Practical Nursing
Admission Criteria and Application Instructions

Admission Criteria:

- Must attend Nursing Information Session.
- Complete the general college application process. Indicate Pre Nursing as you're major.
- Must be a High School graduate or GED recipient.
- Must be accepted as a Ridgewater College student.
- Complete the most current Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to application deadlines.
- Be current on Nursing Assistant registry.
- Meet all Accuplacer testing requirements as indicated below.

Note: You must successfully test at college level in each assessment area or earn a "C" grade or better in all courses taken to meet admission criteria.

Admission Criteria Table: Required Testing Scores or Course Equivalents					
	Accuplacer Cut Score		**Developmental Coursework**		**College-Level Coursework**
Reading Comprehension	78 or higher on "Classic" test or 250 or higher on "Next Gen" test	OR	"C" or higher in English 980 or equivalent	OR	"C" or higher in 24 credits of college-level reading course
Math	56 or higher on the "Classic" Accuplacer or 220 on the "Next Gen" Accuplacer	OR	"C" or higher in MATH 970 or Math 990 or equivalent	OR	"C" or higher in college-level math course

TEAS Testing Information:
Follow the links on the Ridgewater website/Nursing for testing dates, TEAS registration and deadlines.
www.ridgewater.edu

Application Instructions:
Print, Complete and Submit the Practical Nursing (PN) program application.

- Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020 for the Fall Semester 2020 PN Nursing Courses. Applications will be located on the Ridgewater website www.ridgewater.edu
- You must complete all admission criteria listed above prior to submitting an application for the Nursing Program.
- Submit your official college transcripts to the Admissions Office. If you attended another Minnstate institution, Ridgewater can obtain the transcripts for you at no cost. If you have attended private or out of state institutions, you will need to have an official transcript sent directly to the admissions office of the campus you wish to attend. If your transcripts have already been evaluated and you received a DARS report, you do not need to have them evaluated again. The Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) provides you information about course requirements needed to complete your degree or program of study.

Selection Criteria for Acceptance/Admission:

Ranking of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

- TEAS composite score divided by a factor of 10 (Ex: Composite score of 62% = 6.2)
- First semester GPA of PN Program Plan (Ex: 2.75)
- The combined total TEAS and GPA score will be utilized to rank applicants for order of acceptance.
- In the event of a tied combined total TEAS and GPA score, the applicant with the highest TEAS science sub-score will advance in rank order for acceptance. If a further tie exists, the applicant with the highest TEAS math sub-score will advance in rank order for acceptance.

Contact Information:

If you have questions, please contact one of the following individuals:
(preferred method to contact is by email)

Hutchinson Campus
Matt Roberts, Advisor   Matt.Roberts@ridgewater.edu   320.234.8505

Willmar Campus
Amy Birkland, Advisor   Amy.Birkland@ridgewater.edu   320.222.5977

Accuplacer Information:

To schedule a time to take accuplacer assessment tests (Reading and Math) contact:

Hutchinson Campus: Kara Schmoll   320-234-8593 or 800-722-1151
Willmar Campus: Linda Larson   320-222-5563 or 800-722-1151

Practical Nursing Diploma

Semester 1: 12 Credits (1 Nursing and 11 General Education Credits)

PRNU 1617	Medical Terminology	1 credit
ENGL 1209 or ENGL 1210	English	3 credits
PSYC 1310	Psychology	4 credits
BIOL 2100	Human Anatomy	4 credits

NOTE: Apply to semester two (2) nursing courses at completion of Semester one (1).

Semester 2: 13 Credits

PRNU 1000	Foundation of Practical Nursing	6 credits
PRNU 1200	Nursing Care of Older Adults	3 credits
PRNU 1300	Pharmacology for the Role of the Practical Nurse	1 credit
PRNU 1400	Clinical 1	4 credits

Semester 3: 14 Credits

PRNU 2100	Nursing of Adults	3 credits
PRNU 2200	Nursing Care of Women/Newborns/Children	3 credits
PRNU 2300	Transition to Practice	1 credit
PRNU 2400	Psychosocial Nursing Care	1 credit
PRNU 2500	Clinical II	6 credits

PN Diploma   **40 credits**

Graduates are eligible to take NCLEX-PN Licensure Exam.

Each course of the PN curriculum plan must have been achieved with a letter grade of "C" or better.

Registration for Semester 2 & 3 Courses:

- Only students who have been accepted into the PN program are allowed to register for the nursing courses. (PRNU prefix) Students may take any of the general education courses required in the PN program prior to applying to the PN program. There are a limited number of seats available.
- The Nursing Department at Ridgewater College is always striving for continuous improvement to better serve our students and the region. Any changes that may occur in the design of our Nursing programs will always be posted on the Nursing page of our website: www.ridgewater.edu.