Practical Nursing - Policy for Competitive Clinical Entry

1. Students must have completed a minimum of six credit hours with a minimum transfer or institutional GPA of 2.00 to apply.

2. Students must have completed the ATI TEAS test with the following minimum score: TEAS Adjusted Individual Test Score (AITS) of 50%

3. Transfer courses must have been evaluated by TCTC Student Records.

4. Students desiring a clinical seat must submit a Nursing Clinical Entry Application by the deadline date. The Nursing Clinical Entry Application is found at eTC → Get Set Tab. The deadline date will be posted on the worksheet and Criteria and Instructions on Academic Tab and at www.tctc.edu

Applications will not be accepted after the posted deadline.

5. The student is responsible for the accuracy of the information found on the Nursing Clinical Entry Application as it relates to points earned. For errors or incomplete information about transfer credits or grades, a request must be submitted for review or change to Student Records, one week prior to the application deadline. If the question is about degrees from other colleges not showing, contact Admissions.

TEAS score transfers must have been processed prior to application deadline. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

6. Applicants with the highest point totals will be offered seats in the PNR 175 class. If two or more students have the same total points, rank will be based on:
   1) TEAS test score 2) overall GPA

7. The applicants offered competitive entry seats will be removed from the completed TEAS list. Remaining seats in the PNR 175 class will be filled based on the student’s complete TEAS date.

8. Incomplete Competitive Clinical Entry applications will not be considered.

9. To get points for an Associate Degree, the transcript must show an awarded degree. If a student fails or withdraws from a course that completes this degree: Nursing will determine if the points for this credential were key to the offer of a seat. The student may have the seat rescinded if this is the case.

10. To get points for an Associate of Science Degree with a nursing focus, the following apply:
    a) Submit a graduation application to Fulp 401
    b) Student must have completed the prescribed courses, or be registered for the courses that complete the degree

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c) Achieve at least a 2.00 grade point average in the degree.

d) Earn a minimum of 25% of the credit hours required for the degree through courses taken at the College.

e) Courses must be completed before the semester of expected clinical entry

f) If the student receives the 10 points for the credential but doesn’t complete the courses, Nursing will determine if the points were the reason for the offer of a seat. Nursing may rescind the seat in this case.

For further information about the College Graduation Policy, see the College Catalog

11. If a student successfully challenges a course or gets CLEP credit for a course, they will be awarded the point value of a C in that course.

12. Students with AP credit for an applicable course will receive a point equivalent of 3 for a C, 4 for a B or 5 for an A. If a score report is not available, the default will be a C.

13. Students who do not apply for competitive clinical entry for two consecutive semesters (excluding summer) will be removed from eligibility.

14. Course Re-Entry- A student who desires to re-enroll in PNR 175, must follow the guidelines found in the Student Handbook

15. If a student is administratively withdrawn from a program by the Department Head or designee, then the student must follow Progression guidelines in the Nursing Student Handbook to request to re-enter. This student must meet current catalog requirements to re-apply.

It is the intent of the Competitive Clinical Entry process that a student who accepts a seat in a program, remains in that program until the program has been completed, or they are academically withdrawn. Extenuating circumstances are rare, and must be discussed with the Department Head for Nursing. If a student withdraws from a program, they must wait one calendar year to re-apply for a program.

Questions
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