

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE – COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Cooperative Associate Degree in Nursing

LPN - RN Programs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q 1. Is the Nursing Program offered by Cowley College or Pratt Community College?**
A. Cowley College offers all of the pre-requisites required for the nursing degree. The technical nursing classes are held at the Cowley College Winfield Allied Health Center. The nursing faculty, program and curricula are supervised by Pratt Community College. The Associate Degree in Nursing is awarded by Pratt Community College.
- Q 2. Do I send my application to Cowley College or to Pratt Community College?**
A. Apply for admission to Cowley College to take your nursing pre-requisites at Cowley College. Apply for admission to Pratt Community College for the Nursing Program.
- Q 3. What are the levels of nursing education offered?**
A. There are 2 options.
 - The Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Nursing, also known as an Associate Degree in Nursing Program (A.D.N.) Successful completion of this program prepares the student to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).
 - A student who completes the first year of the nursing program may elect to take the NCLEX-LPN to become licensed as an LPN. The student may then work as an LPN while continuing with the second year classes, or choose not to continue in the program.
- Q 4. Is there an entrance exam required prior to entering the Nursing program?**
A. Yes. The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills), an online exam to measure skills in math, English, science, and reading is a required part of the application process.
- Q 5. When does the Nursing program start?**
A. It starts each fall semester in August. A maximum of 30 students are accepted in the first year program and 30 in the second year program.
- Q 6. Are the Nursing programs offered in the evening?**
A. Nursing classes are not offered in the evening. However, general education prerequisites may be offered in the evenings or online.
- Q 7. Will there be hands on experience in this program?**

- A. Yes. Hospital and clinical experience at several area hospitals and long term care facilities is a part of each nursing course.

Q 8. What are the Nursing program prerequisites and required GPA?

- A. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in:
- Interpersonal Communications or Public Speaking
 - English Composition I
 - General Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Microbiology taken within the last 5 years
 - Anatomy and Physiology taken within the last 5 years
 - Anatomy and Physiology Enhancement taken following acceptance into the program
 - Additional Application Requirements
 - (1) American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR or American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer
 - (2) Certified Nursing Assistant

Q 9. What is the deadline for applying to the Nursing program?

- A. Priority consideration is given to applications received by February 1 for the following Fall. Students applying after the deadline may be accepted as space is available. The Nursing department at PCC begins reviewing applications after February 1 and acceptance decisions continue to be made until all slots are filled. Applications are kept on file for two years.

Q 10. What documents are required for application to the Nursing program?

- A. Submit the following to Pratt Community College:
- Application for Admission to Pratt Community College
 - Application for Admission to the PCC Nursing program
 - Official high school transcript or GED
 - Official transcripts of all college courses taken
 - TEAS minimum percentile rank-program score of 50 or better
 - Proof of Kansas nurse aid certification or
 - Proof of LPN licensure (for LPNs entering second year for RN completion)

Q 11. How are students selected for the Nursing program?

- A. Applicants who have submitted all application documents and completed all prerequisites will be awarded points. The top scoring applicants will be accepted. Criteria and points possible are
- 40 points possible for GPA of prerequisites. A GPA of 4.0 converts to 40 points. A GPA of 3.5 converts to 35 points
 - 20 points for an "A" grade in Anatomy & Physiology the first time course is taken
 - 10 points for a "B" grade in Anatomy & Physiology the first time course is taken
 - 10 points for first time test takers scoring 50 or better in all sections of the TEAS

Q 12. Can I work while I am in the Nursing program?

- A. While not prohibited, students are strongly advised to limit work hours as much as possible. You will have greater opportunity to succeed in the program if other time commitments don't limit your study time.

Q 13. How much does the technical portion of the Nursing program cost? (Cost of program pre-requisites is not included in this amount.)

- A. Estimated costs for the RN program are \$7,651.50. Included are in-county tuition, textbooks, uniforms, assessment testing, liability insurance, lab fees, background checks, membership in student nursing organization, and board applications.

Q 14. What is the passing rate of graduates on the NCLEX-RN?

Pass rates by percentages, obtained from NCS Pearson, Inc. & National Council of State Boards of Nursing:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Kansas Pass Rate	82.90	82.66	87.70	81.81	85.41	86.02	85.50
National Pass Rate	85.46	86.34	87.02	85.26	87.29	88.11	78.64
Pratt CC Pass Rate	92.00	63.60	72.00	75.76	96.15	93.94	87.88

Q 15. Are nursing scholarships and financial aid available?

- A. Yes. Federal Financial Aid is available to students who qualify after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact the Financial Aid office at Cowley College (620) 441-5248 for aid while enrolled in prerequisites taken at Cowley College. For assistance while enrolled in the nursing program classes, contact the Financial Aid office at Pratt Community College (620) 450-2248. Both colleges offer in-house scholarships and endowment scholarships to qualified applicants.

Q 16. What days and hours will I have class? (tentative semester schedule, subject to change)

- A. 2009-2010 First year students
 DIDACTICS or LAB: Wed. 8 am -5:30 pm | Thurs. 9 am -12 pm | Fri., 8 am -3:30 pm
 CLINICALS: Mondays
- B. 2009-2010 Second year students
 DIDACTICS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm first nine weeks
 LAB: 6 days in 10th week
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 CLINICALS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday last five weeks
 2:00 pm – 12:00 am