

INFORMATION BULLETIN
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING
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The Marion County School of Practical Nursing is located at the Academy of Careers and Technology in Mullins, South Carolina. The nursing program is approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Board of Nursing, and is provided support by the South Carolina State Department of Education, Office of Health Science Education. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404)975-5000. Program objectives are achievable in an eighteen month course of study, consisting of two nine month segments (Phase I and Phase II) that correspond with the public school calendar. Classes begin annually in August. Phase I students attend classes from 8:30 until 11:10 each day. Phase II students have a full-time schedule, attending classes from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm three days a week. Clinical is scheduled two days a week from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm. Further information can be found at www.marion.k12.sc.us.

The program consists of a total of 1496 clock hours, of which 447 are clinical and/or lab hours. There are no college credit hours given for any of the courses.

The purpose of the Marion County School of Practical Nursing is to provide quality nursing education, incorporating professional work ethics, to meet the changing needs of healthcare. One hundred percent of graduates find jobs and historically work in long term care facilities and physician's offices. Other career opportunities are available and many graduates continue their nursing education.

The philosophy of the nursing program is congruent with the philosophy of Academy of Careers and Technology. Additionally, the nursing program subscribes to additional beliefs about the practice of nursing. These beliefs serve as the program's conceptual framework, and the curriculum and objectives flow from this. These objectives support the PEW Health Commission's Competencies for 2005 and the 21 Competencies for the Twenty-first Century and NAPNES Standards. Upon completion of the program, the graduate of the Marion County School of Practical Nursing should be able to:

1. Integrate **critical thinking** to assist with assessing, planning, intervening, and evaluating the needs of all persons.
2. Demonstrate the ability to **communicate** and interact effectively and appropriately with all persons involved in the nursing process.
3. Demonstrate ethical and **professional behaviors** according to the established legal and ethical standards for a licensed practical nurse as defined by the South Carolina Board of Nursing Scope of Practice for the practical nurse.
4. Utilize the knowledge and skills necessary to make decisions regarding the management of nursing care to achieve the optimal health status for patients and others involved in the nursing process. (**Management**)
5. Incorporate the **principles of teaching/learning** in the care of the patient to facilitate achieving and/or maintaining optimal health.
6. Provide **evidenced-based, clinically competent, culturally sensitive nursing care** in order to promote and assist with the maintenance of the health of all persons.

The Academy of Careers and Technology and nursing program do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Section 504 – Ms. Amanda Dale, Director of Special Services - 719 N. Main Street, Marion, SC 29571 843-423-1811; Title IX – Ms. Paula Grant, Director of Human Resources - 719 N. Main Street, Marion, SC 29571 843-423-1811.

Reasonable accommodations may be made that allow disabled students to be successful. Accommodations may be provided for those students who submit appropriate documentation by an outside/independent professional evaluator or agency. Contact the associate director for information.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application and fee (\$20.00).
2. Acceptable scores on pre-entrance tests. These tests must have been taken within the last 12 months of the student's first day of admission to the program. (Any applicant or student wishing to improve reading comprehension and/or math skills is encouraged to take Applied Communications or English 101 and/or a basic math class at adult education and/or local colleges.)
3. A satisfactory personal interview with the Coordinator.
4. Receipt of the following: birth certificate, high school transcript (and GED if applicable), name change documents (marriage license, divorce papers), health forms (physical exam, immunization documentation). High school students must be entering grade 12 and have a letter of recommendation from the guidance counselor.
5. Criminal background check that is acceptable to the clinical facilities. Criminal offenses that are not acceptable include any related to child or adult abuse, neglect or mistreatment and may include other offenses as determined by the facility.
6. Payment of all fees.

Those applicants who have been previously enrolled in the nursing program and who desire readmission must meet all the admission requirements (# 1-6 above). They must also have completed all Phase I courses within the past 5 years.

Transfer students must meet the admission requirements (# 1-6 above) and have the following:

1. official transcript documenting the following courses or their equivalent within the past 5 years:
Anatomy and Physiology, Fundamentals of Nursing, Nutrition and Diet Therapy, Nurses Math.
2. written recommendation from a former nursing instructor.

FEES

The following represents the current tuition and an estimation of other costs. Any of these fees are subject to change.

	In-county	Out-of-county
Tuition per semester	\$1500	\$1800
Books per year:	\$500-600	\$500-600
Uniforms:	\$400	\$400
Miscellaneous per year:	Phase I = \$200 Phase II = \$300	Phase I = \$200 Phase II = \$300

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students needing financial assistance prior to admission should seek assistance from area WIOA counselors, health care institutions awarding scholarships, VA benefits administrators and web sites that determine loan and grant eligibility, such as www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students are eligible for educational scholarships awarded by individuals and civic organizations upon completion of Phase I.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

PHASE I

Semester # 1

Fundamentals of Nursing I
Anatomy & Physiology

Semester # 2

Fundamentals of Nursing II
Nutrition & Diet Therapy
Nurses Math

PHASE II

Semester # 1

Medical-Surgical Nursing I
Pharmacology I
Maternal-Newborn Nursing

Semester # 2

Medical Surgical Nursing II
Pharmacology II
Pediatric Nursing