Final Admission Criteria for Practical Nursing *Effective February 1, 2005*

Information for Student Applicants:

Minimum admission standards for the Practical Nursing Program include:

1. Unconditional admission to the college.
2. Receipt of completed application for the Practical Nursing Program by [*date*].
3. A minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work.
4. A minimum of 2.50 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable in lieu of high school transcript).
5. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116 as determined by college policy.
6. Good standing with the college.
7. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
8. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher).

Admission to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Information For Admission/Selection Committee-- Calculation of Points For Students Meeting Minimum Admission Standards:

After meeting all minimum requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on:

(1) COMPASS Reading scores;
(2) Points for selected college courses (i.e., ENG 101, MTH 116) or selected high school courses (i.e. Algebra II or higher level math, highest level Biology).
(3) Students may be awarded up to 11 points as determined by individual college policy and procedures.

1. Compass Reading Score (Maximum of 99 points)

COMPASS scores must be within the past 3 years for consideration. Students not meeting the 76 minimum should seek advisement regarding retesting policies and/or remediation requirements. If student has taken the ACT, the ACT **Reading** score can be used to derive the related Compass score using the crosswalk scores provided by ACT. Currently these scores are:

ACT READING	Related COMPASS		ACT READING	Related COMPASS
17	76		26	94
18	80		27	95
19	83		28	96
20	85		29	97
21	88		30	98
22	90		31	98
23	91		32	98
24	92		33	99
25	94			

2. Points for Grades in Selected College Courses OR Points for Grades in Selected High School Courses

Maximum points 60				Maximum points 60			
	A	**B**	**C**		**A**	**B**	**C**
ENG 101	30	20	10	Highest level Biology (incl. A&P)	30	20	10
MTH 116 or Higher Level Math	30	20	10	Algebra II or Higher Level Math	30	20	10

3. Additional points (Maximum 11) – Students may be awarded up to 11 points as determined by individual college policy and procedures.

A total of 170 points are possible with these selection criteria.