

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How can I get in contact with a nursing representative for specific questions?** You may contact, Rhonda Boles in the Allied Building – Lake Worth Campus @ (561) 868-3412 for appointments or by email bolesr@pbcc.edu. Karen Handy, our Health Science Advisor, can be reached at (561) 868-3054 or by email @ handyk@pbcc.edu for questions and appointments.
2. **Does PBCC maintain a waiting list?** No; The PBCC Nursing Department has implemented a point scale system to determine entry into the program.
3. **Is there expiration on any courses before entry into the nursing program?** Only your sciences courses have expiration dates. All Science courses such as Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology and Microbiology must be completed within 10 years of entry into the registered nurse program.
4. **How can I transfer in my credits from another college/university?** Please have the prior college send an official copy of your transcripts to any of the PBCC Campus Admissions offices.
5. **How can I appeal a similar course taken at another school that PBCC did not make equivalent?** Attach a course description of the course in question to a letter addressed to the District Registrar, Ed Mueller, requesting that the similar class be made equivalent to a PBCC course. Provide your student ID, address and phone number on the letter for point of contact.
6. **How long is the nursing program?** The Lake Worth and Belle Glade Full Time Program both span two years in length or (four semesters excluding summers), while the Evening/Weekend Program is two years eight months including summers (year-round program).
7. **How many students do you accept each semester?** The Lake Worth Full Time program accepts 90 students each semester for a total of 180 students per year. The Evening/Weekend Program accepts 30

students once a year and the Belle Glade Full Time Program accepts 24 students once a year.

8. [What are the deadline dates for entry?](#) The Lake Worth Full Time Program has a Fall Term application deadline of June 1st of each year and the Spring Term deadline date of October 1st of each year. The Evening/Weekend Program and the Belle Glade Full Time Program both accept application once per year with an application deadline of October 1st of each year.
9. [Where can I find study material for the NLN Pre-entrance Exam?](#) You may purchase the Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam at your local bookstores or you may register with our website for review material at <https://www.linccweb.org/eresources.asp?DB=learnexpress&CID=19>.
10. [Where can I find study material for the Pro-Calc Math Proficiency Test?](#) You may practice Pro-Calc at any of the PBCC Campus location Computer labs or visit the nursing homepage @ <http://www.pbcc.edu/x1093.xml> and click on Pro-Calc in the left hand column.
11. [Where should I turn in my completed nursing application?](#) You may submit your completed nursing application along with your \$20 application fee receipt to any PBCC Campus Admissions office.
12. [If I have a prior conviction, will that hinder me from being accepted to the nursing program?](#) We advise all students to check with the Board of Nursing @ (850) 245-4125 and inquire about your ability to sit for State Boards at the end of program completion.
13. [May I volunteer at a healthcare facility in order to receive the one point for healthcare experience?](#) Yes, as long as you have the facility write a letter of recommendation on the company's letterhead your status in their office and the amount of time of your volunteer experience with them.
14. [What degree will I earn after completing the Registered Nurse Program at PBCC?](#) An Associate of Science Degree in Nursing
15. [Will Florida Atlantic University accept me into the BSN program upon graduation at PBCC?](#) Yes, FAU has an unlimited access program for students who transition in as a Registered nurse. You

can transfer into their RN-BSN or RN-MSN program. See FAU website for details.

16. [Does the Belle Glade Program offer free tuition if I choose to apply to that program?](#) No, the Grant has expired. This program was basically designed to accept Western County Residents who plan to work in the area after graduation.
17. [Can I apply to more than one program?](#) No. There is one application which has three program boxes to choose from. You can only apply to one program per term.
18. [If I attended another nursing program, can I transfer those credits into the RN program at PBCC?](#) No. Please attend an information session for Transition Students to find out about how to transition into the RN program.
19. [Are online nursing classes offered at the Belle Glade Campus?](#) No. Online nursing classes are offered for Full Time students on the Lake Worth only.
20. [If the application deadline falls on a weekend, can I turn in my application the following Monday?](#) Yes. The Monday following the June 1st or Oct 1st deadline will be the final day to turn in applications.
21. [Can I take any nursing courses prior to entering the nursing program?](#) Yes. Pharmacology is the only nursing course permitted for a student to take prior to entry. You may choose from the 2 credit or 3 credit Pharmacology course.
22. [Can I transfer the 3 credit Pharmacology to a University?](#) Not any longer. You will still have to complete a higher level Pharmacology at the University level. The 3 credit Pharmacology has more Pathophysiology contained in the material. Either Pharmacology course is acceptable towards your RN degree.
23. [Which co-requisites should I take before entering the RN program?](#) I suggest getting as many co-reqs if not all co-reqs out of the way before you apply to the program, since we are based on a point scale system. ENC 1101, A & P II and MCB 2010 are all Sem I pre-reqs; HUN 1201 is a Sem II pre-req; and SYG 2000 and PSY

2012 are Sem III pre-reqs. These courses must be taken before the required semester or along with the required semester.

24. [How many students apply to the RN program each semester?](#)

The Spring Term has more applicants since we accept applications for all three programs. For Spring around 300 applicants, for Fall around 200 applicants.

25. [Where can I pick up a nursing application?](#) You may download

the application from the PBCC Nursing webpage or stop by any PBCC Campus Admissions Office and pick up an application.

26. [Is the nursing program four years with pre-requisites?](#) The

minimum amount of time one can complete the RN program is three years if you are a Full Time student. One year of pre-reqs and two years of the RN program.