

The nursing program prepares students for employment as licensed practical nurses. Upon successful completion of this program graduates are eligible to apply to take the national licensing examination, NCLEX-PN to become a licensed practical nurse. The program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3752.

## **PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of Nursing Education supports the mission of St. Johns River State College. The Department of Nursing Education prepares students to enter the workforce with the ability to think critically about actual or potential self-care deficits, as well as demonstrate caring behaviors while practicing within the legal and ethical scope of professional nursing practice. Nursing students are prepared to function competently as entry level nurses upon graduation.

## **END OF PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Provide safe and effective nursing care within the scope of practice for a practical nurse to diverse populations.
2. Practice within the ethical and legal boundaries of the practical nurse in order to act within the context of the Nurse Practice Act.
3. Utilize nursing processes to maintain an optimal level of wellbeing and safely assists individuals, families, and communities of diverse populations to resolve self care deficits.
4. Adapt nursing care in consideration of the client's values, customs, culture, religion and/or beliefs.
5. Perform patient care practices congruent with evidence based research.
6. Participate in coordinated care and working intercollaboratively with healthcare teams.
7. Utilize healthcare information from computer databases to collect data and monitor the outcomes of care processes and support strategies to improve the delivery of nursing care.

For additional information, visit our website at [SJRstate.edu](http://SJRstate.edu) or call the Palatka nursing office at 386-312-4176.

The program consists of 1350 hours of nursing courses. Practical nursing students are required to fulfill all the hours of the program.

APPLICANTS MAY APPLY: **Palatka** - November 1 - December 8

The nursing core courses will be offered on the Palatka campuses with selected clinical experiences in health care facilities within and around the tri-county service areas of SJR State. A student must earn a grade of "C" or above in all nursing courses.

## **ADMISSION APPLICATION PROCESS**

The PN program is a limited access program.

To apply to the practical nurse program a student must complete all of the following:

1. Application process to SJR State
2. Submit official high school transcripts or equivalent (GED)
3. Complete the TABE placement test unless you meet the criteria for exemption or have credit for College Composition (ENC 1101) & Intermediate Algebra (MAT 1033) with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Complete the A2 HESI Assessment Exam by the end of the application period with a minimum English Language composite score (comprised of Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary and General Knowledge) of 70% or better with a score of 70% or better in reading comprehensive and a score of 70% or better in essential mathematics.
5. Application to the practical nursing program
6. Applicants must have an overall high school or college grade point average of 2.0 or better

## **STUDENT SELECTION**

The following categories are used to rank applicants according to HESI scores. Placement in a category does not guarantee admission to the program.

### **Category 1**

- A2 HESI 75% English Language composite score (comprised of Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary and General Knowledge), reading comprehensive and essential mathematics.
- Complete the TABE placement test and meet the score for language, reading, and arithmetic ability at the 11th grade level or better unless you meet the criteria for exemption or have credit for College Composition (ENC 1101) & Intermediate Algebra (MAT 1033) with a grade of "C" or better.

### **Category 2**

- A2 HESI 70% English Language composite score (comprised of Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary and General Knowledge), reading comprehensive and essential mathematics.
- Complete the TABE placement test.



**POST- ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants must meet the TABE placement test score for language, reading, arithmetic ability at the 11th grade level or better prior to program completions. Applicants who do not meet the 11th grade TABE placement test score for language reading, arithmetic ability at the 11th grade level are required to participate in mandatory remediation.
2. All students are asked to sign a consent and waiver to perform a criminal background check and drug screen. Failure to provide a consent will render the applicant ineligible for admission to the program. Admission to the program is conditional upon the results of the criminal and professional background check and drug screen. Additional random and scheduled drug screening may be required at any time during the program.
3. Attend nursing student orientation on the specified day.
4. Have an annual physical examination verifying acceptable health status and completing all requirements for the nursing program. Requirements for the physical are included on the form provided to each student after admission to the nursing program.
5. Have liability/malpractice insurance of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 per aggregate. (Payment included with lab fees during the registration).

**PRACTICAL NURSING COURSES**

PRN 0098C	Practical Nursing Foundations 1 .....	300
PRN 0099C	Practical Nursing Foundations 2 .....	300
PRN 0290C	Medical-Surgical Nursing 1 .....	300
PRN 0291C	Medical-Surgical Nursing 2.....	300
PRN 0690C	Comprehensive Nursing & Transitional Skills.....	150

**TOTAL CONTACT HOURS** **1350**

