

PIEDMONT COLLEGE

R.H. DANIEL SCHOOL OF
NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

BSN Program FAQ

Q. HOW DO I GET INFORMATION ON THE BSN PROGRAM?

A. Visit www.piedmont.edu for information on requirements and program of study offered at both our Demorest and Athens campuses. Nursing is located under the Academics, then Undergraduate tab.

Q. DOES PIEDMONT COLLEGE OFFER TOURS OF THE SCHOOL?

A. Absolutely, prospective nursing students should visit the Future Students tab on the main Piedmont College website and select the Schedule a Visit for either the Demorest or Athens campus.

Q. HOW DO I APPLY AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A. All BSN applicants will need to complete the BSN application form located online. For students NOT currently enrolled at Piedmont College, the first step will be to complete Undergraduate application for admission. There is no fee to apply for general admission at Piedmont College nor the nursing program.

Q. WHEN CAN I APPLY AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU ADMIT STUDENTS?

A. The BSN application opens September 1 and closes January 21. Students are admitted once a year. Students must have all required documents submitted by the deadline for application consideration. Piedmont College does offer an early admission decision for qualified students. See the website for more information. The total admission each year may vary based on resource availability. Admission to the program is competitive.

Q. WHAT ARE ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BSN PROGRAM?

A. All of the criteria are listed on our [BSN requirement page](#). Pre-requisite requirements, transcript, TEAS information, and deadlines are included. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in required courses to be considered.

Q. WHAT IS THE ATI TEAS TEST AND WHAT SCORE DO I NEED?

A. The ATI-TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is an aptitude test that assesses academic preparedness for potential nursing students. For more information on preparing and taking the TEAS (use 6th edition study guide), please go to www.atitesting.com. The TEAS must be taken within two academic years of application. **Currently the score should be at or above the national average (around 65-70%) to apply.** Scores must be received directly from ATI testing or affiliated testing center. *We will consider evaluating HESI scores for applicants with no TEAS.

Q. I AM STILL TAKING MY PREREQUISITE COURSES, WHAT HAS TO BE COMPLETE AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION?

B. Most pre-nursing students will be working to complete required prerequisite courses. A minimum of 30 credits with at least one science course should be completed with others in progress. Students must have all required math, science, English, and growth/development courses completed prior to beginning nursing courses. Due to the rigor of the program, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete all other required courses prior to matriculation into the program but no later than Fall of Senior year.

Q. I HAVE EVERYTHING SUBMITTED, WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP

A. Applicants who meet all criteria will be reviewed by the committee. Students who are offered admission to the program will be required to submit a deposit to hold placement.

Q. IF I AM ACCEPTED, WHAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARE THERE FOR THE BSN PROGRAM?

A. All BSN students must successfully complete all remaining prerequisite courses with a "C" or higher, submit required immunizations, complete and maintain American Heart Association CPR certification, and complete a criminal background check and urine drug screen (as required by clinical agencies). Students unable to complete these requirements may not be cleared for clinical, therefore are not able to progress in the program.

Q. WHAT IF I HAVE COURSES ON MY TRANSCRIPT THAT I AM NOT SURE IF THEY WILL BE COUNTED?

A. Piedmont College's registrar's office will carefully review and assess your transcripts. They may require additional information from you in order to assess for course equivalency.

Q. WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO COMPLETE ALL OF MY PREREQUISITE COURSES IN TIME TO START?

A. Due to the rigor and scheduling constraints of the nursing program, students who have outstanding prerequisite courses will be evaluated to ensure success. Students missing more than 6 credits by matriculation may not be eligible to progress.

Q. OTHER THAN MY APPLICATION TO PIEDMONT COLLEGE; SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR THE NURSING PROGRAM, TRANSCRIPTS, AND TEAS SCORES; ARE THERE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

A. Biology courses must have been completed within 7 years. All candidates will need a 3.0 GPA in required courses to be considered for admission. Successful completion of a critical thinking question completes your application.

Q. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS SEEM DIFFERENT AND MORE INCLUSIVE, HOW DO I KNOW WHAT I NEED?

A. All requirement immunization information will be included in your acceptance letter. Please do not complete or submit any immunization information until requested. You will be given the time frame for completion and submission. Nursing programs do require Hepatitis B vaccination.

Q. CAN I KEEP WORKING WHILE IN THE PROGRAM?

A. Nursing programs are very rigorous and schedules are full. Students are strongly encouraged to limit the number of hours worked in order to be successful in the program. Nursing program schedules must take priority. Nursing program requirements cannot take into account student employment schedules.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY BACKGROUND OR DRUG SCREEN?

A. All students must successfully complete both a background check and drug screen as part of our clinical partnership requirements. These are viewed under strict confidentiality by clinical partners and appropriate school of nursing staff. Clinical agencies have the right to refuse student's admittance into their facility based on the results; therefore, the student may be unable to complete their clinical requirements and the admission offer will be rescinded. The cost of any repeat drug screens for any reason are incurred by the applicant.

Q. HOW DO I GET IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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 - Athens campus: *Jennifer Howell* 706-354-4772 ext 8035/email: jhowell@piedmont.edu

Q. WHAT TYPE AND HOW MANY CLINICAL AND LAB HOURS ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM?

A. Clinical experiences will vary in courses but include: Acute care hospitals, clinics, extended care, ambulatory centers, public health, schools, home health, hospice, and other community settings to meet course objectives. Clinical and lab hours are indicated in the BSN program information and course syllabi

Q. WHAT WILL MY SCHEDULE BE LIKE?

A. Typically, students will have lab, clinical, or simulation on Monday and Tuesday; with Class on Wednesday-Friday. Classes typically meet in the morning with test review and course meetings to follow in the early afternoon.