

Northwest Mississippi Community College – Desoto Center

Practical Nursing Program

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Dear Prospective Practical Nursing Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Mississippi Community College Practical Nursing Program – Desoto Center. The purpose of this program is designed to prepare the individual to assist in providing general nursing care under the direction of a Registered Nurse, Physician or Dentist. Listed below are some frequently asked questions that may answer any questions that you have about the Practical Nursing program. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact by phone or e-mail.

Q. When does the practical Nursing program begin?

A. There is only one class each year that begins in August.

Q. How long does it take to complete the Practical Nursing program?

A. The Practical Nursing program is a 12-month program, or 3 semesters.

Q. Will I need to take the ACT?

A. Yes, an ACT score is required to be eligible for the PN (Practical Nursing) program.

Q. Do I need a specific score to enter the program?

A. A minimum score of 16 is required to enter the PN (Practical Nursing) program.

Q. If I did not make a 16 on the ACT, can I still enter the program?

A. Yes, you can still be eligible to enter the program. The following classes will be required with a “C” or better as a final grade. Only grades within the last 5 years will be accepted if you have already taken these classes.

Q. Where do I need to pick up an application for the Nursing Program?

A. You may pick up an application at the Counseling Center at the Desoto Center campus anytime after January 31, 2009. If you have not been a student at Northwest before, you will need to pick up a separate application for the college. You may pick this application up at the main office at the Desoto Center or online.

Q. What is the NET (Nurse Entrance Test)?

A. This is an exam that is required for entrance of the program. It evaluates your mathematical, reading, science and test taking skills. It is a requirement that you take this test after you have met the above class requirements.

Q. Can I study for the NET?

A. Yes. The book may be purchased in the Northwest bookstore or you may purchase it online at www.eriworld.com

Q. Where do I go to take the NET exam?

A. Once the required items for the application are submitted (see below), a letter will be sent to you from the counseling center of the date, time and location of the exam. The exam is usually given at one of the Northwest campus sites and a fee is required.

Q. What else do I need to have to meet the criteria to enter the PN program?

A. After completing the application, you will need to send the following items with the application. DO NOT send this items separate from the application. Failure with non-compliance will disqualify you from being eligible:

- A completed application for the Northwest Mississippi Community College (if you are not a current or previous student with Northwest
- A completed supplication to the Practical nursing Program
- ALL transcripts (may be official or unofficial copies) from previous colleges, high school, universities, etc.
- ACT composite score of 12 or greater if taken before October 1989 or a composite of 16 or greater after October 1989

-OR-

Completion of the following courses within the last five years with a minimum score of "C" in the following courses:

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Class</u>
BIO1513	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO1511	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
BIO1523	Anatomy & Physiology II
BIO1321	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
EPY2533	Human Growth and Development

Due the number of applications submitted, ALL items MUST be submitted together. Failure to comply will disqualify you from eligibility

Q. What is the deadline for submitting applications?

A. The last day to submit applications to become eligible for the program for August 2009 will be Friday, May 15, 2009. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!!!!

Q. If I get accepted into the program, how will I be notified?

A. If you do accepted into the program, you will be notified by letter of your acceptance or non-acceptance. Make sure that you have put a permanent address on your application. You will NOT be informed by phone of your acceptance!

Q. When should I expect to receive a letter of acceptance?

A. You should expect to receive a letter no later than mid July. Denial and alternate candidate letters will also be sent out at this time.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

IN ORDER TO BECOME A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE, ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE NCLEX-PN EXAM, WHICH IS REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY PASS THE PRACTICAL AS A LPN. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING WILL ASK ABOUT ALL PREVIOUS OR PRESENT HISTORY OF CRIMINAL ACTS OR LICENSURE. THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY ANYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE NCLEX-PN EXAM WITH A HISTORY OF CRIMINAL OR LICENSURE BACKGROUND. SEE THE OFFICIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN THE ADMISSION NURSING PACKET FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Respectfully,

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