

Transition Nursing FAQ; Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q:** How do I get information about the Piedmont Tech Transition Nursing Program, the general education classes needed, and other requirements to enter the program?
- **A:** Complete the **Transition Nursing Information Session**, an online presentation that is accessible from the from the Transition webpage: www.ptc.edu/transition. This session is required for program entry and is the place to start to gain program information.
- **Q:** How often do you admit new students into the Transition Program?
- **A:** We admit new students to the program only 1 time per year. The program applications are accepted each May, and the accepted students enter the Transition class each fall semester.
- **Q:** How long is the Transition Program?
- **A:** Once a student successfully completes the Transition class, then he/she must complete 3 semesters of ADN clinical courses, so it is a total of 4 semesters.
- **Q:** What is the NLN Foundation of Nursing Exam, how do I prepare for it and why is it required?
- **A:** An informational presentation about the NLN exam is available for viewing on the Transition webpage and gives the necessary details about the exam.
- **Q:** Can I work while I am in the Transition Nursing Program?
- **A:** The Transition class usually meets 1 full day per week, so although it is not advised, a student may continue to work during that semester. However, once a student enters the ADN clinical courses, it is recommended that he/she consider a significant reduction in work hours, or not working at all, since the ADN program time commitment is the equivalent of a full-time job.
- **Q:** What costs can I expect to incur, in addition to tuition?
- **A:** Additional costs may include higher book costs (\$300-\$1,200), supplies and uniforms (\$100-\$300), testing fees (\$200+), background check/ drug screen fees (\$50-\$100), professional membership fees (\$40- \$50), malpractice insurance (\$10-\$40), iPod Touch with special software (\$300- \$400), health assessment & immunizations (cost varies- contact your healthcare provider), and other miscellaneous costs.
- **Q:** Where are classes held?
- **A:** The Transition classes and all ADN classes meet on the Greenwood campus. Clinical sites are located throughout the Piedmont Tech seven-county service area (Greenwood, Laurens, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda), as well as a few facilities located immediately outside our service area, such as Anderson County.
- **Q:** How do I find out if my coursework from a previous institution will transfer to Piedmont Tech?
- **A:** You must submit official transcripts to the Piedmont Tech Student Records Office. They will review your coursework for transfer credit. The Nursing Support Counselor does not evaluate transcripts.
- **Q:** How will I know if program entry requirements change?
- **A:** Be sure to routinely check the Transition webpage www.ptc.edu/transition for updates.