



**PRACTICAL NURSE EDUCATION (PNE)  
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ICC)**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION PACKET  
Summer 2010**

**Applicants for the Practical Nurse Program must fulfill the following general admission requirements to be admitted to Isothermal Community College. Materials can be submitted to Admissions, PO Box 804, Spindale, NC 28160.**

**STEP ONE:**

1. Complete an application for admission to ICC (paper or online at [www.isothermal.edu/admissions](http://www.isothermal.edu/admissions)).
2. Submit **all** official and sealed high school transcript(s) or GED scores (must be a high school graduate or the equivalent) from the issuing institution to the Admissions Office.
3. Submit **all** official and sealed college transcript(s) from the issuing institution to the Admissions Office. Please note that transfer credit can only be awarded for courses that reflect a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Complete college placement test (ASSET/COMPASS), which includes Reading, Writing and Math skills. Schedule of times and dates are available in the Career Center, Student Center Bld.10. Applicants who have completed college level courses in English, Math, and Reading at an accredited college(s) with a grade of "C" or better are exempt from the tests. Completion of only one of the above will require testing in the other areas. Developmental or enrichment courses completed at an accredited college with a grade of "C" or better may be considered in determining placement test exemptions.

**\*\*The requirements above (Step One) are only steps to complete the general admission requirements for Isothermal Community College. The section above does not fulfill the other requirements to be considered for admission into the LPN program. You must continue to follow the steps below. \*\***

**\*\*\*In addition to the above items (5-7) **must** be completed by 4:30 pm, January 13, 2010. \*\*\***

**STEP TWO:****Career Center Advisor Requirements**

5. Complete all developmental courses required as a result of placement tests with a grade of “C” or better.

Reading	RED 090
English	ENG 090
Mathematics	MAT 060

6. Overall, cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all college courses.
7. Submit three (3) references completed by people other than family or close friends, in sealed envelopes. Persons giving references **must sign the back of the envelope over the seal.** School and work references are preferred. Reference forms are included in this information packet. References must be returned to Tina Porter, Pre-Health Science Advisor, located in the Career Center. **References are only good for a two year period. After this period the student must submit new references.**
8. **\*\*\*Must have proof of CNA I or currently enrolled on or before deadline date.**

**\*\*\*When the above general admission requirements have been satisfied, the applicant will be invited to participate in a ATI TEAS TEST \*\*\***

9. **You are responsible** for making sure that all requirements have been met and that **all materials** have been received by the Career Center according to the deadlines listed. The Career Center must have a current/accurate mailing address and phone number for you.
10. Completion of these requirements **will NOT guarantee admission** into the program.
11. Students are **encouraged** to enroll in and complete the following required courses prior to being admitted to the PNE program.

BIO 168- Anatomy and Physiology I  
 BIO 169- Anatomy and Physiology II  
 ENG 111-Expository Writing  
 PSY 110-Life Span Dev. **or** [PSY 150 Gen. Psych **and** PSY 241-Dev. Psych]  
 ACA 115-Success & Study Skills

While waiting for admission, students are encouraged to complete other courses such as CNA II, Medical Terminology I, and Medical Terminology II.

11. All applicants' information must be updated annually. If you have previously applied, you must re-initiate the process including aptitude exam re-testing.

### **STEP THREE:**

#### **Practical Nursing Program Requirements for those accepted into the program:**

12. In order to maintain acceptance status, each applicant **must** be listed on the North Carolina NA I registry by the first day of summer semester. (For information on registry verification go to [www.ncnar.org](http://www.ncnar.org); for questions regarding steps leading to registry listing go to [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com), formerly [www.promissor.org](http://www.promissor.org).)
13. Accepted students **must** have an Isothermal Community College student ID card made prior to the start of the program. ID cards are made during the first few weeks of Fall and Spring semester. Student ID cards are issued without charge to students who have paid the student activity fee.
14. Accepted students **must** complete the Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) for the **Healthcare Provider** that is offered by the American Heart Association. Must provide proof when submitting medical forms to the PN Director.
15. Upon acceptance into the LPN program, the following items must be completed at the student's expense.

**Criminal Background Check**  
**OIG (Office of Inspector General) Check**  
**Drug Testing**

An acceptable background check is required for clinical experiences. The background checks will be completed during the first semester, NUR 101. Students must be able to attend clinical experiences in all agencies used by the college. Information for obtaining the background checks will be provided to all students by the Director of PNE.

**While the above information is not required by Isothermal Community College for either general college admission or entrance into the nursing program, students should be aware that this information will be required by the personnel department at your future clinical location. Failure to provide this information to a clinical site in a timely fashion could result in a cancellation of your clinical site arrangements.**

*\*\*\*If there are any questions, please call Tina M. Porter, Health Sciences Specialist at (828) 286-3636, extension 361 or e-mail: [tporter@isothermal.edu](mailto:tporter@isothermal.edu) Located in the Career Center in the Student Affairs (Building # 10)*

**\*\*\*Please see the following worksheet for acceptance criteria for the program.**  
**LPN WEIGHTED ADMISSIONS WORKSHEET**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SS#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA (must have a 2.0 of higher)** \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Actual Score/Grade	Points Scored
<b>TEAS SCORE:</b> 91 - 100 = 16 points 81 - 90 = 8 points 71 - 80 = 4 points 61 - 70 = 2 points 51 - 60 = 1 point 0 - 50 = 0 point		
<b>CNA II = 2 points</b>		
<b>Courses taken (points are weighted based on credit hours of the course)</b>		
BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I		
BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II		
PSY 241 Developmental Psychology		
PSY 110 Life Span Development		
ENG 111 Expository Writing		
ACA 115 Success & Study Skills		
<b>Other Health related courses:</b>		
BIO 163 Basic A & P		
MED 121 Med Term I		
MED 122 Med Term II		
PSY 150 General Psychology		
ENG 113 Literature-Based Research		
<b>GPA = Total Points for all classes taken divided by the total number of hours taken</b> 3.5 - 4.0 = 8 points 3.0 - 3.49 = 6 points 2.5 - 2.99 = 4 points 2.0 - 2.49 = 2 points		
<b>Previous educational degree</b> 2yr associate degree - 15 points 4yr bachelor degree - 20 points		

**TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* All areas of the TEAS test will be taken into consideration for acceptance into the LPN Program offered by Isothermal Community College.

**\*\*ALL STUDENTS MUST BE LISTED ON THE NA I REGISTRY BY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, MAY 19, 2010**

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## SELECTION PROCESS:

1. All general admission requirements and practical nurse **(Steps 1 & 2)** must be met. In addition, schedule physical exams between **March 1--15, 2010 (See item #5).**
2. Notified applicants will sit for the TEAS Test. There is a \$28.00 fee for the test. **A passing score on all areas of the TEAS must be obtained to be considered for admission.**  
**Health forms and Admission Application forms will be given to all students.**
3. Admissions Application form to be returned to PN Director, Dr. Debbie Wiltshire, in the Applied Sciences Building.
4. **Final selection for admission is based on the points obtained on the LPN Weighted Admissions Worksheet.**  
Written notification of acceptance will be sent by the Practical Nursing Department.
5. **Physical exam and immunization records must be completed and returned to the Director of the PNE program during these dates.** Only students selected for acceptance into the program and alternates will need to complete the health form.
6. **If selected, the student must attend the New Student Orientation Day.** Information regarding the activities and time will be sent with the acceptance letter.

## **IMPORTANT! DEADLINE DATES:**

**January 13, 2010**

**February 3, 2010**

**February 7, 2010**

**February 24, 2010**

**March 1 – 15, 2010**

**March 18, 2010**

**\*NOTE:** Dates listed above are important for you to remember to fulfill your requirements.