

## **Practical Nursing Certificate**

- Students must apply to Lehigh Carbon Community College and have a current application when applying for admission. Students will need to take all placement tests unless told they are exempt by a health care advisor.
- Students interested in the Nursing program should apply for Health Science A.S. which will prepare the student to complete the prerequisite courses necessary for Nursing admission.
- High school diploma or GED and successful completion of appropriate high school or post-secondary courses. Submission of official transcripts of all previous education (high school, trade, technical, college).
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The fee for the examination is the student's responsibility ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)).
- Completion of an application for program admission. Admission is competitive based upon the TEAS score, previous academic achievement and complete program application.
- To participate in required clinical experiences a "no record" status must be reported on the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. The Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check results must fall within the guidelines of the law, as set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. An FBI Background Check Transmittal Form is required. Admission to the program may be revoked upon receipt of these results.
- The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and healthcare agencies for clinical experiences have specific health requirements that must be met by each student before participating at the clinical agency.
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIO 163 and 164) must be taken less than seven years before enrollment in the first nursing course.
- An advanced standing option is available for NUR 106 for CNAs and other healthcare providers who qualify. Applicants with previous practical nursing education are ineligible for advanced standing beyond Nursing I (NUR 106).
- The deadline for submission of the application for admission and completion of the TEAS is February 1 for admission to the nursing class beginning in fall.
- Completion of a high school algebra course with a "C" (or better) or completion of MAT 090 with a "C" (or better) or a core of 77 (or better) on the Algebra Placement Test.