

**The following are required in order to be considered for entrance into the Penn State Berks Practical Nursing Program.**

* **COMPLETED APPLICATION,** including a one page essay, “Why I Want to Become a Nurse.”
* **$75 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE (**Check or money order made payable to Penn State)
* **SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TEAS TEST** (go to ATITesting.com to register)
* **TRANSCRIPTS** (Please provide an *official* copy of your high school transcript or a copy of your GED along with record of courses you completed while in high school. If you have earned college credit, please provide *an* ***official*** transcript from each college).
* **TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE** with signatures/contact information

Take the TEAS exam first to determine eligibility for the practical nurse program; if successful, 50% or greater, then contact the Continuing Education office to arrange for a personal interview. Present a complete packet at your interview consisting of the above items. If offered admission to the program, you will then be required to provide more detailed information—clearances\* from the PA State Police, PA Child Abuse and FBI fingerprint check. In addition you will be required to have a physical and all required immunizations, proof of health care provider CPR certification, submit to a drug screen test, obtain malpractice insurance, and be enrolled in a health care plan. Further details regarding these items will be presented at your interview and in your acceptance letter.

*\*Admission to the clinical components* ***REQUIRES*** *these mandatory clearances. Any applicant with certain felonies and/or misdemeanors, regardless of the duration of time since conviction, will* ***not*** *be offered admission to the PN program per Pennsylvania state laws (****“The Professional Nursing Law”*** *Act 69, P.L. 409, No. 10, and P.L 233, No. 64;* ***Older Adults Protective Services Act****, Act 169 as amended by Act 13, P.L. 233, No. 64) and clinical facility policies.*

Applicants are considered based on their academic capacity and their ability to provide care to others. Academic proficiency is measured by: High School GPA, Number of College Credits earned, and the TEAS test, which carries double weight in the scoring process. Ability to provide care is determined by: your personal essay, letters of reference, personal interview, and consideration of your work history. Questions or to submit transcripts, contact:

**Penn State Berks**

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