

Jones County Junior College
Career and Technical Education Division
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Early Childhood Education Technology
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The following changes have been made to the curriculum requirements of the Practical Nursing Program:

1. Guidelines for granting prior credit.

See changes in red below.

PRACTICAL NURSING

PURPOSE

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to provide the student with knowledge and skills necessary to function as a Licensed Practical Nurse. This program prepares the individual to assist in providing general nursing care which requires a basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological and sociological sciences, as well as nursing procedures which do not require the substantial skills, judgment, and knowledge required of a registered nurse. This care is performed under the direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician, or dentist. Students that complete the program requirements, as identified by the Mississippi Department of Education, will be eligible to apply for LPN licensure.

CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

The curriculum contains the following areas of emphasis:

Anatomy and Physiology; Nutrition; Human Growth and Development; Fundamental Nursing Theory, Laboratory Practice, and Clinical Application; Geriatric Nursing Theory, Laboratory Practice, and Clinical Application; Pharmacology Theory, Laboratory Practice, and Clinical Application; Medical-Surgical Nursing, Laboratory Practice, and Clinical Application; Maternal-Child Nursing Theory, and Clinical Application; Psychiatric Nursing Theory, and Clinical Application; Nursing Transition Theory and Clinical Application

PROGRAM LENGTH

Three Semesters, 50 Semester Hours, 1200 Clock Hours

Fall Class from August until August

Spring Class from January until December

DEGREE

Certificate

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICAL NURSING

1. Applicants must meet general admission requirements to JCJC.
2. Applicants must be 18 years old prior to completion of the program.
3. A completed application packet must be submitted to the LPN office prior to the deadline date (2nd Friday of October for January class and 2nd Friday of May for August Class). Packets may be obtained from the Career and Technical Education Guidance Office or LPN Office.

INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Each packet must include:

- A. A completed practical nursing program application
 - B. Three character references, which may be from a former teacher, former or present employer, minister, community leader, or anyone who can attest to the applicant's character. (These references may be mailed or returned with the application packet.)
 - C. A copy of high school transcript or GED scores copies must be sent to Admissions and to the Practical Nursing program)
 - D. A copy of any college transcript including JCJC transcript or certificate of any health occupational training program
 - E. ACT composite score of 16 or above with a minimum of 14 in Reading, Math and English (copies must be sent to Admissions and the LPN program)
 - F. NET (Nursing Entrance Test) given on JCJC campus.
4. Applicants must score at or above the 40th percentile on the NET to be considered in the ranking.
 5. The Career Counseling staff will administer the NET.
 - A. NET (Nursing Entrance Test) will be given prior to program start dates. (Test dates to be announced. On test date, bring #2 pencil, calculator, and a photo ID).
 - B. Procedure for NET:
 1. Student must purchase, at the JCJC Bookstore, a NET answer sheet (estimated cost is \$16.00)
 2. Student must bring the answer sheet to the Practical Nursing Department to register. Deadline-(2nd Friday of October for January class and 2nd Friday of May for August Class)
 6. Selection of students for the Practical Nursing Program is based upon their ACT and NET scores. Students selected must provide a physical exam form completed by a physician prior to achieving acceptance. (**Note:** Selection of students is competitive and these requirements are minimum. Students meeting these requirements are not guaranteed admission into the Practical Nursing Program.)
 7. Student must have a clear background check. Students whose background check reveals a crime unacceptable by a clinical site may be ineligible to enroll. In addition to admission requirements of Jones County Junior College, specific entrance requirements for health occupation programs are mandated by state regulatory agencies.
 8. Official copies of high school and college transcripts, diplomas, GED scores and ACT scores must be provided to the JCJC Admissions Office. Unofficial copies may be submitted with the application to the Practical Nursing office. The applicant must request a copy of transcripts from the Admissions Office for the Practical Nursing Office.

Practical Nursing Guidelines for Granting Prior Credit

Credit for Nursing Courses within the Program

Applicants who have successfully completed content in another Practical Nursing Program or who have completed content in a Registered Nursing Program may request advanced placement in the Practical Nursing Program under certain conditions.

Students who have completed the 1st semester of a Practical Nursing Program within the last two years, with a grade of "C" or better, are eligible to receive transfer credit that is equivalent to the 1st semester PNV Coursework (PNV 1213, PNV 1426, PNV 1436) at Jones County Junior College, provided the coursework taken at another college is congruent with the course work offered at JCJC.

Students who have completed more than the 1st semester of a Practical Nursing Program within the last two years, with a grade of "C" or better, are eligible to receive transfer credit for only the

1st semester PNV courses (PNV 1213, PNV 1426, PNV 1436) at Jones County Junior College, provided the coursework taken at another college is congruent with the coursework offered at JCJC.

Students who have completed any semester in a Registered Nursing Program within the last two years, with a grade of “C” or better, are eligible to receive transfer credit for only the 1st semester PNV courses (PNV 1213, PNV 1426, PNV 1436) at Jones County Junior College, provided the coursework taken at another college is congruent with the coursework offered at JCJC.

Any person requesting transfer or prior credit must:

- a) submit a program application;
- b) a letter of reference from a faculty member in their previous nursing program;
- c) submit a college transcript and course descriptions from previous program;
- d) must meet JCJC’s practical nursing program’s ACT requirement, but does not have to take the NET.

Placement is not guaranteed and is dependent on several factors:

- a) whether there is an opening in the requested class;
- b) whether the course objectives/course descriptions submitted for prior credit are congruent with the course objectives/course descriptions of JCJC’s Practical Nursing Program;
- c) whether the prior credit was obtained at a regionally accredited college or university;
- d) students may be required to demonstrate competence in selected 1st semester skills, including but not limited to, hand washing, vital signs, catheterization, medication administration.
- e) students will be required to demonstrate competence in dosage calculations.

Credit for Non-Nursing Courses within the Program

Students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program who have taken academic Anatomy & Physiology I & II may substitute these classes for PNV 1213 Body Structure and Function. This substitution is allowed only if the student has completed these classes within the last two years and achieved a grade of “B” or better in the academic course. A copy of the student’s college transcript must be on file in the PN office for this substitution to be approved.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Hospitals
2. Long term care facilities
3. Physician's office
4. Industrial nursing
5. Home health care
6. School nursing

CONTACT

The Counseling Center-Jones County Junior College (601)477-4257 or Practical Nursing office at (601) 477-4101.

CURRICULUM

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| PNV | 1112 | Basic Nutrition |
| PNV | 1213 | Body Structure and Function |

PNV	1312	Growth and Development
PNV	1413	Geriatric Nursing
PNV	1425	Fundamentals of Nursing
PNV	1434	Fundamentals of Nursing Lab
PNV	1513	Pharmacology
PNV	1615	Medical-Surgical Nursing I

PNV	1624	Medical-Surgical Lab and Clinical I
PNV	1633	Medical-Surgical Nursing II
PNV	1644	Medical-Surgical Lab and Clinical II
PNV	1716	Maternal-Child Nursing
PNV	1813	Psychiatric Concepts
PNV	1913	Nursing Transition