for enrolled students. The school is certified for payment of Veteran's benefits. We do not belong to agencies that allow students to receive government loans or financial assistance. Tuition is due in full the first day of class for each semester. No refunds after the first day of class.

The Chesapeake Public School System Practical Nursing Program is an equal education opportunity. Accordingly, the program does not discriminate in any of its educational opportunities on the basis of race, sex, national origin, color, or age.