

Schedule for tuition payment:

Practical Nursing I: Half of tuition is payable prior to the beginning of each semester.

Practical Nursing II: Half of tuition is payable prior to the beginning and the other half prior to the 17th week of Practical Nursing II.

Tuition refund policy

Tuition will be refunded as outlined in the Student Handbook Policies.

Transportation

Transportation to the technical center during Practical Nursing I will be furnished for seniors by the County school bus system. Seniors are required to provide their own transportation to the clinical site during Practical Nursing I. After students enter Practical Nursing II, they provide their own transportation. Adults furnish their transportation throughout the program.

What happens after I finish the program?

Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN.

On passing this examination, they become Licensed Practical Nurses. LPN's may be employed by hospitals, doctors, public health agencies, nursing homes, insurance companies, or other industries with health-related interests.

Articulation with J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Graduates must qualify for admission to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Nursing Program. Upon successful completion of the nursing transition course they will be awarded credit for Nursing 111 and Nursing 122.

What is the procedure for admissions?

Seniors must submit a technical center application and a nursing program application. Adults should apply directly to the School of Practical Nursing. After the application is received, the Admissions Committee will review the following criteria:

Three educational/work references

High School Transcript (or GED): Applicants completing high school outside the U.S.A. must take and submit passing GED scores from the U.S.A.

Preadmission testing (for adults only)

The applicants are responsible for obtaining official high school and college transcripts. Applicants will be notified when to come to the Adult Education Center to take preadmission testing.

Advanced credit for returning or transfer students will be considered on an individual basis. All admission requirements must be met. At least 2/3 of Practical Nursing II must also be completed to meet graduation requirements.

Adult applications must be received by March 1, 2010 to be considered for the class that will begin in September 2010. High school senior applications must be received by the school counseling department deadline.

Henrico County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability in employment or provision of programs, services, or activities. Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon request for individuals with disabilities. Applicants must be physically, mentally and emotionally capable of meeting the objectives of the program. **Immunization records, CPR certification, and criminal background checks will be required after admission to the program.**

Suppose I have other questions?

Please call the School of Practical Nursing at 804-781-1820 or 781-1825, or contact your high school counselor.

The Henrico County Technical Centers offer educational opportunities in the following areas:

HERMITAGE TECHNICAL CENTER

Air Cond., Refrigeration & Plumbing	Emergency Medical Technician
Automotive Technology	Graphic Communications
CAD – Computer-Aided Drafting and 3D Animation	Greenhouse Management
Cosmetology	Landscaping
Criminal Justice	Legal Systems Administration
Culinary Arts	Nail Technology
Design, Multimedia, and Web Technologies/Programming (Web Design)	Medical Systems Administration
Electricity & Cabling	Nurse Aide
	Practical Nursing I
	Precision Machining Technology
	Sports Medicine
	Telecommunications
	Veterinary Science

HIGHLAND SPRINGS TECHNICAL CENTER

Auto Body Repair	Electricity & Cabling
Automotive Technology	High Tech Academy
Carpentry	Hotel and Catering
Computer Systems Technology	Masonry
Cosmetology	Nurse Aide
Criminal Justice	Pharmacy Technician
Early Childhood Education & Services	Practical Nursing I
	Radio Broadcasting & Journalism

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Equal access is provided all students who desire to participate in vocational programs, services and activities regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age.

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For additional information, please contact a counselor in your school or write or call:

Career & Technical Education Department
Henrico County Public Schools
3751-C Nine Mile Road
Henrico, VA 23223-0420
Telephone: 804-781-1810

PRACTICAL NURSING



Henrico County - St. Mary's Hospital
School of Practical Nursing
3751-C Nine Mile Rd.
Henrico, VA 23223
Phone: 781-1820 or 781-1825

**Mission: To teach students
to give nursing care with
Compassion
Commitment
Competence**

What is Practical Nursing?

It is a career in which the licensed practical nurse is prepared to provide nursing care for clients in a variety of health care settings under the supervision of a licensed health professional authorized by the Virginia Board of Health Professions.

Who may apply?

1. Students entering their senior year in Henrico County Public Schools.
 2. Adults who are employees of Bon Secours Richmond Health System or who reside in Henrico County.
 3. Adults residing outside Henrico County.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 required.

What is the program like?

The program is eighteen (18) months in length. The first nine months constitute Practical Nursing I and is taught at Hermitage Technical Center from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Highland Springs Technical Center from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Senior students attend their home school for half of each school day and the technical center for the other half day. Adults attend either the morning or afternoon session, depending on senior students' enrollment, or the night session.

Practical Nursing II, or the last nine months, is full-time, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Students gain clinical experience in a variety of community settings and at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital.

Courses include:

Practical Nursing I

Introduction to Nursing (30 hrs.) introduces the beginning student to the practical nursing program and to nursing as a career. Information is provided on the expectations and relationships encountered in nursing practice including legal and ethical aspects, licensure, employment, and current trends in health care.

Structure and Function (96 hrs.) describes the healthy person as a physical being. The sequence of the course begins with cells and proceeds to tissues, organs, and systems.

Nursing Fundamentals (189 hrs.) provides knowledge of the principles as well as the performance of the procedures that are essential to the basic nursing care of patients. Learning experiences are provided by classroom instruction and laboratory practice.

Nutrition (33 hrs.) emphasizes basic nutritional requirements to maintain wellness in various developmental stages. A study of the nutrients, their sources and functions, basic requirements, and an introduction to diet therapy are included.

Geriatrics (75 hrs.) teaches the normal process of aging and helps the student to develop a positive attitude toward the aging individual in society.

Pharmacology (30 hrs.) provides basic information to prepare and administer medications and observe for therapeutic and/or side effects.

Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing (80 hrs.) provides the knowledge and understanding of selected disease conditions and their causes, treatments and nursing care. The course supplies the student with the background for recognition of the major classifications of illness and the major health problems of the community.

A final grade of a "77" (C) or better must be earned in each of these courses to progress to Practical Nursing II.

Practical Nursing II

Medical-Surgical Nursing I (219 hrs.) and **Medical-Surgical Nursing II** (200 hrs.) introduce the student to the major medical and surgical conditions of the adult patient. Theory and clinical experiences are correlated. Emphasis is placed on the development of nursing skills and competencies in the medical-surgical setting to meet the individual's nursing care needs.

Maternity (132 hrs.)/**Pediatrics** (132 hrs.) provides the student with knowledge, understanding, and nursing skills related to the needs of women during all phases of childbearing, including the welfare and care of the newborn. Basic needs of children at various stages of development and the nursing care of sick children are taught. Emphasis is placed on prevention of illness and maintenance of wellness.

Psychiatric (132 hrs.)/**Community/Rehabilitative Nursing** (132 hrs.) provides the student with skills which will aid in recognizing the emotional needs of patients. The focus of Community/Rehabilitative Nursing is outside the acute care setting. The roles of the LPN in leadership, end-of-life issues, and community-based care are explored.

Integrated Medical-Surgical Nursing (132 hrs.) provides the student the opportunity to provide comprehensive nursing care in an acute setting, including intraoperative, post-operative, interventional and emergency nursing, emergency preparedness and bioterrorism.

A final grade of a "77" (C) or better must be earned in each course to progress to the next course during Practical Nursing II.

Classroom work will relate closely to the student's selected learning experience in Practical Nursing II.

To officially withdraw from the program, a student must state his intent in writing to the program coordinator.

Applicants seeking to transfer into the program will be considered on an individual basis. They must meet the admission requirements and must complete a minimum of 2/3 of Practical Nursing II.

This program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Virginia Department of Education. It also is accredited by the National League for Nursing.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) is a resource for information regarding tuition, fees, and length of program. The NLNAC address is 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available through several sources. Some of these are described as follows:

Pell Grant - Adult citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. with sufficient financial need are eligible. The amount awarded is based on the student's personal/family income for the preceding year and in which phase of the program the student is enrolled. Pell Grants are not loans and do not need to be paid back. Application for a grant can be made after admission to the program. The grant is awarded after the applicant has attended classes for 30 days.

Guaranteed Student Loans - These are low interest loans made to the student by a lender such as a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association. The student must repay these loans.

Capital Area Training Consortium - Students meeting certain requirements may be sponsored by this agency. Call 226-0885 for information.

Vocational Rehabilitation - Students meeting requirements of Vocational Rehabilitation may be sponsored by this agency.

Veteran's Administration - Students meeting requirements for the Veteran's Administration may receive aid from this agency.

Scholarships - There are several scholarships of varying amounts available which do not need to be paid back. Each has its own criteria. A few organizations awarding scholarships are:

- a. Mildred A. Mason Memorial Scholarship Foundation
- b. Virginia Health Care Association
- c. HOSA Scholarship

Contact the Coordinator of the School of Practical Nursing for further information about these.

If you apply for financial aid and have proof that it will be received, you may pay for your tuition when aid is received, provided that you sign a note of promise to pay. This does not apply to the \$50.00 registration fee adults are required to pay upon acceptance to hold a place in the program.

What will the program cost? (subject to change)

High School Students:

Tuition:	
Practical Nursing I	\$.00
Practical Nursing II	\$ 480.00
*Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ <u>1105.00</u>
Total	\$ 1585.00

Adult residents of Henrico County or employees of Bon Secours Richmond Health System:

Registration fees:

Fee to hold place in program after acceptance. This will be deducted from tuition upon entry into the program.	\$ 50.00
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Tuition:	
Practical Nursing I	\$ 360.00
Practical Nursing II	\$ 480.00
*Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ <u>1105.00</u>
Total	\$ 1945.00

All Other Adults:

Registration fees:

Fee to hold place in program after acceptance. This will be deducted from tuition upon entry into the program.	\$ 50.00
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Tuition:	
Practical Nursing I	\$ 600.00
Practical Nursing II	\$ 600.00
*Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ <u>1105.00</u>
Total	\$ 2305.00

***Miscellaneous Expenses:**

Books	\$ 400.00
Uniforms, shoes, scissors, name pin	\$ 150.00
Graduation expenses	\$ 375.00
Liability insurance	\$ 20.00
Online Curriculum	\$ <u>160.00</u>
Total	\$ 1105.00

*These are approximate charges and could change without notice.