



PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

To be eligible for program entry on a space available basis you must submit a complete packet containing all of the following items. Forms can be downloaded from the BTC website at: www.btc.ctc.edu Student Resources/Admissions & Advising/Publications and Forms.

1. Attend a Practical Nursing Information session offered several times per month. Call Admissions & Advising at 360-752-8345 to sign up.
2. The "Practical Nursing Application Completion Form" verifying completion of all admissions steps.
3. Admissions Application identifying the year and quarter you want to start. The full-time day cohort begins fall, winter, and spring quarters. The full-time evening and part-time day cohorts begin in the fall quarter only.
4. Applicant Notification: Washington State Patrol Criminal History Background Check form.
5. Official transcripts in sealed envelopes containing evidence of completion of the eight courses listed below. BTC transcripts can be unofficial.

Practical Nursing General Education Courses	Credits	Grade	Prerequisite Requirements
English Composition (ENGL& 101)	5	2.0	COM 170, or Reading and Sentence Skills assessment scores
Elementary Algebra (MATH 098) or Intermediate Algebra (MATH 099)	5	2.0	MATH 090, or appropriate assessment score
General Psychology (PSYC& 100)	5	2.0	COM 170, ENGL &101, or assessment scores
General Biology w/Lab (BIOL& 160)	5	2.0	COM 170, ENGL& 101, or assessment scores
Human A&P 1 (BIOL& 241) (Must be no older than 5 years at the time you are eligible for placement on the program wait list)	5	2.0	General Biology w/lab (BIOL& 160)
Human A&P 2 (BIOL& 242) (Must be no older than 5 years at the time you are eligible for placement on the program wait list)	5	2.0	Human A&P 1(BIOL& 241)
Pharmacology for PN's (NUR 105)* (Must be no older than 5 years at the time you are eligible for placement on the program wait list)	2	2.0	Elementary Algebra (MATH 098) and General Biology (BIOL&160)
Nursing Assistant Essentials (NA 101/102)** (Includes 7 hr HIV/AIDS training)	6.5	P	Reading and Arithmetic assessment scores

*BTC only accepts equivalent nursing program pharmacology courses to satisfy NUR 105. Pharmacology courses within Medical Assisting and other allied health programs are not considered equivalent.

Training may be conducted in a college setting or at another agency or institution. Acceptable evidence includes college transcripts or a training certificate. Proof of status as a Registered Nursing Assistant is **NOT sufficient.

Send program application materials & transcripts to:
Bellingham Technical College
ATTN: ADMISSIONS
3028 Lindbergh Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

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Financial Aid Eligibility

If you are attending Bellingham Technical College to obtain your general education requirements, you may apply for financial aid to help defray the cost of course work. In order to determine your eligibility for aid, you will need to complete the following two requirements **prior** to submitting a complete packet **in addition** to filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- A. Take the Accuplacer assessment tests (or be waived from them) to determine course and program placement. The assessment tests are offered four times weekly at a variety of days and times. Call 360-752-8345 to schedule a testing appointment or to inquire about test waiver.
- B. Submit a Degree/Certificate Program Admissions Application identifying the year and quarter you want to start.

Once a program seat becomes available for you:

After acceptance into the Practical Nursing program, and prior to NUR 101, you are required to:

- Demonstrate satisfactory health status by a physical examination within the preceding six months, including current immunizations.
- Submit \$10 payment for the criminal background check processing fee
- Complete an 11-panel drug screen for prohibited substances.
- Possess and maintain a current CPR card. Minimum CPR required is Adult Heartsaver (3 hrs.)
- Be 18 years of age.
- Proof of medical insurance.

Sequence & Schedule:

- The Nursing Foundation courses are sequenced and require a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) to progress to the next sequential course.
- A grade of 3.0 (B) is required in NUR 132 to graduate.
- There are no summer quarter classes. Full-time students will enroll in 22 credits per quarter. Part-time students will enroll in 11 credits per quarter. Nursing Foundations I includes: NUR 101 – Common Health Needs and NUR 102 Nursing Practice I. Nursing Foundations II includes: NUR 121 – Common Health Disturbances I and NUR 122 – Nursing Practice II. Nursing Foundations III includes: NUR 131 – Common Health Disturbances II and NUR 132 – Nursing Practice III.

Full-time Practical Nursing program:

Classes are held between the hours of 8am and 3pm **or** 3pm and 10pm on campus. Nursing practice NUR 102, 122, and 132 are the lab/clinical courses and are 8 hours a day; times vary depending on the clinical location and the shift. Clinical shifts may include evening and weekends. A full-time program of study will be completed over 3 quarters.

Part-time Practical Nursing sections:

Students may enter in September only. Hours vary depending on class schedules. Nursing Foundation courses are two or three days a week, generally between the hours of 8am and 3pm on campus. Nursing Practice NUR 102, 122, and 132 are the lab/clinical courses and are 8 hours a day. Times vary depending on the clinical location and the shift. Clinical shifts may include evenings and weekends. Students must be able to accommodate the various clinical schedules. A part-time program of study will be completed over 6 quarters.

In order to be eligible to apply for licensure in Washington State and take the National Council Licensing Examination, you must:

1. Complete the Practical Nursing program;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Be of good physical and mental health; and
4. Be of good moral character.

If you have questions or need additional information about the assessment or admissions process, please feel free to contact Admissions at 360-752-8345.