

CHESAPEAKE CAREER CENTER PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

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Adult Application Information for Academic Year 2020-2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Practical Nursing Program at Chesapeake Career Center is offered to selected adults in Chesapeake and surrounding communities on a space-available basis. This eighteen-month curriculum, approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing, is comprised of approximately 1500 hours of theory, laboratory practice and clinical experience in area hospitals and health care facilities. The program is not accredited by any United States certifying entity. Curriculum content includes introduction to healthcare and professional issues, anatomy and physiology, growth and development, nutrition, pharmacology, nursing fundamentals, medical-surgical nursing, obstetrical nursing, pediatric nursing, psychiatric nursing, geriatric nursing, and introduction to leadership and management. Graduates may receive advanced placement credit at all local community colleges. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Graduates have maintained a 100% pass rate for 2016-2019; the pass rate for 2015 was 88%.

Practical Nursing I and II classes are scheduled from early September through mid-June, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. The Nursing Fundamentals clinical experiences at a local hospital (approximately 7 days) are scheduled from 6:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. during the fourth nine-weeks.

Practical Nursing III classes are scheduled from mid-August through April, Monday through Friday. Theory classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:08 p.m. at CCC. Proposed clinical experiences are scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Occasionally, 12-hour clinicals are scheduled in specialty rotations to enable students to achieve objectives of the Practical Nursing curriculum. All clinical sites are in the Hampton Roads area.

TUITION

Currently, tuition is \$2400.00 per academic year (\$1,200 per semester). Textbooks, ATI assessment fees, uniforms and supplies average approximately \$1000.00 for the program. Tuition is paid per semester, for a total of **four** semesters. Financial aid is not available. The Practical Nursing Program, however, is approved for payment of Veteran's Affairs benefits.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Complete the application form.
- Obtain 3 sealed, professional references (employers, teachers). Reference form is available on this web site.
- Obtain an official high school transcript (*Do not open the sealed envelope*); or provide a copy of your GED certificate. If you have taken college classes, obtain official transcripts from your college.
- Register online for the Teas test: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register> . Please select *Chesapeake Center* from the drop-down menu under *Institution* when you set up your account. You will need a credit card to pay the \$ testing fee. Test preparation materials are available

online but are not required for purchase.

TESTING DATE

The TEAS Test will be administered on **April 28, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.** in the computer lab at CCC. There is no other test date planned at this time. There are no refunds provided by ATI. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the test time.

TESTING PROCEDURES

Applicants should plan to arrive at CCC at least fifteen minutes prior to testing time. Be sure to bring your ATI log in information along with your password. If you do not have this information you will be unable to test. **Please bring your completed application packet (application, official transcripts, three professional references), picture identification, and a pen or pencil. You may also bring a snack to eat during a planned 10-minute break. The testing period should last approximately four (4) hours to complete the TEAS test. Test scores will be available for each applicant at the conclusion of the test. However, no single score indicates that you have met all of the criteria for acceptance into our nursing program.**

INFORMATION MEETING

Faculty will review application packets and test scores and notify qualified applicants concerning a mandatory information meeting. During this meeting you will be able to ask, as well as receive, pertinent program information. The Admissions Committee will only consider application packets and test scores of persons who attend this meeting.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF NURSING STUDENTS

- Complete application
- Writing sample
- Satisfactory scores on the TEAS Test
- Official transcript to verify high school graduation or GED certificate
- Official transcripts from post-secondary institutions, if applicable
- Three satisfactory professional references
- Attend information meeting

ESSENTIAL ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES OF NURSING STUDENTS

The student nurse should demonstrate the following abilities and attributes, with or without accommodations:

- Stand and maintain balance for sustained periods.
- Move within a confined space.
- Move quickly.
- Pick up objects with hands: grasping small objects; squeeze with fingers.
- Push, pull or lift up to 25 pounds.
- Hear normal speaking level sounds; hear in situations when not able to read lips.
- Hear faint body sounds; hear auditory alarms.
- See objects up to 20 inches away and more than 20 feet away.
- Feel vibrations and differences in sizes and shapes.
- Read and understand written documents, graphs.
- Measure time.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers; work with fractions; work within the metric system.
- Transfer knowledge from one situation to another.
- Problem-solve and evaluate outcomes.

- Prioritize tasks.
- Adapt to changing environments.
- Establish trusting, working relationships with clients and co-workers.
- Teach health behaviors.
- Give oral reports.
- Communicate information through writing.
- Use computer-based programs, internet, word processing programs, presentation programs, such as PowerPoint, and email.

Students must have computer access with updated operating systems at home to be able to access online assignments and learning resources; students must also have an email account and know how to email attachments.

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE DECISION.

A negative criminal background/sex offender check is required before you can be admitted to the September class.