



James Sprunt Community College

Fall 2012

Admission Information and Process

For

Practical Nursing

This information supersedes all previously published information.

**THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES MADE TO THE  
ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR FALL 2012  
CONSIDERATION**

Application Deadline is February 1, 2012, for Fall 2012 consideration.

Completed applications submitted after the deadline may be considered if space is available.

Interested students who do not have a valid social security number should contact the Health Education Department Head at 910-296-2450 to discuss possible program restrictions before applying to the nursing or medical assisting programs.

**Thank you for your interest in the Practical Nursing Program.**

**Please read all of the information carefully in this packet in order to understand the admission criteria and process.** The admission criterion has **been revised** for Fall 2012 consideration.

We strongly encourage you to attend one of our Health Education Information Sessions where we discuss the application process, program requirements, competitive ranking criteria as well as other questions in general. If interested in attending a session, you will need to contact our office at 910- 296-2451 to reserve your seat. Please refer to the Health Education Applicant Letter for the current schedule.

Enclosed in this packet is the admission requirements for the PN program as well as information regarding the technical standards and other information related to this program. If you should have any questions or need any additional information, you are encouraged to contact us at either 910- 296-2451 or email Mary Mical, Administrative Assistant for Health Education at [mmical@jamesprunt.edu](mailto:mmical@jamesprunt.edu) or Tara Rich at [trich@jamesprunt.edu](mailto:trich@jamesprunt.edu) .

We hope that this information is useful in helping you better plan for your nursing career at James Sprunt Community College.

Tara Rich, RN, MSN  
Department Head, Health Education

## **Admission Criteria for the JSCC Practical Nursing Program at JSCC for Fall 2012**

In order to be considered for admission to the Practical Nursing Program at JSCC, the applicant must have a current application on file and meet all admission criteria by **February 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year for consideration for fall entry.

**The following admission criteria will be used to select applicants to the PN Program for Fall 2012. There have been changes made, so please read carefully in order to meet the current minimum criteria.**

- 1. Complete Current JSCC application & designate PN as major.** You can only designate **one** health education program. You may come in and pick up an application in the Admissions Department located in the Strickland Building or complete the on-line application. (*Current school application must be submitted after February 1, 2011 and before February 1, 2012 at 5pm.*)
  
- 2. Take the Asset placement test.** Call Admissions @ 910-296-2500 to register for test. *You must score 41 in all categories.* If your score is lower, you must have completed **all** of the required basic general education courses by the deadline to be eligible. Scores are good for 5 years. (If you already have a 2 year or a 4 year degree, this requirement is waived.) Please note, if you have taken placement test at another school, you must request for these specifically to be sent here. They will not be sent to us just with a transcript request.

**All basic general education courses MUST be completed by deadline in order to be eligible for admission consideration.**

- 3. Submit official transcripts from all high schools and colleges** attended to the registrar. If the transcripts are opened, they are not considered as official and will not be accepted.
  
- 4. Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).** You can order a study book and practice test from the website [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) or contact our bookstore 910-296-2510 for information. If you have already taken the TEAS, you must have official transcript sent to us by the deadline. Please contact our office for further information regarding transcripts.

Individuals planning to take the test must pre-register with Student Services and pay approximately \$35.00 by cash, money order, credit/debit card or certified check to the Business Office by noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month that the test is to be taken. (Testing is scheduled for March, May, July, September and November. Contact Student Services regarding additional test dates that might be scheduled in January. ) Students are to take the receipt to Student Services in the Strickland Building to pre-register for the test.

All students taking the TEAS Paper/Pencil Assessment MUST have an ATI Paper/Pencil ID number. Students can obtain this ID number by logging onto [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) to create an account. The ID number will be displayed on the student's home page under the *Account Information* sections. There is a link that will allow printing of this information. **Students are to bring their ATI Paper/Pencil ID number with them on the testing date.** Failure to bring this information will result in the student not being allowed to take the assessment.

*Applicants must score at the current National Average for Reading and Math for selected major.* Students are allowed to take the TEAS only twice during a 12 month period. Test dates must be at least 2 months apart. Students begin their individual 12 month period on the date of the first testing.

**NOTE: TEAS scores older than 5 years will not be accepted.** We strongly recommend that you take TEAS Version V.

5. Complete high school or equivalent college biology **within ten (10) years** of the program start date (8/2012) with a minimum grade of 'C' or above.
6. Complete high school or equivalent computer applications course within ten (10) years of the program start date (8/2012) with a minimum grade of "C" or above.  
**(New requirement for fall 2012 consideration)**
7. Applicants must have current listing as NA I (CNA). Applicants should submit a copy of the current listing status with the program application.  
**(New requirement for fall 2012 consideration)**
8. **If expected to meet the admission criteria by February 1<sup>st</sup>, complete and submit the separate application and attached check list for the desired Nursing Program.**  
*Separate Application and check off list is included in this packet. You must complete and submit both in order to be considered. Incomplete applications will be returned to student.*

**Note: High School seniors may apply for provisional acceptance pending completion of high school requirements and graduation. High School seniors will need to take the TEAS prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered. High School students must also request to take the ASSET Placement Tests with their high school guidance counselor and request the scores to be sent to James Sprunt. If students have taken the SAT or ACT, please contact our office for information.**

**IMPORTANT: Completed application and submission of all transcripts, TEAS scores, placement test scores must be on file on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> for you to be considered for the fall class. If there are more qualified applicants than seats available, selection will be made by the point system developed by the Health Education Admission Committee. Applicants completing all requirements after this deadline will be considered if space is available.**

**If not selected, applicants must reapply for the nursing program to be considered for the following fall semester.**

*Reviewed and approved April 6, 2009*

*Revised April 5, 2011*

*Revised October 27, 2011*

*Revised November 1, 2011*

## James Sprunt Community College Nursing Programs Technical Standards

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective and psychomotor performance requirements. For purposes of nursing program compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disability Act, a qualified individual with a disability is one who with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing programs.

If a student believes that he or she cannot meet nursing program requirements without accommodations or modifications, the nursing faculty will determine on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made.

Admission to and progression in the nursing programs is not based on these standards. Rather, the standards should be used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. Standards provide an objective measure upon which a student and the advisor base informed decisions regarding whether a student is “qualified” to meet requirements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to read the technical standards carefully and to ask for clarification of any standard that is not understood.

### Technical Standards

Nursing students should possess and be able to demonstrate the following:

**Critical Thinking:** critical thinking skills sufficient for clinical judgment.

*For example, nursing students must be able to identify cause-effect relationships in actual or simulated clinical situations; analyze data, develop or participate in the development of nursing care plans.*

**Communication:** communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in both verbal and written form.

*For example, nursing students must be able to explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses.*

**Interpersonal skills:** interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.

*For example, nursing students must be able to establish rapport with patients/clients, families and colleagues.*

**Mobility:** physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.

*For example, nursing students must move around patient/client's rooms, work spaces and treatment areas; administer cardiopulmonary procedures.*

**Motor skills:** gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care. *For example, move, calibrate and use equipment and supplies; lift, transfer and position mobile and immobile patients/clients.*

**Auditory ability:** auditory ability sufficient to assess and monitor health needs for assessment and observation of patients.

*For example, nursing students must be able to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds and cries for help.*

**Visual ability:** visual ability sufficient for physical assessment, performance of nursing procedures and maintenance of environmental safety.

*For example, nursing students must be able to observe patient/client responses such as skin color, facial expression and specimen color.*

**Tactile ability:** tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment, performance of nursing procedures.

*For example, nursing students must be able to perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g. insertion of catheters.*

**Emotional stability and mental alertness:** emotion stability and mental alertness sufficient in performing nursing care.

*For example, maintain a calm and efficient manner in high stress situations with patient/clients, families and colleagues.*

**Occupational exposure:** nursing students must possess the ability to protect self and others by implementing appropriate precautions due to possible exposure to communicable disease and/or body fluids and toxic substances such as antiseptics and medications.

**Physical stamina:** Students must be able to work for 8-12 hours performing physical tasks requiring sufficient strength and motor coordination without jeopardy to patient and student safety.

**EXAMPLES ARE NOT ALL INCLUSIVE**

## **Additional Requirements and Information for PN Program**

**The following information and requirements do not affect the admission selection process, and do not need to be completed unless accepted for the program.**

**This information is provided at this time in order to assist you with the planning process. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our office at (910) 296-2450.**

*After provisionally accepted, students will be required to complete the following:*

1. **Complete CPR Certification** and maintain current certification during the program. The only level of CPR Certification that is accepted is the *American Heart Association - Health Care Provider Level*.

2. **Complete a Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening when beginning the program.** Instructions and information is provided to students during the first day of the program.

*We do not use the Criminal Background Check or drug screening information for admission consideration. However, if a clinical agency denies student placement based on review of the results, the student will be unable to participate in the clinical portion of the course and will be unable to progress in the program.*

3. **Complete current physical examination and required immunizations and lab testing.** *Information is provided to provisionally accepted students when selections are made.*

### **Listed below are *estimated* additional expenses for program.**

- You will be required to purchase student liability insurance required for the clinical experiences. The cost is expected to be \$15.00 fall semester.
- Our students are required to participate in the Comprehensive Assessment and Review Program (CARP) every semester. The cost is expected to be approximately \$175 for the first semester and \$125 for the other semesters.
- Medical supplies/equipment and uniforms are required for participation in the PN program. Estimated cost for these is between \$250-\$300.
- Book costs will vary depending upon which courses you will need to take. For the first nursing course, the estimated cost is between \$700-\$900. The remaining semesters will be less.
- Students will need to provide their own transportation to the clinical areas. Clinical times may daytime or afternoons/evening hours.
- Cost for NCLEX-LPN application and license is estimated at \$350.

James Sprunt Community College  
Program of Study for PN

Fall	Prefix	Course Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Sem Hours Credit
	NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	7	6	6	11
	BIO 163	Basic A&P	4	2	0	5
	NUR 117	Pharmacology	1	3	0	2
	ACA 115	Success & Study Skills	0	2	0	1
		Total Hours	12	13	6	19

Spring	Prefix	Course Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Sem Hours Credit
	NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	8	0	12	12
	ENG 111	Expository Writing	3	0	0	3
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		Total Hours	14	0	12	18

Summer	Prefix	Course Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Sem Hours Credit
	NUR 103	Practical Nursing III	6	0	12	10
		Total Hours	6	0	12	10

Total Program Hours – 47

*Effective Fall 2010*



## Checklist for Practical Nursing Program Application

Fall 2012

**(Complete and Submit this form with application)**

Listed below are the Nursing Program Prerequisites that must be completed by February 1, 2012 in order to be considered for the Practical Nursing Program at JSCC for fall 2012 entry.

**DO NOT** submit this application unless you have completed **ALL** requirements. Applicants who complete the requirements after February 1<sup>st</sup> may be considered if space is available. Initial each requirement if completed, sign in the designated space on the back and submit this form with your application.

- [ ] 1. **Complete JSCC application** & designate PN as major. You can only designate one health education program as your intended major. You may come in and pick up an application in the Admissions Office located in the Strickland Building or complete the on-line application at [www.jamessprunt.edu](http://www.jamessprunt.edu) . You must have an updated school application.
- [ ] 2. **Take the Asset placement test.** Call Admissions @ 910-296-2500 to register for test. *You must score 41 in all four (4) categories.* If your score is lower, you must have completed all of the basic general education courses. Scores are good for 5 years.

**All basic general education courses MUST be completed in order to be eligible for admission consideration.**

- [ ] 3. **Submit official transcripts** from all **high schools and colleges** attended to the Admissions Office. If the transcripts are opened, they are not considered as official and will not be accepted.
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- [ ] 7. Have current listing as NA 1 (CNA). Applicants should submit a copy of the current listing status with the program application.

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## Signature

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To the best of my knowledge all of the requirements for program consideration have been met.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Return completed Application and Checklist to:***

James Sprunt Community College  
Health Education Department  
P.O. Box 398  
Kenansville, NC 28349



# JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION for Fall 2012

(Applicants must submit this application in order to be considered.)

*Please print clearly with a pen.*

### Personal Information

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

*Last*

*First*

*Middle*

Mailing address

\_\_\_\_\_

(Street or PO Box #)

City

State

Zip Code

Home telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

JSCC ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be completed)

### Educational Information

Please list in order all schools, colleges, and universities you have attended. Official transcripts from each institution must be sent directly to the Admissions Office at JSCC.

School/college/university and location  
major

dates of attendance

degree awarded

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Where did you graduate or expect to graduate from high school. Official transcripts from any high school **attended must be sent directly to the Admissions Office at JSCC.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *high school*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city, state*

\_\_\_\_\_ *year*

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### Previous Nursing Education

Have you ever been admitted or enrolled in a nursing program? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If so, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

### License/Certifications

List any license or certification that you currently hold. \_\_\_\_\_

### General Education Requirements

Please list only the courses you are **currently taking or will take prior to Fall 2012**. *If you are taking courses at other colleges, you will need to have official updated transcripts sent to the Admissions Office prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

<i>Course number/title</i>	<i>credit hours</i>	<i>completion date</i>	<i>college/university</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*Attach a separate sheet if necessary.*

### Signature

To the best of my knowledge all the information provided on this application is accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date received in Health Education Office \_\_\_\_\_