

# Practical Nursing Program

2020-2021

Application Checklist for High School  
Students in the PCCS Program

## Important Contacts

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- Assists with the application and registration process.
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- Maintains all of the nursing program files.
- Schedules students for the HESI A2 Admissions Assessment entrance exam.
- Provides general information about the college's nursing programs.

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- Oversees all aspects of the nursing programs.
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Lake Land College's Associate Degree Nursing Program is fully accredited by:

**Accreditation Commission for  
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Atlanta, GA 30326  
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### Admissions Information

The Partnership for College and Career Success (PCCS) programs allow graduating high school students to be considered for admission to the PN program from a group comprised only of other PCCS students. Students applying through PCCS will be considered for preferred admission, upon obtaining at least a 70 on the HESI A2 Admissions Assessment Exam and successful completion of college coursework (C's or better), as outlined in this packet.

The top 10 PCCS applicants will be guaranteed admission into the Nursing Program during their senior year of High School contingent upon completion of the steps outlined below. Actual nursing courses will begin the year following high school graduation.

### Complete the following required steps by March 1 of the year for which you are applying

- Meet with high school guidance counselor regarding certification of PCCS eligibility during junior year of high school. Students must have the high school guidance counselor submit high school transcript and completed PCCS certificate to the Lake Land College Perkins Specialist, Jamie Corda by **October 31<sup>st</sup> of your senior year.**
- Have ACT or SAT scores sent to Lake Land College.
- Complete an Intent to Enroll for Lake Land College—Select “CRT.PN.TRK” as the academic program. This will ensure you are assigned a nursing academic advisor. It will also generate a Laker email account; prospective students are expected to check this email account on a regular basis for Nursing Department correspondence.
- Complete a Nursing Program Admission Application for the Practical Nursing Program **by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the senior year of high school.** This is available online on the Lake Land College website. Select *Admissions, Special Admission Programs, Practical Nursing*, scroll to find the ‘*Start the application process and view program information*’ link. Receipt of this form prompts the Nursing Department to start a file and correspondence will begin via Lake Land email.
- The department will review student ACT/SAT, college placement test scores, and/or college coursework to determine eligibility to take the HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam. To be eligible, applicants need satisfactory scores in 2 of 3 categories: English, Reading and Math. Test scores are valid for 5 years. (students will receive email regarding eligibility) The following information defines satisfactory scores:
  - o English: placement into ENG 120 or higher or completion of ENG 007.
  - o Math: placement into MAT 006 or higher or completion of MAT 005.
  - o Reading: placement out of all reading courses, completion of RDG 050, or completion of 30 college credits in good standing.

To schedule the Lake Land College Placement test call the Tutoring and Testing Center at 217-234-5301.

- Upon receipt of this email, the applicant must call to schedule the exam with the Nursing Department at (217) 234-5447. **Students must take the HESI A-2 Nursing Admissions exam during their senior year of high school.** Approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the exam date, applicants will receive an email with instructions on registration and payment. The cost is approximately \$42 (subject to change), which must be paid online when registering.
- This exam is a proctored, online test offered the first Friday of September, October, November, December, and January. If class not in session, an alternate date will be chosen. For applicants who want to repeat the test, repeat dates will be offered in December and January. Space is limited. 100

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students will be assigned for each testing date, the first 80 to pay for the exam will be eligible to test. Applicants are tested on reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary & general knowledge, and basic math skills. To be considered for the Practical Nursing Program, applicants must obtain a **minimum score of 70 on this exam.**

**Study aides are available for purchase online: HESI A2 Study Guide published by Elsevier**

- After Graduation send final high school transcripts to the Admissions & Records. Contact the office at (217) 234-5058 to confirm receipt.

**Nursing Program Courses:** all courses are sequential. A student cannot progress in the program if unsuccessful in any course.

| <u>Course</u>          |         | <u>Credit Hours</u> | <u>Semester of Nursing Program</u> |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Foundations of Nursing | PNC 049 | 6                   | Semester 1                         |
| Practical Nursing I    | PNC 050 | 10                  | Semester 1                         |
| Practical Nursing II   | PNC 052 | 15                  | Semester 2                         |
| Basic Pharmacology I   | PNC 053 | 2                   | Semester 2                         |
| Practical Nursing III  | PNC 054 | 7                   | Semester 3—Summer                  |
| Basic Pharmacology II  | PNC 055 | 1                   | Semester 3—Summer                  |

On March 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year, a review of files will begin to determine the top 10 PCCS students for fall admissions. Admission scores are calculated utilizing the following rubric:

**PN Admissions Rubric for PN PCCS Students**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Verification of PCCS Certification.  | Check to verify completion<br><br>PCCS Certification complete <input type="checkbox"/>                            |
| Admission Application-Practical Nursing  | The date on the Admission Application will be used to break any tie scores after admission scores are calculated. |
| HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam score (minimum score of 70 required to be considered for admission). | Score _____X2 =   |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>  |

Monitor your Lake Land email closely in March for nursing department correspondence. Once selected for the program, the student will need to verify acceptance via email.

**Essential Functions:** Students applying to the Nursing Programs at Lake Land College must be able to meet the technical requirements of the program and not pose a risk to the well-being of patients, other students, staff or themselves. Students applying to the program will need, at a minimum, to be capable of performing all Essential Functions required of the nurse. The student will need to maintain and demonstrate these abilities through the duration of the program.

**Admission based on criminal history:** After tentative acceptance and prior to official admission to the Lake Land College Nursing Programs, applicants are required to submit to a background check ordered through the programs' official vendor. When considering whether criminal history issues prevent admission, the programs refer to the guidelines of ILCS 2105/2105-165 the Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act, and Illinois Nurse Practice Act Rules Section 1300.100 Refusal to Issue a License Based on Criminal History Record. If an applicant has a criminal history, he/she should contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

**Cost Estimate for PN Program Certificate Completion\***

| Semester  | Semester Hours | Tuition and Fees<br>\$137 per Semester Hour | Course Fees | TOTAL            |
|---|----------------|---|-------------|------------------|
| Fall  | 16             | \$2192                                      | \$220       | \$2412.00        |
| Spring  | 17             | \$2329                                      | \$220       | \$2549.00        |
| Summer  | 8              | \$1096                                      | \$220       | \$1316.00        |
| Uniform, watch, & shoes                               |                | \$150.00                                    |             | \$150.00         |
| Supply kit (from LLC Bookstore)                       |                | \$300.00                                    |             | \$300.00         |
| Textbooks and online support products (LLC Bookstore) |                | \$1000.00                                   |             | \$1000.00        |
| Background check, drug screen and fingerprinting      |                | \$150.00                                    |             | \$150.00         |
| <b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS</b>                          |                |   |             | <b>\$7877.00</b> |

\*All prices for in-district students and are subject to change

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How can I improve my chances of gaining admission into the PN for PCCS program?**

- Students should work with their high school guidance counselor early in their high school career to ensure they are taking the required coursework in high school to meet the PCCS certification. This includes biology, chemistry and health occupations (along with additional requirements).

### **What if I am not accepted into PCCS program?**

- If not accepted as a PCCS student, students can apply through the traditional process. Students should contact the nursing department to notify them that they would like to continue to pursue a nursing degree and follow the application process for traditional students.

### **How soon should I begin the application process?**

- Work with your high school counselor early. During the junior year students should be working with their counselor to ensure a spot in Health Occupations for senior year.

### **Is there a waiting list?**

- **NO**—the PN program is a selective program with an objective, competitive admissions process. Each year, applicants are admitted based on a point system.

### **How often are students admitted?**

- Students begin the program in the fall semester only.

### **Can I apply if I am out of the Lake Land College district?**

- The Illinois Community College Board requires that all in-district applicants be considered first. Out of district students will be considered using the same admission's rubric only after all eligible in-district students have been considered.

### **How long is my HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam score valid?**

- The HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam scores are valid for five years from the application deadline. If you take the exam more than once, the most recent score is always the score used for admission.

### **Where is the PN program offered?**

- The PN program is offered on the main campus and at the Effingham Kluthe Center. Accepted students register at their preferred site on a first come, first serve basis.

### **How often will I be in school?**

- Once beginning the PN coursework, expect to attend class 3-4 days a week. The day off varies throughout the program depending on the clinical assignments. Most clinical assignments require students to BEGIN as early as 6 a.m.

### **Where are clinicals located?**

- Students will have the opportunity to do clinicals in more than one local hospital/clinic/nursing home. So, students have multiple experiences upon graduation.

### **Where can an LLC PN graduate practice nursing?**

- Once a student graduates from the PN program, he/she is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-LPN) and obtain a Licensed Practical Nurse license in any state in the United States.