

A red and yellow trolley is shown on a street. The trolley has large windows and a sign on its side that says "2020". The background shows a clear blue sky and some utility poles. The text "Delgado Community College Practical Nursing Program" is overlaid at the top, "Information Bulletin Updated 05/2011" is in the middle, and "Sixteen months is all that is needed to begin a wonderful nursing career." is at the bottom.

Delgado Community College Practical Nursing Program

Information Bulletin

Updated 05/2011

Sixteen months is all that is needed to begin
a wonderful nursing career.

The Practical Nursing Program prepares the student for a career as a licensed practical nurse. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) function as an important part of the health team, providing patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed physician.

Practical Nurses take care of patients including: feeding, bathing, and maintaining patient charts. They administer medication and monitor equipment. They also assess and monitor the health and illness of patients.

Practical Nurses are predominantly employed by:

- Physician's Offices
- Home Health Care Agencies
- Nursing Homes
- Hospitals
- Clinics

Clinical experience makes up over 50% of the total program hours. Students must submit to a drug test prior to clinical placement. Students learn patient observation skills, treatments, and medications. Clinical sites are at a variety of locations throughout the greater New Orleans and surrounding areas.

When can new students enroll?

Classes begin in fall (August) .

Deadline to submit all application materials for Fall is May 1st .

Where will I attend classes?

Classes are held at the Practical Nursing Center of Excellence, 5200 Blair Drive, Metairie, LA 70001.

When should I apply?

An application should be submitted when the student has successfully completed English, Math and Reading remedial courses.

Applicant Selection Process:

The Practical Nursing (PN) Program has a limited enrollment because of the clinical component. Therefore, admission to the PN Program is not automatic, even though applicants have submitted the required documents and may be academically qualified. Applicants are selected by the use of a profile system. Ranking for admissions will be based on the pre-nursing entrance/placement exam. Math, English and Reading composite scores, the cumulative and Delgado GPA, and the number of courses, BIOL 161, BIOL 163, and DMTP 101 successfully with a grade of "B" or higher completed. Final approval is based on maintaining a "C" (2.0) or higher in all college courses attempted and turning in all necessary forms. Applicants are selected in descending order until all available student spaces are filled, and will be notified by letter of the admission decision.

Note: A sample profile sheet is included with this bulletin.

Admission Requirements:

- Be a High School graduate or have a GED
- Be eligible to take MATH 118 and ENGL 101 by the entrance date. Students must have completed or tested out of developmental English, math and reading via Delgado Placement Testing or have exempting ACT scores. All student must be non-remedial before they apply.
- Overall college grade point average in college work attempted must be a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. All students must have some college work completed in order to have a GPA from an accredited college.
- Applicant must be in good health.

- Minimum scores must be achieved on the pre-nursing admissions exam. We accept TABE, COMPASS, and ACT for the PN program.
 - a) TABE minimum scores are Math (10.5), Reading (11.0) and Language (11.0) .
 - b) COMPASS minimum scores are Math (44), Reading (82), and Language (60).
 - c) ACT minimum scores are Math (17), Reading (19), and Language (17)
 - d) The exams must be taken within three (3) years of applications.
 - e) The exams will be administered at the Delgado Community College City Park Campus Testing and Assessment Center (Bldg.2, Room 302, 504-671-5080) or our Westbank Campus (LaRocca Hall Room 146, 504-762-3100).
 - f) PN Program exam guidelines: Examinees can test a maximum of four (4) times in a lifetime for the DCC Practical Nursing Program. The exams may be taken three (3) times in one year with a waiting period of thirty (30) days between exams. All three (3) scores must come from the same test on the same test date. The candidate must pass all three tests (reading, language, math) in one session or retake all three tests.
- Applicants are required to have CPR certification before enrollment in their first nursing course with clinical experience.
- Please note: An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. The non-citizen applicant must produce a valid permanent resident card. A copy of the card will be required.

What courses should I take?

It is recommended that you take Introductory Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 161 and 163) and Nutrition (DMTP 101) before you start your program. However, you will have time to take these classes the semester you start the nursing program. Please note, Biol 114 will not be accepted for Nutrition.

An applicant planning to later enroll in an RN program should consider taking BIOL 251, 252, 253, 254 to complete their Human Anatomy and Physiology requirement. Anatomy & Physiology and the nutrition or nutrition therapy classes must be completed within 4 years of enrollment in the Practical Nursing Program and grades must be a "B" or higher.

What is expected of a Practical Nursing Student?

A criminal record check will be required by facilities and agencies. A candidate may not have a record of pleading guilty or no contest to, or convictions of a felony, either prior to or subsequent to acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program. This includes charges or convictions that have been pardoned, expunged, or whether or not sentences have been completed.

Mandatory drug screening and a credentials check are required and may occur periodically while enrolled in the program.

Regular attendance in class and clinical is necessary for completion of the program. Students should have dependable child care for children, even a back-up plan if children become ill. Work requirements and family obligations need to be arranged before you start the program. All students are required to be available for clinical hours.

Scheduled time to study must be allocated to keep the "C" (80%) or better needed to be successful in the program. Students may be required to commute to healthcare facilities outside of the New Orleans area. Reliable transportation is a must. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from clinical sites.

Transcripts of applicants who have defaulted on previous student loans will not be sent to the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE); therefore, the student is not eligible to take the licensing exam and cannot practice as a Practical Nurse.

What happens after I receive my acceptance letter?



Once we receive your confirmation form we will inform you of your advising date. During advising you will be given an advising manual and forms needed to complete the LSBPNE process. You will also be expected to turn in a copy of your High School Diploma and birth certificate. On site registration will be available at the Delgado Technical Jefferson site after each advising session. You may register for PRNU 101 and any other courses at that time.

II. CURRICULUM

A. Program Curriculum Pattern (Fall):

Fall Admission:

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| PRNU 101 | Intro. to Practical Nursing | 3 |
| BIOL 161 | Intro. Anatomy & Physiology | 3 |
| BIOL 163 | Intro. Anat. & Physio. Lab | 1 |
| DMTP 101 | Medical Nutrition Therapy | 3 |
| PRNU 103 | Essential Nursing Skills | 3 |
| NURS 110 | Intro. to Pharmacology & Drug Dosage | $\frac{1}{14}$ |

Spring:

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| PRNU 106 | Med-Surg. Nursing I | 8 |
| PRNU 108 | Med-Surg. Nursing II | 8 |
| NURS 111 | Pharmacotherapy and Nursing | $\frac{2}{18}$ |

Summer:

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| PRNU 117 | Pediatric, Obstetrics, & Mental Health Nursing for Practical Nursing | 10 |
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Fall:

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| PRNU 124 | Med-Surg. Nursing III | 14 |
| PRNU 128 | Career Preparation for the Practical Nursing Student | $\frac{3}{17}$ |

How much does this cost?

Tuition and Fees (subject to change)

A. Tuition, Technology, Academic Excellence/Operational and ID Fee Schedule for Louisiana residents:

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| 10 credit hours | \$921.00 |
| 14 credit hours | \$1079.00 |
| 17 credit hours | \$1079.00 |
| 18 credit hours | \$1079.00 |

B. Laboratory Fees – presently being revised:

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| NURS 110-Introduction to Pharmacology & Drug Dosage | \$5.00 |
| NURS 111-Pharmacotherapy & Nursing | \$10.00 |
| PRNU 101-Introduction to PN | \$15.00 |
| PRNU 103-Essential Nursing Skills | \$60.00 |
| PRNU 106-Medical Surgical Nursing I | \$190.00 |
| PRNU 108-Medical Surgical Nursing II | \$165.00 |
| PRNU 117-Pediatrics, Obstetrical and Mental Health Nursing for Practical Nsg. | \$165.00 |
| PRNU 124-Medical Surgical Nursing III | \$205.00 |
| PRNU 128-Career Preparations for the Practical Nursing Student | \$15.00 |

The above includes handouts, lab supplies, and testing fees (for the full program)

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| C. Nurse Pack | \$106.00 |
| D. Student Government Fee | \$10.00 |
| E. Student Activity Fee | \$30.00 |
| F. LSBPNE initial fees | \$51.00 |
| G. Drug testing | \$23.00 |
| H. Credential evaluation | \$48.50 |
| I. Health Insurance (cost based on plan selected) | |
| J. Licensure exam fee | \$200.00 |



How do I get started?

- 1) Schedule to take a pre-nursing entrance/placement exam and successfully pass.
- 2) Complete the PN application. A completed application package is the DCC/CSN application, official high school transcript, original birth certificate (a copy will be made) also if birth certificate is in another language, it must be translated from an official translation service, and official transcripts from other colleges.
- 3) All paperwork must be completed by May 1st for Fall consideration.

Is there a way to become an R.N.?

Some LPNs may wish to continue their nursing education to become a registered nurse (RN). Delgado Community College offers different opportunities.

1. DCC PN graduates may receive credit for the first semester of nursing courses and can enroll in second level RN courses.
2. An LPN with one year of clinical experience may challenge nursing courses in theory and clinical via exam.
3. An LPN with two years of experience may choose a transition course.

All RN program admission requirements must be met. There are certain time frames. Information is available online or from the Admissions Office.

Questions????

Contact :

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**Delgado Community College
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Applicant Review Form**

Student Name _____

Composite score = Average of Math, Language and Reading scores

| COMPASS | TABE | ACT |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 44-65 _____ 5 pt | 10.5 _____ 5 pt | 17-18 _____ 5 pt |
| 66-85 _____ 10 pt | 11.0 _____ 10 pt | 19-20 _____ 10pt |
| > 86 _____ 15 pt | >12 _____ 15 pt | >21 _____ 15pt |

Exam Score _____

Higher Education

(Cumulative GPA) 2.0 – 2.5 _____ 5 point
 2.6 – 2.9 _____ 10 points
 > 3.0 _____ 15 points

Score _____

Nutrition Credit- Medical Nutrition Therapy (DMTP101)

Nutrition (DMTP 101) Completed _____ 25 pts
 Enrolled in Nutrition (DMTP 101) _____ 10 pt

Score _____

Anatomy and Physiology Credit (BIOL 251, 253, 252, and 254) (BIOL 161, 163)

A & P (251, 253, 252 and 254) completed _____ 20 points

A & P (161 and 163) Completed _____ 20 points

Enrolled in A & P _____ 5 point

Score _____

Bonus Points

English 101 enrolled _____ 5 point

English 101 completed _____ 10 points

Math 118 (College algebra) enrolled _____ 5 point

Math 118 (College Algebra) completed _____ 10 points

Total bonus score _____

Total profile score _____

Profiler's name _____

Profiler's recommendations _____

