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General Information Pinellas Technical College Practical Nursing www.myptc.edu

Practical Nursing (PN) Program here at Pinellas Technical College (PTC), formerly PTEC, is one that is vocational in nature. Students complete the state prescribed clock hours in curriculum (675 hours) and clinicals (675 hours) spread out over 15.5 months. The program costs about \$7,000.00 in tuition, lab fees, books, tools and supplies. PN Graduates can elect to enter the workforce when licensed or continue their education at St. Petersburg College (or any other community college) in pursuit of an RN degree as a transition student.

Class Format Descriptions

The website is updated frequently with changes to the format and class offerings. Monitor website for specific start dates.

- **Site Based Format:** Theory and Clinicals take place during the student school day: Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- **Hybrid/Online Format:** Students are required to complete curriculum/theory in a web based format with labs and demonstrations on scheduled weeknights. Clinicals are on scheduled weeknights and weekends. Weeknight class meetings/clinicals are usually 3:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. and weekend clinicals are usually 10/12 hour shifts.

Admissions Process

- **We have a selective admissions process. Students seeking a seat must submit an application packet by the designated deadline. Packets are ranked according to our admissions criteria. Students with the highest number of points are offered a seat for the respective start date.**

General Requirements

- Age required – 18 years minimum
- Medical insurance required.
- Review and verify that you are able to fulfill all program essential functions.
- Take the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment or submit approved accredited degree (AAS/AA/AS or higher) documentation.
- Meet Literacy requirements as measured by TABE – Reading 11.0, Math 11.0, Language 11.0 on the “A” level test
- Documentation of a standard high school diploma or GED is required. Speak with a Counselor if you have questions.
- Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS); cost is \$55.00. A combined minimum score of 56% is required to submit your application packet. **Review TEAS Test information/schedule, for more details; go to Quick Links – “Testing Schedule and Information” on the Home page of our website.** Students may take the TEAS 4 times in a year, with no less than 30 days between each session one through three and the fourth retest session a year from the initial test date.
- Suggested attendance for the Admissions Seminar. Register on the website, via **Admissions Seminar Registration Form on the PN webpage.**
- Go to the PN page on our website and click on the link listed under “Upcoming Classes” to **View/Download the PN application packet for details and a checklist.**

- **Submit a complete PN admissions packet by the designated deadline;** to include the updated Immunization record, Background Check and other required components.
- **Successfully clear a Level 2 Background Check and Fingerprinting. Applicants may only use the vendor given in the application packet. Other background checks may not be used.**
- **If accepted into the class, a negative drug screening is required. Must be a 10 Panel Screening. Must be completed within 30 days before the start date of the class. Specific details will be in an applicant's acceptance letter.**
- **Proof of signed Flu Vaccine Notice. (Vaccine is only available specific times of the year. If start date occurs during or right before flu season, this requirement is in place. Otherwise, students will need to secure the vaccine later in the program.)**

Additional Information

- Number of annual openings in Tampa Bay area is 200+
- Financial Aid may be available (Pell eligible, Bright Futures, Florida Pre-paid, etc). **PTC does not service Student Loans or Work Study.** PTC Financial Aid Specialists can provide additional information on how to secure a student loan.
- Employment opportunities include the following employers: Hospitals, Doctor's offices, Nursing Homes and Private Care Agencies
- Average entry wage is approximately \$16 - \$20/hour, based on the 2015-16 Targeted Occupations List for this region, compiled by the Department of Labor
- **Contact Information: STPT PN Counselor, Arilee Still at stilla@pcsb.org or (727) 893-2500, ext. 2523 or CLW PN Counselor Merritt Scott at scottme@pcsb.org or (727) 538-7167, ext. 2019.**
- **Program Costs and Fees**
Refer to the "Program Costs" section on the PN webpage for the most current information

NOTES

- For Financial Aid assistance, please contact Susan Paradis on the St. Petersburg (School Code 013917) campus, phone number (727) 893-2500, ext. 2530 or Susan Self on the Clearwater campus (School Code 005605), phone number (727) 538-7167, ext. 2023.
- The hours for TABE and TEAS testing vary on each campus; please call Student Services on your preferred campus to check the schedule. Also online at www.myptc.edu – Future Students – Testing.
- **2 PROOFS of Residency are now required to register for classes at Pinellas Technical College.** Contact the guidance office for details.
- ***Background screenings are required for employment in the Health Care industry and to take licensing exams in the medical professions. Disqualifying offences may be a history of felony convictions or substance abuse. It is your responsibility as a program applicant/participant to understand all disqualifying offenses that may impact your ability to become employed in the health care field or to become enrolled/remain in a health care program at an educational institution. You can find additional information at the Florida Department of Health website. For Nursing/CNA inquiries go to, <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing> or for Pharmacy student inquiries please check: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/pharmacy/info-ptfaq-pdf>.***