

Practical Nursing Certificate (PN)

Advising Sheet and Degree Pathway

All prerequisite courses must be completed before you apply.

Every Step 1 course must be finished with a grade of C or better when you submit your nursing program application. **Start with BIO 103:** it is required before BIO 201, and BIO 201 is required before BIO 202.

STEP 1 Complete All Prerequisite Courses <i>before you apply</i>					
Done	Course	Course Title	Credit Hours	Contact Hours	Course Notes
START HERE: complete BIO 103 before Semester 1					
☐	BIO 103	Principles of Biology I	4	5	Must be completed before BIO 201.
Semester 1 PRE-NUR (Prerequisites)			11	12	<i>Term total</i>
☐	ENG 101	English Composition I	3	3	
☐	BIO 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	5	Prerequisite: BIO 103.
☐	MTH 100	Intermediate College Algebra	3	3	Or higher-level math.
☐	ORI 101	College Orientation	1	1	Required, no exceptions, unless student transfers in 12 or more credit hours.
Semester 2 PRE-NUR (Prerequisites)			10	11	<i>Term total</i>
☐	BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	5	Prerequisite: BIO 201.
☐	PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3	3	PSY 200 does not substitute.
☐	SPH 106 or 107	Fundamentals of Oral Communication or Public Speaking	3	3	Choose one.
Total Prerequisite Hours			25	28	

Program total: 50 credit hours (25 academic and 25 nursing), five semesters: two prerequisite semesters and three nursing semesters. BIO 103 and ORI 101 are included in the program total.

This degree pathway document serves as both an advising resource and a course planning guide for faculty and students. It is strongly recommended that students enroll in required math and English courses during their first semester. Please note that course availability and offerings may vary based on enrollment trends.

Full-Time Enrollment: This document serves as a plan only and does not guarantee full-time status. Full-time status requires registration in at least 12 credit hours per semester, and several semesters in this pathway fall below 12. Students who need full-time status for financial aid or other purposes should see their advisor and the Office of Financial Aid before registering.

STEP 2 **Apply to the Nursing Program** *admission requirements*

In addition to the general admission requirements for the College, admission into the nursing program requires:

- Unconditional admission to the College.
- Receipt of a completed application for admission to the nursing program before the published deadline.
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at the current, native institution, or a cumulative 2.5 GPA at the institution from which the student is transferring.
- Official results of the ACT (a minimum composite score of 18 is required) submitted to the Registrar's Office with a copy attached to the nursing program application, **OR** official TEAS results with a minimum score of 58.
- **Completion of ALL prerequisite courses listed in Step 1 at the time of application, each with a grade of C or better. Practical Nursing general education courses:**
 - **BIO 103 Principles of Biology I** (*take first*)
 - **BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I**
 - **BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II**
 - **ENG 101 English Composition I**
 - **MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra** (*or higher*)
 - **PSY 210 Human Growth and Development**
 - **SPH 106 or 107 Speech**
 - **ORI 101 College Orientation** (*see Step 1 note*)
- Math and science courses must be within a 5-year period of application to the nursing program for eligibility requirements.

Admission is selective and competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

STEP 3 **Complete the Nursing Courses** *after acceptance into the program*

Done	Course	Course Title	Credit Hours	Contact Hours	Course Notes
Nursing Semester 1			7	13	<i>Term total</i>
☐	NUR 112	Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	7	13	Program admission required.
Nursing Semester 2			8	16	<i>Term total</i>
☐	NUR 113	Nursing Concepts I	8	16	Prerequisite: NUR 112.
Nursing Semester 3			10	18	<i>Term total</i>
☐	NUR 114	Nursing Concepts II	8	14	After NUR 113. Take with NUR 115.
☐	NUR 115	Evidence-Based Clinical Reasoning	2	4	After NUR 113. Take with NUR 114.
Total Nursing Hours			25	47	

Graduates earn the Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-PN.

PN Program Accreditation: The Practical Nursing program at Trenholm State Community College, located in Montgomery, AL, is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326; telephone (404) 975-5000; www.acenursing.org. The program is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing.