

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**  
**MARION COUNTY SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING**  
**2697 East Highway 76, Mullins, SC 29571**  
**843-423-1941**

The Marion County School of Practical Nursing is located at the Academy of Careers and Technology in Mullins, South Carolina. The nursing program is approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Board of Nursing, and is provided support by the South Carolina State Department of Education, Office of Health Science Education. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, and (404) 975-5000. Program objectives are achievable in an eighteen month course of study, consisting of two nine month segments (Phase I and Phase II) that correspond with the Marion County School District calendar. Phase I students attend classes from 8:30 until 11:10 each day. Phase II students have a full-time schedule, attending classes from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm three days a week. Clinical is scheduled two days a week from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm. Further information can be found at <https://www.marion.k12.sc.us>

The program consists of a total of 1496 clock hours, of which 447 are clinical and/or lab hours. There are no college credit hours given for any of the courses.

The purpose of the Marion County School of Practical Nursing is to provide quality nursing education, incorporating professional work ethics, to meet the changing needs of healthcare. One hundred percent of graduates find jobs and historically work in long term care facilities and physician's offices. Other career opportunities are available and many graduates continue their nursing education.

The philosophy of the nursing program is congruent with the philosophy of Academy of Careers and Technology. Additionally, the nursing program subscribes to additional beliefs about the practice of nursing. These beliefs serve as the program's conceptual framework, and the curriculum and objectives flow from this. These objectives support the PEW Health Commission's Competencies for 2005 and the 21 Competencies for the Twenty-first Century and NAPNES Standards. Upon completion of the program, the graduate of the Marion County School of Practical Nursing should be able to:

1. Use **critical thinking** to assist with assessing, planning, intervening, and evaluating the needs of all persons.
2. Demonstrate the ability to **communicate** and interact effectively and appropriately with all persons involved in the nursing process.
3. Demonstrate ethical and **professional behaviors** according to the established legal and ethical standards for a licensed practical nurse as defined by the South Carolina Board of Nursing Scope of Practice for the practical nurse.
4. Utilize the knowledge and skills necessary to make decisions regarding the **management** of nursing care to achieve the optimal health status for patients and others involved in the nursing process.
5. Use the **principles of teaching/learning** in the care of the patient to facilitate achieving and/or maintaining optimal health.
6. Provide **evidenced-based, clinically competent, culturally sensitive nursing care** in order to promote and assist with the maintenance of the health of all persons.

The Academy of Careers and Technology and nursing program do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Section 504 – Nickia Burks, PhD, Director of Special Services - 719 N. Main Street, Marion, SC 29571 843-423-1811; Title IX – Ms. Stacy Willbanks, Director of Human Resources - 719 N. Main Street, Marion, SC 29571 843-423-1811.

Reasonable accommodations may be made that allow disabled students to be successful. Accommodations may be provided for those students who submit appropriate documentation by an outside/independent professional evaluator or agency. Contact the associate director for information.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must be at least 17 years old prior to graduating from high school.
2. High school students must be entering grade 12 and have a letter of recommendation from their guidance counselor. Current high school students are not eligible to receive federal financial assistance.
3. Adult students are accepted. If high school education is incomplete, the student must successfully pass and provide a General Education Diploma (GED) and/or provide a high school diploma obtained through adult education prior to admission into the program.
4. Completed application and fee (\$20.00). High school students do not pay a fee.
5. A satisfactory score on pre-entrance tests. These tests must have been taken within the last 12 months of the student's first day of admission to the program.
6. A satisfactory interview with the coordinator during preregistration.
7. Acceptable drug screen and criminal background check and approval by all clinical sites.
8. A birth certificate, marriage license (if married), and divorce papers (if divorced).
9. Completed health forms (physical, current immunizations). Proof of health insurance. Students are required to have proof of all required immunizations. Additionally, students should have proof of negative 2-step TB skin test, or if positive, a healthcare provider must declare the student non-communicable.
10. Students must have current immunizations and CPR Healthcare Provider certification (American Heart Association, adult, child, and infant skills).
11. Payment of all fees (tuition, etc.)

Those applicants who have been previously enrolled in the nursing program and who desire readmission must meet all the admission requirements (# 1-11 above). They must also have completed all Phase I courses within the past 3 years.

Transfer students must meet the admission requirements (# 1-11 above) and have the following:

1. official transcript documenting the following courses or their equivalent within the past 3 years:  
Anatomy and Physiology, Fundamentals of Nursing, Nutrition and Diet Therapy, Nurses Math.
2. written recommendation from a former nursing instructor.

### FEES

The following represents the current tuition and an estimation of other costs. Any of these fees are subject to change.

	<b>In-county</b>	<b>Out-of-county</b>
Tuition per semester	\$1500	\$1800
Books per year:	\$500-600	\$500-600
Uniforms:	\$400	\$400
Miscellaneous per year:	Phase I = \$885 Phase II = \$1145	Phase I = \$885 Phase II = \$1145

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students needing financial assistance prior to admission should seek assistance from area WIOA counselors, health care institutions awarding scholarships, VA benefits administrators and web sites that determine loan and grant eligibility, such as [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students are eligible for educational scholarships awarded by individuals and civic organizations upon completion of Phase I.

### CURRICULUM GUIDE

#### PHASE I

##### **Semester # 1**

Fundamentals of Nursing I  
Anatomy & Physiology

##### **Semester # 2**

Fundamentals of Nursing II  
Nutrition & Diet Therapy  
Nurses Math

#### PHASE II

##### **Semester # 1**

Medical-Surgical Nursing I  
Pharmacology I  
Maternal-Newborn Nursing

##### **Semester # 2**

Medical Surgical Nursing II  
Pharmacology II  
Pediatric Nursing