



**NEWH NURSING CONSORTIUM  
PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION  
ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE FOR FALL 2011  
QUALIFICATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

Students are admitted to the Consortium in accordance with policies approved by the Policy Board. The four Consortium colleges do not guarantee admission to the nursing program to every student who seeks admission. Completion of the nursing curriculum does not guarantee success in passing the licensure exam. A nursing student must be admitted/readmitted to the nursing program in order to take courses for credit in any nursing (NUR) course.

Admission to the Practical Nursing Education program is limited. The deadline to complete the application process (Steps 1-4 below) is February 1, 2011. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all requirements are met by the established deadline.** Deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students.

HCC does not maintain a waiting list. Applicants not selected to enter the Practical Nursing Education program must reapply each year by completing an Allied Health Program Application Form.

**How Do I Apply to the Practical Nursing Education Program?**

1. Your admissions file must contain the following:
  - a. Application for admission to HCC indicating “Licensed Practical Nurse” D45660.
  - b. Official high school transcript or GED scores. Currently enrolled high school students are required to submit a partial transcript at time of application. A final transcript must be submitted at the time of graduation.
  - c. Official post-secondary transcripts.
  - d. Copy of your signed Social Security card.
  
2. Complete the following:
  - a. ASSET placement test. For each of these courses, you must either make the following placement test scores, successfully complete the developmental courses at HCC or receive credit for regular college courses. Placement scores are valid for 2 years from date of testing (if continuously enrolled) and must be valid at point of entry (first day of class).
    1. Writing and Reading: score 41 or take ENG095/95A
    2. Math: score 41 or take MAT060
    3. Algebra: score 41 or take MAT070

Recent high school graduates scoring 500 or more on verbal and math portions on the SAT exam are exempt from taking College placement tests. SAT scores cannot be over 5 years old. See current HCC policy for COMPASS and ACCUPLACER evaluation.
  
3. Attend an information session. This information session is part of the entry requirements, is mandatory and must be attended by the February 1, 2011 deadline. See dates in this packet.
  
4. Complete an Application for Allied Health Program indicating “Licensed Practical Nurse” D45660 Fall 2011. Step 3 (Information Session) must be completed prior to filling out this application.

## What is the TEAS?

The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is given to all students applying for admission into the NEWH Nursing Consortium. The scores are used to qualify students for a specific nursing program.

1. The TEAS is given only to those who have met all entry requirements (from the previous page) and qualify by February 1, 2011. The required minimum overall score is 62% and the minimum score for the reading portion is 76%. There is a study guide available in the bookstore and it is highly recommended you review the material prior to taking the test. You may test once per year in the Consortium. All students are required to pay \$25.00 fee to take the exam. Picture ID will be required to take the exam. Test scores are valid for two years and must be valid at point of entry (first day of class).

The TEAS assessment is multiple-choice and tests the following four areas:

Section 1 – Reading; 50 minutes to answer 40 questions

This section covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.

Section 2 – Mathematics; 56 minutes to answer 45 questions

This section covers whole number, metric conversions, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, diagrams/graphs, and ratio/proportion. You cannot use a calculator. Scratch paper and pencils will be provided for you.

Section 3 – Science; 38 minutes to answer 30 questions

This sections covers science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, physics, and general science.

Section 4 – English and Language usage; 65 minutes to answer 55 questions

This section covers punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.

## Is there a Ranking Process? How Does It Work?

Should there be more qualified applicants than space available the following criteria will be used to determine those selected for admission:

- a. Overall TEAS score of 62% and sub-score of 76% on reading
- b. Academic performance points (GPA) on a minimum of 4 hours on nursing related curriculum
- c. Total number of science courses in the nursing curriculum with a “C” or better
- d. Currently certified as NA I, NA II or successful completion of allied health curriculum

## What Happens Next?

The Allied Health Review Committee consists of: Dean of Student Services, Dean of Curriculum, and Vice-President of Academic Affairs. After meeting all entry requirements, students are ranked according to the criteria listed above. In addition, the Allied Health Selection Committee reviews all qualified applicants' transcripts, TEAS scores, and ranking sheets and then selects those with the highest *Grand Total Score*. Other qualified applicants are placed on an alternate list and are sorted from highest to lowest by *Grand Total Score*. These students are notified as seats become available prior to first day of class. Applicants not selected to enter are required to reapply for the following year.

## How Will I Know if I am Selected?

Conditional acceptance letters are mailed. All conditionally accepted applicants must return their Notice of Intent to the Allied Health Admissions Office by the designated deadline. Applicants returning the Notice of Intent by the deadline will receive additional information regarding health forms, background checks, CPR certification, and other requirements from the Nursing Department Head.

**HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
NEWH NURSING CONSORTIUM  
PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION  
PREQUALIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This checklist is designed to keep you updated on the required admission criteria. As you complete each step of the process, place a check mark by the appropriate category. This checklist is for your records

Items to be completed by February 1, 2011:

- ( ) 1. Application for admission to HCC indicating LPN (D45660).
- ( ) 2. Copy of signed Social Security card.
- ( ) 3. Submit official high school transcript or GED scores.
- ( ) 4. Submit college and or/school of nursing transcripts for college transfer credits (if applicable).
- ( ) 5. Take the college placement test (ASSET) or have credit for MAT 060, MAT 070, and ENG 095 or higher level courses.

Writing/Reading: score 41 or take ENG095/95A

Math: score 41 or take MAT060

Algebra: score 41 or take MAT070

Date taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date to retest \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) 6. Evidence of a 2.00 on nursing related curriculum.
- ( ) 7. Attend mandatory information session.
- ( ) 8. Application for admission indicating LPN (D45660) 2011 (blue form).

**Policy is subject to change throughout the year.**

**NEWH NURSING CONSORTIUM  
PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION  
SEMESTER CURRICULUM GUIDE  
Revised for Pre-nursing students**

**Entry requirements (must be completed by February 1, 2011)**

ENG095/A \_\_\_\_\_ (All placement scores are valid for 2 years from date of testing and  
 MAT060 \_\_\_\_\_ must be valid at point of entry [first day of class])  
 MAT070 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Info Session \_\_\_\_\_

<u>General Education Courses</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Taken/Grade</u>
ACA111 College Study Skills	1	_____
BIO106 Intro to Anat/Phys/Micro	3	_____
PSY110 Life Span Development	3	_____
ENG102 Applied Comm. II	3	_____
CIS113 Computer Basics	1	_____

<u>Core Courses (must be in nursing program)</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Taken/Grade</u>
<i>FALL SEMESTER</i>		
NUR101 Practical Nursing 1	11	_____
NUR117 Pharmacology	2	_____
<i>SPRING SEMESTER</i>		
NUR102 Practical Nursing II	12	_____
<i>SUMMER SEMESTER</i>		
NUR103 Practical Nursing III	10	_____

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## Information Sessions Schedule for Fall 2011 Applicants

Attendance at one session is required by all applicants. The session is located in room B208 of the Allied Health Sciences Building.

All sessions will last approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours.

All sessions will begin on time. Please do not arrive late.

If necessary, remember to make childcare arrangements. While adult family members are welcomed, please do not bring children.

No appointment is necessary.

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday July 14, 2010	6:00 p.m.	B208
Wednesday August 18, 2010	6:00 p.m.	B208
Wednesday September 15, 2010	6:00 p.m.	B208
Saturday October 23, 2010	10:00 a.m.	B208
Wednesday November 17, 2010	6:00 p.m.	B208
Wednesday January 19, 2011	6:00 p.m.	B208
Saturday January 22, 2011	10:00 a.m.	B208
Wednesday January 26, 2011	6:00 p.m.	B208
Tuesday, February 1, 2011	3:00 p.m.	B208

There will be no make-up information sessions. Students who fail to attend an information session by the February 1, 2011 deadline will not be eligible for admission to the nursing program for Fall 2011.