



Practical Nursing Program Fall 2026

Admission Requirements & 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 2026 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 Mrs. Sarah Penick, Administrative Assistant for Health Education, at spenick@jamessprunt.edu.

Application Deadline for First Consideration is February 2, 2026.

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 2** 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 2026.

- 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 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. Applicants may be required to take the EdReady 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 (if needed).**

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 EdReady, 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
- MAT 025 or Mat 035 (“C” or higher)

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 that scores 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 2 application deadline.

For Fall 2026 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 February 2.

Applicants interested in registering and taking the ATI TEAS at JSCC should contact Mrs. Jena Gutierrez at 910.275.6265 or the Health Education Department at 910.275.6271 for additional information.

5. Complete a high school or equivalent college **biology** course with a minimum grade of ‘C’ or above by the February 2 application deadline. The completed courses cannot be over ten (10) years from the program start date (8/2026). Courses completed before Fall 2016 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 2 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 forms 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 2 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.

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 they 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 are 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)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking skills are 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>
Communication	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>
Interpersonal skills	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>
Mobility	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>
Motor skills	Gross and fine motor abilities are 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>
Auditory ability	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>
Visual ability	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>
Tactile ability	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>
Emotional stability and mental alertness	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 being 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
		Total Hours	11	10	6	17

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
		Total Hours	13	0	9	16

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

BIO 168 and 169 can be used in place of BIO 163

Total Program Hours – 42

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

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JSCC Practical Nursing Program Estimated Expenses 2026-2027

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
<u>In-State Tuition/Fees*</u> \$1,285.00 – 16-21 hrs (Includes general ed and nursing courses)	<u>In-State Tuition/Fees*</u> \$1,285.00 – 16-21 hrs (Includes general ed and nursing courses)	<u>In-State Tuition/Fees*</u> \$1,285.00 – 16 hrs (Includes general ed and nursing courses)
<u>Out-of-State Tuition/Fees*</u> \$4,357.00 – 16-21 hours	<u>Out-of-State Tuition/Fees*</u> \$4,357.00 – 16-21 hours	<u>Out-of-State Tuition/Fees*</u> \$4,357 – 16 hours
<u>Books**</u> \$ 1,000 - \$1,500 (Nursing or all courses)	<u>Books**</u> \$0 - \$350.00 (Just nursing or all courses)	<u>Books**</u> \$ 0-\$300 (Just nursing or all courses)
<u>Other Costs ***</u> -Physical exam, immunizations/CPR ❖ Varies from \$150-\$300 -Liability Insurance ❖ \$15 -CARP Fees ❖ \$458.67 -CastleBranch ❖ Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening Approx. \$160 -Rotation Manager ❖ Approx. \$52.49/year -myClinicalExchange ❖ Approx. \$80 -Uniforms/Medical equipment and supplies - \$350	<u>Other Costs ***</u> -CARP Fees ❖ \$458.67	<u>Other Costs ***</u> -CARP Fees ❖ \$458.67 F&S Review ❖ Approx. \$260 Graduation Expenses - (Pinning Ceremony and Nursing Pin) ❖ \$50.00-\$100.00 Application for NCLEX-PN ❖ \$330
Estimated Total In-State for the Semester \$ 3570	Estimated Total In-State for the Semester \$ 1695	Estimated Total In-State for the Semester \$ 894
Estimated Total Out-of-State for the Semester: \$6642	Estimated Total Out-of-State for the Semester: \$4767	Estimated Total Out-of-State for the Semester: \$2238

* 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*****

JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Application Period – September 2, 2025, through February 2, 2026

The Fall 2026 selection process is subject to change when extenuating circumstances arise. If any changes occur involving JSCC's ability to adhere to the information stated in this application, JSCC will reserve the right to make adjustments and will make every effort to communicate these to the applicants promptly.

Please type or print clearly with a black or blue pen.

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

JSCC ID #: _____ **JSCC Email:** _____

Physical Address:

(Street or PO Box #) City State Zip Code

County

Mailing Address: (If different from above)

(Street or PO Box #) City State Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ (Home)

Telephone: (____) _____ (Cell)

Emergency Contact:

_____ <i>Name</i>	() _____ - _____ <i>Telephone No.</i>	_____ <i>Relationship</i>
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General Education Information

Have you completed the JSCC General Admission Application and selected PN program code D45660 with a start semester of Fall 2026?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your academic standing at JSCC?

☐ Good ☐ Warning ☐ Probation ☐ N/A – have not attended JSCC

Have you been previously enrolled in a nursing program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate the name of the institution, year(s) of attendance, and reason for non-progression

Where and when did you graduate or obtain your High School Equivalency? Official transcripts from any high school attended must be sent directly to the Admissions Office at JSCC.

<i>High School/Institution</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Year</i>
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Please list all colleges and universities you have attended. Official transcripts from each institution must be sent directly to the Admissions Office at JSCC.

College & University/ Location	Date of Attendance	Degree Awarded	Major
<i>Example:</i> <i>UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC</i>	<i>1998 - 2022</i>	<i>BA</i>	<i>Sociology</i>

General Education Requirements

Please complete the chart below identifying the courses you have taken, are currently taking, or will take before the end of Spring 2026.

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>
Basic Anatomy & Physiology (BIO 163) OR Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 168) and Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 169)			
Success & Study Skills (ACA 115) OR College Transfer Success (ACA 122)			
General Psychology (PSY 150)			
Writing and Inquiry (ENG 111)			

Licenses and Certifications

List any healthcare-related license or program certification you currently hold in 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. Tell me about a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

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

5. Nurses often work as part of a healthcare team. How do you handle working with individuals who have different personalities or viewpoints?

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)

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

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

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