



National Park College
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Practical Nurse Application Process

If you are not an NPC student, complete the online admissions form. Applicants for the Certificate PN program are chosen using a ranking system. Applicants receive points in the ranking system for the following: TEAS score, certifications, recent work experience in healthcare, and selected college credit. The program admission process is selective.

1. Provide copy of unofficial high school transcript or GED, and unofficial college transcript from colleges previously attended. Transcripts must be attached to your application.
2. Take College Entrance test if required or provide copy of SAT or ACT test results. A copy of the Accuplacer, Compass Test, SAT or ACT test results must be attached to your application. If college course is completed in the last three years, test score requirement is waived. College entrance exam results must place you in college level coursework for English and Math.
3. Complete PN Application & attach applicable transcripts (see step 1 & 2). Make sure to answer the questions on the back of the application. *Prior to enrollment, all official college transfer credit must be on file with the registrar.*
4. Provide verification of certifications such as: CNA, EMT, Paramedic, etc...
5. Provide verification of employment (if applicable). Work experience must be within the calendar year.
6. Pay for the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) at the NPC Business Office. Cost of the TEAS test is \$65. This test is a requirement for nursing admissions and must be taken by the first Monday in March. **ATI TEAS scores are valid for 2 consecutive application periods.**
7. Bring your nursing application along with the attached documents and your receipt for the TEAS test to the nursing secretary.
8. Register for one of the TEAS testing sessions held by the Division of Nursing. Advising will be available following the testing. For admission consideration, applicant **must score 58.7 in the reading section and a $\geq 70\%$ in reading and math combined.** Applicants for the PN Program will be awarded ranking points for reading and Math based on the TEAS test with a minimum requirement of ≥ 10 points. If you register to test and fail to attend, there will an additional \$20 charge to reschedule. If you absolutely cannot test on one of the Division dates, NPC testing center may be available to assist you, depending on seats available.
 - a. To take the TEAS test, you must create an account. Prior to your test date, please go to the ATI website and create an account (do not pay anything on this site). Remember your user name and password.
 - b. Study resources are available and included here for your convenience. Review manuals are also on reserve at the NPC library.
 - c. Study guide (ATI TEAS) - can be purchased through amazon.com and through ATI at atitesting.com
 - d. Or Online TEAS® Tutor: designed to help you learn TEAS exam content to ensure you score your highest using an immersive e-learning.
9. All paperwork and TEAS testing must be completed and returned to the Nursing Division by the first Monday in March.

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Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission