



National Park Community College
101 College Drive
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913
(501) 760-4222 or (800) 760-1825

PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICATION PROCESS

*PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE
DAY & EVENING PROGRAMS:*

Complete college admissions form if you have not attended college previously or provide unofficial transcript from college previously attended. Unofficial transcript must be attached to your application.

1. Provide copy of unofficial high school transcript or GED and a copy of your diploma. Transcript and diploma must be attached to your application.
2. Take Compass Test if required or provide copy of SAT or ACT test results. Evening Program applicants are required to successfully complete Basic Math with a "C" or better if designated by Compass Test results prior to admission. A copy of the Compass Test, SAT or ACT test results must be attached to your application or college transcript.
3. Complete PN Application & attach applicable transcripts (see step 1 & 2) and attach item from step 3.
4. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation (can use form provided on web-site or have persons type or hand-write recommendations) - We do **not** accept recommendations from family members. Attach all to PN Application.
5. Write or type a short paragraph (3 or 4 lines) on "Why You Want to Become a Nurse". Attach to PN Application.
6. All paperwork is to be completed and returned to PN Office by March 1, 2010.
7. Upon completion of the application process, the applicant will be notified by mail to schedule the HESI (Health Education Systems, Inc. exam).
 - a. Study resources can be found at this website: <http://www.nursing-exams.ca/exams/HESI.html> or a study guide can be purchased at Books-a-Million (Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review)
 - b. The HESI is administered on a computer (computer literacy is recommended). It takes approximately 3 hours to complete and the format is both multiple choice and fill in (short answer) responses.
 - c. The Math Skills section consists of 55 to 60 problems including, but not limited to: whole numbers, decimals, fractions, percentages, ratio/proportion, metric conversion, roman numeral conversion, household conversion, military time conversion and story problem solution. An online calculator is available for students to use. Scratch paper will be provided.
 - d. The Reading Comprehension section consists of 47 questions and involves reading selections and answering questions related to paragraph content and vocabulary.
 - e. The Grammar section consists of 50 to 60 questions related to proper word usage and tense.
 - f. Two additional sections of the HESI, Personality Profile and Learning Style, have scores that will not be used to determine your eligibility for the Nursing Program. The scores are for use in understanding yourself better and if admitted to the program, will be a tool for nursing instructors to more fully understand you as a person and as a student.
 - g. The fee for test-taking is \$29 payable by cash, money-order or check on or before your test appointment. Payment to be made in the Business office, your receipt will serve as your admission for testing.

DAY PROGRAM FOR HESI:

Accept the top 45 persons who score the highest. The next ten (10) applicants by score will be on the Alternate list. Each of those persons being considered for the program will be required to attend a scheduled interview with the Program Director.

EVENING PROGRAM FOR HESI:

Accept the top 20 persons who score the highest. The next five (5) applicants by score will be on the Alternate list. Each of those persons being considered for the program will be required to attend a scheduled interview with the Program Director.

National Park Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or qualified handicap in any of its policies, practices or procedures. This provision includes but is not limited to admissions, employment, financial aid and other educational services. Inquiries regarding Title IX, ADA, and Section 504 should be directed to the Vice President for Student Services in the Gerald Fisher Building (501-760-4203)

Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission