



**Practical Nursing Program  
Fall 2025**

**Admission Requirements  
and  
Nursing Program Application**



**Please read the information in this packet carefully to understand the admission criteria and process.** The admission criteria have been changed for Fall 2025 consideration.

This packet includes the admission requirements for the Practical Nursing Program, information regarding the technical standards, and other related information. If you have any questions or need additional information, you are encouraged to contact us at 910- 275-6271 or email Mary Mical, Administrative Assistant for Health Education, at [mmical@jamesprunt.edu](mailto:mmical@jamesprunt.edu).

**Application Deadline for First Consideration is February 1, 2025.**

**Completed applications submitted after this date will be considered only if a seat is available or if placed on the waiting list.**

Interested students who do not have a valid social security number should contact the Dean of Health Education at 910-275-6272 to discuss possible program restrictions before applying to the nursing programs.

**This information supersedes all previously published information.**

**JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (JSCC)  
PRACTICAL NURSING (PN)**

**Admissions Requirements and Criteria**

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 first consideration for fall entry.

**The following admission criteria will be used to select applicants to the PN Program for Fall 2025.**

1. **Complete a NEW or UPDATE a JSCC school application & designate PN as a major.** The applicant can only designate **one** health education program. The applicant may complete the application online at [www.jamessprunt.edu](http://www.jamessprunt.edu) or come on campus and complete the application online in the Admissions Department in the Strickland Building if you are a new student. The applicant must indicate which semester and year they plan to begin classes at JSCC. *(If you are currently enrolled as a student at JSCC and have already selected PN as your major, then you have a current application on file.)*
2. **Submit official transcripts from all high schools and colleges attended and GED scores, if applicable,** to the Admissions Office in Strickland Building (mailing address is PO Box 398, Kenansville, NC 28349). If the transcripts are opened, they are not considered official and will not be accepted.
3. **Students may be required to take the RISE placement test to determine their point of entry into the non-nursing courses.** (See below.) Call Student Services at 910-275-6360 to register for the test.

Applicants must meet minimum English and math requirements through one of the following:

- An unweighted U.S. High School GPA or Adult High School (AHS) GPA of 2.8 or greater
- Transferable credit in English and math (you will need to submit official transcripts to student services to receive a transcript evaluation of your prior college coursework.)
- An Associate's Degree or higher
- SAT or ACT scores within the last ten years that would allow for placement into ENG 111 and placement out of transition math
- GED completion since 2014 with a minimum score of 165 on all subject tests
- Hiset completion since 2014 with a minimum score of 15 on all subject tests and a minimum score of 4 on the essay.
- Completion of RISE, NCDAP, Accuplacer, Compass, or Asset Placement Test within the last ten years that would allow placement into ENG 111 and placement out of transition math. If a placement test was taken at another College, you must submit an official score report to student services.

• Exemption from developmental courses or completion of developmental courses with a Passing (P) grade. These developmental courses include:

- DRE 096-098 or
- ENG 002 (P2) or
- ENG 002 (P1) and ENG 011 or
- DMA 010-050 or
- MAT 003 (P2) or
- MAT 003 (P1) and MAT 043 or
- MAT 003 (P1) and MAT 052

Placement test scores other than RISE and completed DRE and DMA courses are only good for ten (10) years unless a college-level English and Math course is completed within the ten (10) year period. Rise placement test scores are good for ten (10) years.

If placement tests were completed at another college, the applicant would need to request that official scores be sent to our Admissions Office at P.O. Box 398, Kenansville, NC 28349 (placement test scores will not be sent with the official transcript unless you specifically request for scores to be sent).

The applicant must either be exempt from the specific program's Basic General Education Courses or have completed all required Basic General Education Courses with a grade of 'C' or higher or a 'P' pass grade by the deadline to be eligible for admission consideration.

- 4. Take the Assessment Technologies Institute Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS).** All applicants are required to take the ATI TEAS and score at least the minimum national proficiency level for the selected program before the February 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline.

***For Fall 2025 consideration, the following minimum score will be accepted: An overall Total Score of 58.7% (Proficiency). Additional points in reading, math, science, and English are awarded based on percentages in each area. (Please see Point Count Sheet).***

Scores will only count if taken on or after May 1, 2024. The applicant may take the ATI TEAS three times during a 12-month period, with a minimum of 60 days between the three testing dates. The required scores must be obtained from the same test. Individual scores from different tests will not be combined. ATI TEAS scores will not be considered for students who test more than three times in a 12-month period or retest within 60 days. Only ATI TEAS scores within the last **five years** will be accepted.

Scores are automatically sent to JSCC for applicants who test on campus; however, applicants who test at another institution must contact the ATI Testing Center to request that an electronic transcript of scores be sent to JSCC. Only the updated ATI TEAS scores will be accepted. The official score report must be received by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Applicants interested in registering and taking the ATI TEAS at JSCC should contact Mr. Todd Hunter at 910-275-6265 or the Health Education Department at 910-275-6271 for additional information.

- 5. Complete high school or equivalent college **biology** course with a minimum grade of 'C' or above by the February 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline. The completed courses cannot be over ten (10) years from the program start date (8/2025). Courses completed before Fall 2015 will not be considered.**

- 6. Be listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry on or by July 1**, with no substantiated finding of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility.

(For requirement #5, an official transcript must be on file in the Admissions Office by the deadline to verify course completion.)

**Complete and submit the separate application and attached checklist for the desired nursing program if you expect to meet all the admission criteria by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If you are not expecting to complete the admission criteria by the deadline, you will need to explain on the application why the admission criteria have not been met (for example, an applicant may be taking a required course during the spring semester and may not have a final grade until after the application deadline). Failure to complete any requirements as stated will delay the application process.**

*This packet includes a separate application and check-off list. To be considered, the applicant must complete and submit both to the Health Education Department in the Hoffler Building. Only applicants submitting the separate nursing application will receive a written response regarding admission to the program.*

**Note:** High School seniors may apply for provisional acceptance pending completion of admission requirements (biology) and graduation. They are encouraged to contact the Health Education Office at 910-275-6271 for further information.

**IMPORTANT:** Completed and current JSCC school and separate nursing application, submission of all transcripts, ATI TEAS scores, and 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. Refer to the point sheet included in this packet. Applicants completing all requirements after this deadline will be considered if space is available or placed on the waiting list for the program.

**If not selected, applicants must reapply and complete all the admission requirements for the next fall admission period. Since the admission criteria and process may be revised, it is important to contact the Health Education Department for updated information.**

Please refer to the college catalog for additional information about the program requirements.

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## Nursing Programs Technical Standards

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. For 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. Instead, 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 applicant's responsibility to read the technical standards carefully and to ask for clarification of any standard that is not understood.

## NURSING PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS

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

Criterion	Standard	Examples of Necessary Behaviors (not all-inclusive)
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	Critical thinking skills sufficient for clinical judgment.	<i>Nursing students must be able to identify cause-effect relationships in actual or simulated clinical situations, analyze data, and develop or participate in the development of nursing care plans.</i>
<b>Communication</b>	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in both verbal and written form.	<i>Nursing students must be able to explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, and document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses.</i>
<b>Interpersonal skills</b>	Interpersonal abilities are sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	<i>Nursing students must be able to establish rapport with patients/clients, families, and colleagues.</i>
<b>Mobility</b>	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	<i>Nursing students must move around patient/client rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas and administer cardiopulmonary procedures.</i>
<b>Motor skills</b>	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	<i>Move, calibrate, and use equipment and supplies; lift, transfer, and position mobile and immobile patients/clients.</i>

<b>Auditory ability</b>	Auditory ability sufficient to assess and monitor health needs for assessment and observation of patients.	<i>Nursing students must be able to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, and cries for help.</i>
<b>Visual ability</b>	Visual ability sufficient for physical assessment, performance of nursing procedures, and maintenance of environmental safety.	<i>Nursing students must be able to observe patient/client responses such as skin color, facial expression, and specimen color.</i>
<b>Tactile ability</b>	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and performance of nursing procedures.	<i>Nursing students must be able to perform palpation, functions of physical examination, and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., catheter insertion.</i>
<b>Emotional stability and mental alertness</b>	Emotion stability and mental alertness sufficient in performing nursing care.	<i>Maintain a calm and efficient manner in high-stress situations with patients/clients, families, and colleagues.</i>

**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.

### Additional Information about PN Clinical and Program Requirements

**The following information and requirements do not affect the admission selection process and only need to be completed if you are accepted into the program.**

This information is provided to assist the applicant with the planning process. For questions or additional information, please contact our office at (910) 275-6271.

After provisionally accepted, students will be provided with instructions regarding the following requirements:

- 1. Complete and maintain current CPR certification during the program. The only CPR Certification level accepted is the American Heart Association—BLS—Provider Level.**
- 2. Complete a Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening after the summer orientation.** (This MUST be completed before the start of the semester.) During the new orientation, students are given instructions and information on how to complete the nursing program requirements. *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 the 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 during new student orientation.*

**James Sprunt Community College  
Practical Nursing Curriculum**

Fall	Prefix	Course Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Sem Hours Cr
	ACA 115 or ACA 122	Success & Study Skills College Transfer Success	0 0	2 2	0 0	1 or 1
	BIO 163	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	4	2	0	5
	NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	7	6	6	11
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	Prefix	Course Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Sem Hours Cr
	ENG 111	Writing Inquiry	3	0	0	3
	NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	7	0	9	10
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>

Summer	Prefix	Course Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Sem Hours Cr
	NUR 103	Practical Nursing III	6	0	9	9
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>

**Total Program Hours – 42**

*Effective Fall 2010*

*Revised April 11, 2012, Revised March 11, 2013, Revised April 15, 2015, April 28, 2016, April 20, 2017, May 19, 2022, September 8, 2022*

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## JSCC PN POINT COUNT SHEET for Fall 2025

**For Information Purpose Only – Do not submit with the application**

**\*To receive credit, supporting documentation must be submitted with the application\***

Section A. High School/College Coursework (All sciences must be within ten years of the program start date.)	Section B. ATI Admissions Test A total score of 58.7% is required to apply to a program of choice. Academic Proficiency Preparedness Level	
Current High School Senior with an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher	25 points	91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
Current JSCC GPA (4.0 – 3.5)	25 points	91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
(3.4 – 3.0)	20 points	
(2.9 – 2.5)	15 points	
(2.4 – 2.0)	10 points	
High School/College Chemistry	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
High School/College Biology	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
BIO 168 (Anatomy & Physiology) I	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
BIO 169 (Anatomy & Physiology) II	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
BIO 163 (Basic Anatomy & Physiology)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
PSY 150 (General Psychology)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	<b>Total Points: _____ (40-point max)</b>
PSY 241 (Developmental Psychology)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
ENG 111 (Writing Inquiry)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
ENG 112 (Writing/Research Disciplines) or ENG 114 (Professional Research & Reporting)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
CIS 110 (Introduction to Computers)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
CIS 111 (Basic PC Literacy)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
ACA 115 (Success and Study Skills) or ACA 122 (College Transfer Success)	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
Humanities/Fine Arts	A – 6 points B – 4 points C – 2 points	
<b>Section A Total Points:</b>		
		<b>Total Points: _____</b>
<b>Section C. Educational Experience, Licenses, and Certifications</b>		
Educational Experience or current licensure/certification – Must submit proof of completion or certification/license with application. (points are per individual experience, license, or certification)		
Health Science/Health Science Academy	1 point X	=
EMT Basic/AEMT, Dental Assisting, Phlebotomy, Certificate in Medical Assisting	2 points X	=
NA II, Medic, EMT Intermediate, Radiography, Surgical Technology, Dental Hygiene, Respiratory Therapy, Polysomnography	3 points X	=
EMT Paramedic, LPN, OTA, PTA, Massage Therapy, Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4 points X	=
		<b>Section C Total Points:</b>
<b>Summation of Point Totals</b>		
Section A Score		
Section B Score		
Section C Score		
		<b>Total Points: _____</b>

## JSCC Practical Nursing Program Estimated Expenses 2025-2026

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
<p><b><u>In-State Tuition/Fees*</u></b> \$1,285.00 – 16-21 hrs (Includes general ed and nursing courses)</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-State Tuition/Fees*</u></b> \$4,357.00 – 16-21 hours</p> <p><b><u>Books**</u></b> \$ 1,000 - \$1,500 (Nursing or all courses)</p> <p><b><u>Other Costs ***</u></b> -Physical exam, immunizations/CPR ❖ Varies from \$150-\$300</p> <p>-Liability Insurance ❖ \$15</p> <p>-CARP Fees ❖ \$432</p> <p>-CastleBranch ❖ Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening Approx. \$180</p> <p>-Rotation Manager ❖ Approx. \$35</p> <p>-myClinicalExchange ❖ Approx. \$80</p> <p>-Uniforms/Medical equipment and supplies - \$350</p>	<p><b><u>In-State Tuition/Fees*</u></b> \$1,285.00 – 16-21 hrs (Includes general ed and nursing courses)</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-State Tuition/Fees*</u></b> \$4,357.00 – 16-21 hours</p> <p><b><u>Books**</u></b> \$0 - \$350.00 (Just nursing or all courses)</p> <p><b><u>Other Costs ***</u></b> -CARP Fees ❖ \$432</p>	<p><b><u>In-State Tuition/Fees*</u></b> \$1,285.00 – 16 hrs (Includes general ed and nursing courses)</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-State Tuition/Fees*</u></b> \$4,357 – 16 hours</p> <p><b><u>Books**</u></b> \$ 0-\$300 (Just nursing or all courses)</p> <p><b><u>Other Costs ***</u></b> -CARP Fees ❖ \$432</p> <p>F&amp;S Review ❖ Approx. \$260</p> <p>Graduation Expenses - (Pinning Ceremony and Nursing Pin) ❖ \$50.00-\$100.00</p> <p>Application for NCLEX-PN ❖ \$330</p>
<p>Estimated Total In-State for the Semester \$ 3570</p>	<p>Estimated Total In-State for the Semester \$ 1695</p>	<p>Estimated Total In-State for the Semester \$ 894</p>
<p>Estimated Total Out-of-State for the Semester: \$6642</p>	<p>Estimated Total Out-of-State for the Semester: \$4767</p>	<p>Estimated Total Out-of-State for the Semester: \$2238</p>

\* Tuition and Fees are subject to change      \*\*Book prices may      \*\*\*Costs vary and are subject to change

**Estimated Program Total for In-state: \$7,000-\$12,000**

**Estimated Program Total for Out of state - \$20,000-\$25,000**

❖ The cost will be reduced if students only need nursing courses.

(Students receiving financial aid may be able to charge some of the expenses listed above. Some charges, such as drug screening, criminal background checks, uniforms, medical supply kits, physical examinations and immunizations, and CPR certification, cannot be charged to financial aid. For more information regarding anticipated costs, please contact our office at 910-275-6271)

**\*\*\*Please Keep Pages 1-10 As Your Reference Guide\*\*\***





## General Education Requirements

Please complete the chart below identifying the courses you have taken, are currently taking, or will take them before the end of Spring 2025.

Course Description/No.	Grade	Course Completion	HS/College/University
<i>Example:</i> <i>Introduction to Computers</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Summer 2021</i>	<i>James Sprunt Community College</i>
<b>Chemistry HS, 092, 151</b>			
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I BIO 168</b>			
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II BIO 169</b>			
<b>General Psychology PSY 150</b>			
<b>Developmental Psychology 241</b>			
<b>College Transfer Success ACA 122</b>			
<b>Introduction to Computers CIS 110</b>			
<b>English 111</b>			
<b>English 112 or English 114</b>			
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts</b>			

## Licensed and Certifications

List any healthcare-related license or program certification you currently hold on the chart below. The license or certification must be current and valid.

*(Please attach a copy of the license or certificate to this application)*

License or Certification	Expiration Date

**Have you taken the ATI TEAS Test (Nurse Entrance Test)?**

Yes      No

**Have ATI TEAS Test Scores been sent to the Health Education Department?**

Yes      No

## Interview Questions

The faculty members and staff of the Health Education Department are interested in learning more about you. Please answer the following questions below, as we want to learn more about why you chose to embark on this beautiful journey to become a nurse. *(Attach additional paper if needed.)*

1. Tell our selection committee about yourself.

2. What was the main factor that influenced your decision to become a nurse?

3. Why should we admit you over other qualified applicants into our nursing program?

4. In your opinion, what essential characteristics or traits should a nurse possess?

5. The field of nursing consists of interprofessional collaboration and teamwork. Describe a time when you worked as part of a highly diverse team.

## Signature

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

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

***Return the completed Application and Required Documents to:***

JSCC, Health Education Department  
 P.O. Box 398  
 Kenansville, NC 28349

### For the Health Education Department Only

I have received this application for the applicant listed above on \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of the person receiving the application)*

**Applicant will receive points based on the overall score in each section (See ATI TEAS Test Scores for Results)**

<b>Reading</b> _____ % = _____ pts 91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts	<b>Math</b> _____ % = _____ pts 91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 58% - 68% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
<b>Science</b> _____ % = _____ pts 91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 68% - 58% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts	<b>ELU</b> _____ % = _____ pts 91% - 100% = 10 pts 80% - 90% = 8 pts 69% - 79% = 6 pts 68% - 58% = 2 pts Below 58% = 0 pts
<b>Total Points: (40-point maximum)</b>	

	Yes	No	NA
<b>JSCC School Application on File</b>			
<b>Complete Application</b>			
<b>High School &amp; College Transcripts in Etrieve</b>			
<b>Copy of Licenses and Certificates</b>			
<b>ATI TEAS Scores on File</b>			
<b>Biology (HS or College)</b>			
<b>Chemistry (HS or College)</b>			
<b>NC Nurse Aide I Registry</b>			

**\*\*\*Please Return Pages 11 – 15 to the Health Education Department\*\*\***