Wayne County Community College District

Practical Nursing Education Program

2026 - 2027

Application Submission Dates:
FALL 2026 Applications Due May 15
SPRING 2027 Applications Due September 15

Wayne County Community College District

PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION INFORMATION PACKET

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Program Contact Information

Ted Scott Campus
Phone: 734-699-7008
Email: WCCCDPNE@wcccd.edu

General Information

- The Practical Nursing Education (PNE) Program is a one-year (three-semester) certificate program, excluding prerequisite coursework. The program prepares graduates to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and pursue employment in a variety of healthcare settings.
- **Total Nursing Program Credits:** 40 credits (includes prerequisites and nursing courses)

Application Deadlines for Program Admission:

- The Practical Nursing Education Program may admit up to 24 students twice a year, in the spring and fall semesters.
  - o **Fall 2026 Applications Due:** May 15, 2026- (Deadline Extended)
    **** Please note:** The Fall 2026 application deadline has been officially extended to June 30, 2026.
  - o **Spring 2027 Applications Due:** September 15, 2026

Practical Nursing Education Program Information Sessions (Virtual Meeting)

- **Prospective students must attend an Information Session** ***prior to applying for admission to the PNE Program.***
- Information Sessions will be held virtually throughout the year. Please see the table below for the current sessions and how to reserve a seat.
- Prospective students must pre-register (using the information below) to attend the session and are required to have a working camera for participation during the entire session**.** ***This is a virtual event; for attendance verification, participants should remain on camera for the entire session.***

DATE	TIME
May 6, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
May 13, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
May 27, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
June 17, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
June 24, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
July 8, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
July 22, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
August 5, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
August 19, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
September 2, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
September 16, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
October 14, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
November 4, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
November 18, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am
December 9, 2026	10:00am - 11:30am

To Register:
Email WCCCDPNE@wcccd.edu to reserve a seat.
Include all of the following information:

- Name (first and last)
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Full home Address
- ID Number, if current student

Also include the date and time of the Practical Nursing Education Program Information Session you are requesting to attend.

Register at least 24 hours prior to the session you wish to attend. Note: Prospective students trying to enter the session after 10 am ***may not be admitted***.

An email confirming your registration and including your link to attend the session will be sent to you.
*Attendees **MAY NOT** participate if at work or driving a vehicle.

Program Admission Requirements

- Fulfill all WCCCD admission requirements.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Successfully complete the following prerequisite courses:
  - ✓ **BIO 155 – Introductory Biology (4 credits)**
  - ✓ **ENG 119 – English I (3 credits)**
  - ✓ **Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses with a letter grade of "C" or better and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale based on the prerequisite courses**
- Complete the Health Education Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment (HESI A2) Entrance Exam with a minimum score of 75% in both Math and Reading Comprehension (scored sections).
- Complete the Critical Thinking and Learning Styles sections on the exam (non-scored sections).
- Only HESI A2 Entrance Exam scores taken at WCCCD are acceptable.
- Attend a PNE Virtual Information Session.

Course Substitution

- Applicants who have successfully completed ENG 1190 may be granted a substitution for ENG 119 upon acceptance into the program.
- Applicants who have successfully completed BIO 240 and BIO 250 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II within the past five years with a grade of "C" or higher may be granted a substitution for PNE 110 – Anatomy and Physiology for Practical Nurses upon acceptance into the program.

Program Application Documents

- Complete a WCCCD Health Science Programs Application.
- Submit a copy of your High School Diploma, G.E.D., or have an official copy of your High School Transcript.
- Submit your Official Transcript (including transcripts from WCCCD) validating completion of the required prerequisite courses.
- Two (2) Reference Letters- Typed; no copies, originals only, signed in ink within 60 days of the application deadline. Letters written by family and WCCCD faculty or staff are not accepted. If unemployed, submit two personal references.
- Include a copy of your HESI A2 Entrance Exam Results (minimum score of 75% in both Math and Reading Comprehension to meet admission requirements; also complete the Critical Thinking and Learning Styles sections on the exam).
- Submit a copy of the PNE Information Session Attendance Verification Form (obtained from the Nursing Department). Valid for one year from the date of attendance.
- Submit a typed, double spaced, 1" margins, 500 to 1000 word essay describing "How I plan to be successful in completing the Practical Nursing Program." Include a title page. Essay must be signed and dated.

- Applicants with certifications in a healthcare field must submit a copy of the certification to receive application points. All certifications must be current. The following certifications are recognized for application points (including, but not limited to):
    - o Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
    - o Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)
    - o Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)
    - o Certified EKG Technician (CET)
    - o Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A)
    - o Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

- If you are working in a healthcare setting, and have a certification, you must include a letter from your employer to validate you are currently working, written on company letter head, to receive additional application points. Letters must be dated no earlier than 60 days prior to the application deadline. All of the documents listed above must be submitted by the application deadline.

**** All completed applications with supporting documents must be submitted in person by 3:00 pm to the Ted Scott Campus.***

PNE Program Applications are to be submitted to:
Nursing Department
Wayne County Community College Campus
Ted Scott Campus
9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111-1404

Selection Process

Admission to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive and selective. The Admissions Committee meets twice each year, in the spring and fall, to review all applications and select the top 24 applicants for each cohort. Applicants are selected according to a 100-point ranking system. Total points for acceptance depend on the pool of applicants in each application submission cycle. Please see below.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

When multiple applicants achieve the **same ranking score** and available seats are limited, the following tie-breaking criteria are applied **in order:**

1. Higher HESI A2 Entrance Exam Score

- The applicant with a higher combined HESI A2 Entrance Exam score will be selected.
- If combined HESI A2 Entrance Exam scores are identical, the applicant with the higher individual scores from the set benchmark will be selected.

2. Higher Cumulative GPA in Prerequisite Courses

- The applicant with a higher cumulative GPA based on required prerequisite courses is given priority.

3. Prerequisite Courses Completed at WCCCD

- If still tied, an applicant who completed a greater number of prerequisite courses at WCCCD will be selected.

4. Committee Review

- In rare cases where all tie-breaking criteria above are equal, the Admissions Committee will conduct a final review of the application using established and consistently applied criteria, which may include reference letters, the admissions essay, professionalism, and demonstrated potential for success in the program.

- The Nursing Office will notify applicants via phone and email **approximately four weeks** after the application deadline regarding admission decisions.
- The Practical Nursing Education program will keep a Ranked Alternate List of no more than eight applicants. Alternate applicants will be notified of their status and informed if a seat becomes available before the start of the semester. The purpose of the alternate list is to identify qualified applicants who cannot be admitted at the time of initial decisions due to limited space in the program. Should an accepted applicant decline admission or become unable to meet enrollment requirements, an available seat may be offered to an applicant on the alternate list based on ranking order.
- Applicants who are not accepted must reapply the next application cycle for admission to the program, including alternate applicants who are not admitted before the start of the semester.

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Practical Nursing Program – Determination of Application Points

Ranking	Required Score GPA 2.0	Maximum Points Distribution	Student's Points
GPA Calculation Take the number of credit hours of each prerequisite course and multiply by the numerical value of the letter grade. Total the numbers and divide by the total credit hours of 7. For example: A student receives the following grades: BIO 155 = A = 4(CR) x 4pts = 16 ENG 110/119 =A =3(CR) x 4pts = 12 Total GPA Points = 16 + 12 = 28 divided by 7 (# of Credit Hours) = 4.0 GPA	30 Possible Points Minimum Required GPA 2.0 BIO 155 Grade:Ⓐ,Ⓑ,Ⓒ=_____ ENG 110/119 Grade:Ⓐ,Ⓑ,Ⓒ=_____ Grade Total = _____÷7 Calculated GPA = _____ A = 4 Points B = 3 Points C = 2 Points	30 Possible points: GPA 3.8 – 4.00 =30 3.6 – 3.79 = 26 3.4 – 3.59 = 22 3.0 – 3.39 = 18 2.0 – 2.99 = 14	Total GPA Points =_____
HESI A2 (Only HESI Exams taken at WCCCD are accepted) • Must achieve a minimum of 75% in scored areas. • Scores are good for 2 years from the date test was taken.	50 Possible Points – HESI A2 Required Scores: 75% in ALL scored areas Reading: 93 – 100 = 25; 84 – 92 = 20; 75 – 83 = 15 Math: 93 – 100 = 25; 84 – 92 = 20; 75 – 83 = 15	50 Possible Points HESI A2 Reading Comp = 25 Math = 25 _____ HESI A2 Scores 93 – 100 = 25 84 – 92 = 20 75 – 83 = 15	HESI A2 ____Reading = _____ Score Points _____Math = _____ Score Points Total Points =_____
Prerequisite Courses Completed at WCCCD 10 - Points	10 Possible Points: 2 Prerequisite Required Courses and Credit Hours: BIO 155 – 4 CR ENG 119 – 3 CR	10 Possible Points Prerequisite Courses 2 Courses = 10 Points 1 Course = 5 Points	Prerequisite Course Points ▫ BIO 155 ▫ ENG 110/119 Total Points = _____
Health Experience 10 Points	10 Possible Points Current Validated Certification _____ Current Validated Healthcare Employment	▫ Current Certification = 5 Points _____ ▫ Current Healthcare Experience on Letterhead = 5 Points	Health Experience Total Points = _____
TOTAL POINTS		**100 Points Possible**	**Student's Total Points= ____/100**

Faculty/Nursing Staff Signature: _____ Date_____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date:_____

Students who are admitted to the Practical Nursing Education Program must complete the following:

- Attend the Mandatory Orientation Session
- Submit a Student Health Profile/Physical Examination
- Provide Immunization Records
- Complete a 16-Item Urine Drug Screen
- Complete a CastleBranch Background Check
- Obtain American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification

Admission is contingent upon the receipt of satisfactory drug screen results, a completed health profile, and a satisfactory CastleBranch background check. Any positive findings on the health profile will require an explanation from the healthcare provider. Students must be able to participate in the nursing program without restrictions.

Based upon Michigan Law: Students applying for admission to the Health Care Programs will be subject to a criminal background check, the results of which could preclude a student from admission to Wayne County Community College District's Programs based on any of the following:

- A felony conviction for an attempt of conspiracy to commit a felony within the past 15 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery, or criminal sexual conduct within the past 10 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving fraud or theft.
- An adverse background check will require additional review by the WCCCD legal department.

HESI A2 Entrance Exam

The Practical Nursing Education Program requires applicants to successfully complete the HESI A2 Entrance Exam, a standardized test that assesses academic readiness for the program.

HESI A2 Preparation Course

- WCCCD offers HESI A2 Prep Courses (Math and Reading Comprehension), PELP 5025, to prepare prospective students taking the exam for success. **The Prep course fee is $25.**
- The HESI Prep Course is held in person. Visit our website at www.wcccd.edu and log in to My Wildcat Portal to register for the HESI A2 Preparation Test for Practical Nursing. Please see the steps to log in to your My Wildcat Portal on page 9.
- Prospective students can register for the Prep Course online through My Wildcat Portal, then by clicking on "Professional Exam/Licensing" in the Subject box and clicking on "Course Search."
- Click View Sections after PELP 5025, check the box for the date/time and click "Register."

HESI A2 Preparation Course Schedule

Course Title	Date	Time	Course Reference # (CRN)/Location	Semester
PELP 5025	May 5, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	48305 (Ted Scott Campus)	Spring
PELP 5025	May 19, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	48306 (Ted Scott Campus)	Spring
PELP 5025	June 2, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	48307 (Ted Scott Campus)	Spring
PELP 5025	June 16, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	62646 (Ted Scott Campus)	Summer
PELP 5025	July 14, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	62649 (Ted Scott Campus)	Summer
PELP 5025	July 28, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	65357 (Ted Scott Campus)	Summer
PELP 5025	August 11, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	65358 (Ted Scott Campus)	Summer
PELP 5025	August 18, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	65359 (Ted Scott Campus)	Summer
PELP 5025	September 1, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	65360 (Ted Scott Campus)	Fall
PELP 5025	September 8, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	65360 (Ted Scott Campus)	Fall
PELP 5025	October 6, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	84360 (Ted Scott Campus)	Fall
PELP 5025	October 20, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	84361 (Ted Scott Campus)	Fall
PELP 5025	November 10, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	84362 (Ted Scott Campus)	Fall
PELP 5025	December 1, 2026	5:00pm – 9:00pm	84363 (Ted Scott Campus)	Fall

HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review (6th Edition)

- This review book was developed by Elsevier, the company that created the HESI A2 Exam. From the testing experts at Elsevier, this user-friendly guide walks students through the topics and question types found on admission exams, including math, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and physics. The guide includes hundreds of sample questions, step-by-step explanations, illustrations, and comprehensive practice exams to help students review various subject areas and improve their test-taking skills. HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 6th Edition, Elsevier, ISBN: 978-0443114090.

Free HESI A2 Practice Tests

- Free practice tests for math, reading, and anatomy & physiology are available. Some tests are randomized, allowing students to repeat tests and new test items.
  Website: http://www.test-guide.com/free-hesi-a2-practice-tests.html.

HESI A2 Entrance Examination Requirements

- Prospective students will be required to take the HESI A2 Entrance Exam and achieve the minimum required score of 75% in Math and Reading Comprehension. Students must also complete the Critical Thinking and Learning Styles sections of the exam. **No Exceptions.** Only HESI A2 Entrance Exam Scores taken at WCCCD are acceptable. The **HESI A2 Exam fee is $51.**
- Visit our website at www.wcccd.edu to register for HESI A2 Exam for Practical Nurse
- Prospective students can register for the exam online through My Wildcat Portal.
- Prospective students must register to take the exam and pay prior to their testing day.
- On the scheduled day of testing, your name must appear on the roster for that testing date, in order to take the exam.

IMPORTANT: Prior to taking the HESI A2 Exam, you must set up an Evolve account. Please see the steps below for setting up your account.

Follow these steps to create an Evolve account for HESI A2 Exam:

1. Go to the Evolve Main Page. https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/register
    - If this is the first time you visit or if you recently cleared your browser's cache and cookies, you might be asked to verify whether you're a student or educator.
    - If you see a blank screen, it might help to clear your cache and cookies or to enable Flash in your browser.
2. Click "Sign in" in the upper right corner of the screen.
3. Click "Create account".
4. Select "Student" and register as a student.
    - Enter your personal details and provide a new password in the designated fields.
    - Please use your School email address.
    - Double check to make sure the email address is correct.
      Your password should consist of at least 8 alpha-numeric characters and must contain at least one number (09), at least one lowercase letter (a-z), at least one uppercase letter (A-Z) and only allowed special characters are "!#$%&'()*+,-./;:< = >?@{}^_'[]~.
5. Click Submit.

HESI A2 Exam Schedule at the Ted Scott Campus:

Course Title	Date	Time	Course Reference # (CRN)	Semester
PELP 5026	May 8, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	47697	Spring
PELP 5026	May 8, 2026	1:00pm – 3:30pm	48308	Spring
PELP 5026	May 22, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	62651	Spring
PELP 5026	June 5, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	62652	Summer
PELP 5026	June 19, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	65362	Summer
PELP 5026	July 17, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	65363	Summer
PELP 5026	July 31, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	62653	Summer
PELP 5026	August 14, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	65361	Summer
PELP 5026	August 28, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	83900	Fall
PELP 5026	September 4, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	83901	Fall
PELP 5026	September 4, 2026	1:00pm – 3:30pm	83902	Fall
PELP 5026	September 11, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	83903	Fall
PELP 5026	September 11, 2026	1:00pm – 3:30pm	83904	Fall
PELP 5026	October 9, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	83905	Fall
PELP 5026	October 23, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	83906	Fall
PELP 5026	November 13, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	84364	Fall
PELP 5026	December 4, 2026	9:30am – 12:00pm	84365	Fall

HESI A2 Exam Day

- Test takers must present a valid government-issued photo ID on the day of testing and arrive at **9:00 a.m.** or **12:30 p.m.** Testing will begin promptly at **9:30 a.m.** or **1:00 p.m.** Proof of payment for the HESI A2 examination must also be presented at check-in. **No admittance will be permitted after 9:30 am or 1:00 pm.**
- Test takers will be allotted **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete the entire examination, which includes the Critical Thinking and Learning Styles **sections (non-scored).**

Please Note:

1. The HESI A2 Entrance Examination for the PNE Program does not meet the WCCCD RN HESI A2 Entrance requirements.
2. Prospective students must report to the exam location 30 minutes before the start of the exam.
3. Prospective Students who arrive once the exam has begun will not be allowed to take the test and will forfeit the testing fee.
4. A calculator is embedded within the exam, and scratch paper will be provided and collected at the end of the testing session.
5. Bring your pencil.
6. All electronic devices are prohibited during the exam. Prospective students who have these items will not be allowed to continue.

*****There is zero tolerance for cheating or attempts to cheat on the HESI A2 Entrance Exam. This includes verbal and/or non-verbal communication among test takers during the exam.***

Successful Completion of HESI A2 Entrance Exam

Exam results are available immediately upon exam completion. Detailed exam reports can be retrieved 48 hours after the exam. Scores are good for 2 years from the date the test was taken.

Unsuccessful Attempt of HESI A2 Entrance Exam

Students can retake the HESI A2 Entrance Exam after the designated **Waiting Period** from the previous attempt. No Exceptions. Please see the example below. Do not hesitate to contact the Nursing Department with any questions.

HESI provides a remediation plan to applicants upon an unsuccessful attempt. Students are recommended to use this waiting period to review the plan.

EXAMPLE: HESI A2 Examination Attempts

- **1st Attempt: 08/01/25 – Failed (must wait 45 days)**
- **2nd Attempt: 09/15/25 – Failed (must wait one year from test date)**
- **3rd Attempt: 09/15/26 – Failed (must wait 45 days)**
- **Final Attempt: 10/30/26**

Practical Nursing Education Program Curriculum

Practical nursing courses are offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students acquire the knowledge and skills to achieve learning objectives and outcomes across a variety of learning environments, including the classroom, skills lab, simulation lab, and clinical settings. Courses must be taken in sequence with a minimum passing grade of 75%. Prospective students are highly encouraged to read the Practical Nursing Student Handbook on the website for more information.

PN Licensure

The Practical Nursing Education program graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The Michigan Board of Nursing will require a new criminal background check, including FBI fingerprinting and drug screening. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may preclude eligibility for licensure. Students are urged to visit the Michigan Board of Nursing website at www.michigan.gov/lara/

Program Approval

The WCCCD Practical Nursing Education Program has full approval from:

Michigan Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909-8170
www.michigan.gov/lara/
517-335-0918

Program Accreditation

Effective February 21, 2025, this nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on February 21, 2027.
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000
https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs?status=Candidate

Further Inquiries: Please get in touch with the Nursing Office at 734-699-7008.

My Wildcat Portal

Activate Your Office 365 Account

It's time to activate your new Microsoft 365 student email account! As part of our technology upgrade, your email is transitioning from G Suite to Microsoft 365, providing you with access to powerful tools such as Outlook, Teams, OneDrive, and Single Sign-on, as well as your student self-service portal, My Wildcat Portal.

1. Click "Activate Your Office 365 Account."
2. Fill out the "Microsoft 365 Student Account Activation Form."
3. An email with detailed activation instructions will be sent to your student email
4. Follow the instructions to Set Up Your Office 365 Account
5. Create a password for your Microsoft 365 account.
6. Set up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) using your phone or an authentication app.
   Note: MFA is required for account security.
7. Now you are ready to experience your new My Wildcat Portal

Your new student self-service provides access to:

- Degree Works Dashboard
- Student Records
- New Email Format
- Financial Aid
- Blackboard Access
- Student accounts
- Verification Requests
- Transcript Requests
- Registration

IT Support

Contact Number (313) 496-2666
(Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

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313-922-3311

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