



Practical Nursing Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the CLTCC Practical Nursing program?

The CLTCC Practical Nursing Technical Diploma/Associate of Applied Science traditional day program is five (5) semesters in length, approximately 22 months inclusive of holiday and semester breaks. At successful completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to apply for Practical Nursing licensure with Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE).

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Practical Nursing includes the Technical Diploma required courses and five transferrable general education courses that provide Practical Nursing graduates a pathway to pursue advanced education degrees such as an ASN or BSN.

When does the Practical Nursing class start?

CLTCC starts a new traditional day practical nursing class (cohort) every Fall Semester (August) at CLTCC Campuses/ Evening programs are currently offered at three CLTCCC Campuses – Alexandria, Ferriday, and Huey P. Long. Please contact the individual campus for evening program start dates. AAS transferable general education courses are offered each semester – contact CLTCC for the semester course offerings and schedules.

What are the admission requirements for Practical Nursing?

Regular admission requirements based on LSBPNE and CLTCC admission guidelines include:

- *Submit an on-line Practical Nursing program application – cltcc.edu website.*
- *Must have a High School Diploma or Equivalent*
- *Meet the minimum entrance scores for Practical Nursing Technical Diploma Associate of Applied Science in Reading, English/Writing and Math on an approved entrance assessment – ACT or Accuplacer Next Generation.*
- *Applicants may take the ACCUPLACER **up to four times within a calendar year from the original test date. A required minimum waiting period of two weeks between repeat Accuplacer testing.***
- ***Accuplacer tutoring sessions are available. If an applicant has attempted Accuplacer test two times without making the required score(s), the applicant is required to enroll and complete a CLTCC Accuplacer tuition session (s) to be eligible for retest(s).***
- *Pass a pre-admission LSBPNE and College required criminal background check. Students are not fully accepted into a nursing/allied health program until receipt and review of criminal background check and approval by clinical agencies if applicable.*
- *Consent to and pass a pre-admission Drug Screen -- the student will be informed and directed of the random drug screen process. The drug screening must be collected and performed at a designated, approved CLTCC drug screening lab. **OF NOTE: Marijuana (including medical marijuana and its derivatives) is considered an illegal substance and will result in a positive drug screen.***

- Complete a CLTCC health certification (physical examination) from a licensed healthcare provider and provide proof of required immunizations.
- Must complete all admission requirements by stated program deadlines.

Minimum Score Requirements

Admissions Test	Math	Reading	Language
ACT	18	20	17
ACCUPLACER Next Gen	Arithmetic 260 QAS 243	250	241

Selective Admission -- CLTCC Practical Nursing Program maintains a selective admission process in addition to the general admission requirements of CLTCC. The selective admission process is utilized when the number of eligible practical nursing applicants exceeds the maximum number student admission spaces/ slots per cohort.

PRACTICAL NURSING CRITERIA UTILIZED IN SELECTIVE ADMISSION PROCESS:

- Admission Test Scores -- ACCUPLACER OR ACT -- Reading, Math, Language/Writing
- **GPA --- College Transcript, High School Transcript or GED/HiSet Conversion**
- Current Allied Health Industry Certifications – Patient Care Technician (CNA, Phlebotomy and EKG) Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nurse Aide, Emergency Medical Technician

Is financial aid available? Yes, the Practical Nursing program is eligible for state and federal financial aid based on individual student eligibility. Additional financial aid information is available at the CLTCC Campus.

For more information, please contact CLTCC Campus Student Services/Enrollment Specialist staff.