
Pennsylvania College of Technology

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NURSING R.N. TO BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM ADMISSION SYSTEM

This baccalaureate curriculum builds on the knowledge and skills possessed by R.N.s who have graduated from diploma and associate degree nursing programs. The standard curriculum plan, directly applicable to Penn College A.D. Nursing graduates, is designed to be completed in four semesters. Other curriculum plan options are available, depending on the number of transfer credits accorded for previous college work.

The bachelor of science in nursing degree is designed to prepare licensed registered nurses to contribute to the quality provision of nursing care in a rapidly changing health care environment. This major will enable nurses to build upon their knowledge base and assume positions of responsibility in a variety of health care settings for promoting health and facilitating adaptation to increasingly complex health care problems/needs.

REMIEDIATION STRATEGIES: All transfer students entering the BSN completion major without prior college level English and mathematical classes will be tested for deficiencies, and will be required to remediate the deficiencies prior to acceptance. Any reading deficiency also must be remediated prior to acceptance.

TRANSFER PROCEDURES:

- All students entering the BSN major will be treated as transfer students, including students who graduated from Penn College's Associate Degree Nursing major.
- All student transcripts will be evaluated by Admissions.
- All general education/liberal arts courses that meet core College requirements for baccalaureate degrees will be eligible for transfer according to College policy.
- The transfer of nursing credits is evaluated on an individual basis according to the program's policy.
- Students must have a minimum grade of "C" (2.00) in courses transferred into the BSN major.
- All Penn College associate degree in nursing requirements will apply toward bachelor of science degree in nursing requirements.
- A block of 33 nursing credits will be transferred in from NLNAC-accredited A.D. and diploma nursing curricula.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- Current valid RN license in any state with eligibility for licensure in Pennsylvania
- Graduate of an NLNAC-accredited program within the last ten (10) years and meeting one (1) of the three (3) following criteria:
 - Graduate of an NLNAC-accredited program within the last three years;
 - Practiced a minimum of 1,000 hours in nursing in the last three years;
 - Successfully completed a State Board of Nursing-approved refresher course within the last three years. Other applicants, including graduates of programs greater than 10 years ago will be reviewed on an individual basis.
- Junior-level status may be achieved by meeting the College's requirements of completing a minimum of 60 college credits. In addition, a 2.0 GPA in nursing is required.
- Taking upper-level NUR courses requires acceptance into the BSN major or permission of the Director of Nursing.
- Registered nurses who are not enrolled in the BSN major may be permitted to take selected NUR electives with permission of the Director.

NOTICE OF CONVICTION:

- Child abuse clearance and criminal background checks may be required by some agencies involved in fieldwork and/or capstones. Agencies can bar students from their sites if a criminal record exists or a positive drug test is noted. By virtue of contract for Penn College students to be at clinical sites, agencies have the right to ask for random drug testing.
- Inability to gain clinical or fieldwork or intern education experiences results in inability to meet program objectives and outcomes.
- For additional clarification, students can speak with their program director.

NOTES:

- A minimum of 36 of the final 60 credits must be Penn College credits.
- Select nursing courses are available online.