

## **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](mailto:bolesr@pbcc.edu). Or Latisha Myrick, our Health Science Advisor, can be reached at (561) 868-3819 or by email @ [myrickl@pbcc.edu](mailto:myrickl@pbcc.edu) for questions and appointments.
2. **Does PBCC maintain a waiting list?** Yes; the wait list is for transition students only (LPN'S and Paramedics). Entry is based on space availability for the RN program.
3. **Are any courses subject to an expiration date before entry into the nursing program?** Only your sciences courses have expiration dates. All Science courses such as Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology II 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 along with 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 completion of the RN program depends on which semester the transition student is able to test into. The Full Time Program for Lake Worth and Belle Glade span two years in length from Semester I or (four semesters excluding summers), while the Evening/Weekend Program is two years eight months from Semester I including summers (year-round program). The transition student can challenge semesters I and/or II by passing

one or both ACE challenge exams. See Rhonda Boles for a permission slip and testing dates.

7. **What is an ACE Exam?** The acronym ACE stands for Accelerated Challenge Exam.
8. **When can I sit for the challenge exams?** The following pre-requisites **MUST** be completed before you can sit for the first challenge exam:
  - \*Chemistry
  - \*Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BSC 2085/2085L and BSC 2086/2086L)
  - \*Developmental Psychology (DEP 2004)
  - \*Microbiology (MCB 2010/2010L)
  - \*Math Pro-Calc Proficiency Exam (80% or higher)
9. **What subject area does the ACE exam cover?** ACE I will test you on the Fundamentals of Nursing, which is covered in our 1<sup>st</sup> semester of nursing. ACE II covers Obstetrics and Pediatrics which is covered in our 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of nursing. Both ACE exams have approximately 185 questions. The transition student will need a passing score of 75% or higher on one or both exams in order to skip a semester.
10. **What are the deadline dates for entry?** August 1<sup>st</sup> for every Fall Term (Student begins August of each year ) and November 15<sup>th</sup> for every Spring Term (Student begins January of each year).
11. **Where can I find study material for the ACE Exam?** Please see Rhonda Boles for study material and/or purchase an NCLEX review guide from any bookstore.
12. **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/nursing.xml>. and click on Pro-Calc in the left hand column.
13. **Where should I turn in my completed nursing application?** Applications are not required for the transition student. Your RN Information sheet and required licenses will serve as your application.
14. **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.

15. [What degree will I earn after completing the Registered Nurse Program at PBCC?](#) An Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

16. [If I attended another nursing program, can I transfer those credits into the RN program at PBCC?](#) No. The nursing program does not accept transfer nursing credits. The nursing transfer student will transition into the RN program just as an LPN or Paramedic transitions with the passing of an ACE exam.

17. [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.

18. [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. ENC 1101 is a pre-requisite for Semester I; HUN 1201 is a pre-requisite for Semester II; SYG 2000 and PSY 2012 are pre-requisites for Semester III. You may register for your humanities course during any one of the four semesters of the RN program.

19. [How can I add my name to the list for entry into the RN program?](#) Once the pre-requisites courses are complete, please make an appointment with Mrs. Rhonda Boles where she will issue you a permission slip to sit for the challenge exams.

20. [What is the cost of each of the ACE Exams?](#) The cost of each exam is \$70. To register for the exam, the transition student needs a “**money order**” in the amount of \$55 payable to NLN. On the day of the test, the student will pay the remaining \$15 by cash, check or charge through the cashier’s office.