

GETTING STARTED AT PRCC

Admission to PRCC

Pearl River Community College is committed to providing high quality educational opportunities to all qualified applicants. PRCC does not discriminate against or exclude any prospective student from participation in any educational program or activity of the college on the basis of ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, marital status, or disability. PRCC is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Educational Amendments of 1972 of the Higher Education Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information regarding Title VI and Title IX or for information regarding ADA, please contact Dr. Adam Breerwood, Dean of Student Affairs.

All applicants who have met admission requirements will be considered for acceptance to the college. General admission to PRCC does not guarantee admission to a specific program offered by the college. Additional requirements for specific programs should be studied to determine eligibility for acceptance in that particular program.

General Admissions Procedures

The Admissions Office at Pearl River Community College is located in the Administration Building on the campus in Poplarville. Applications for admission and other forms and information are available in the Admissions Office from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on weekdays. This office receives and processes all applications, high school transcripts, transfer college transcripts, GED certificates, and other documents related to admission to Pearl River Community College. Information may be requested from or documents may be mailed to:

**OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
101 HIGHWAY 11 NORTH
BOX 5120
POPLARVILLE, MS 39470**

Students who wish to enroll in a career or technical program at the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg should direct inquiries to and mail documents to:

**PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FORREST COUNTY CENTER
5448 U.S. HIGHWAY 49 SOUTH
HATTIESBURG, MS 39401**

In order to be admitted as an academic, technical, or career student, the following documents must be submitted:

1. PRCC Application for Admission;
2. Official transcript from an accredited high school indicating date of graduation or GED test transcript indicating passing;
3. Official transcript from every college attended;
4. ACT scores for academic or technical students (See Admission Testing below).

Students taking classes at Pearl River Community College are classified in one of three broad areas of instruction with regard to their educational goals.

ACADEMIC STUDENTS are students who are taking classes that lead to the Associate in Arts degree (AA). The Associate in Arts degree program is designed to provide a variety of educational experiences which acquaint the student with the liberal arts disciplines of writing, mathematics, humanities and fine arts, science, social science, communication, and physical education. In general, academic students intend to transfer their work completed at PRCC to a college or university and have the work apply toward a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree.

TECHNICAL STUDENTS are students who are taking classes that lead to the Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS). The Associate in Applied Science degree combines a foundation of basic academic courses with intensive training in a specific area of instruction, and technical course work designed to provide the graduate with the specific technical training needed for employment after completion of the degree.

CAREER STUDENTS are students who are taking classes that lead to a Certificate of Proficiency. The Certificate of Proficiency is a validation that the student has completed an intensive, full-time schedule of training in a specific skill area.

Admission Testing

Students who are taking courses in an Academic or Technical program must furnish results of the American College Test (ACT). All references to the ACT refer to the Enhanced version of the test. The Enhanced version of the ACT was administered beginning in October of 1989. Students who completed the ACT prior to October 1989 may still use their results for admission purposes. ACT scores are used for placement in classes and for academic and technical counseling. (See Developmental Course Placement.) There is no minimum score for general admission to the college; however, specific programs may require minimum scores for admission.

ACT scores are encouraged but not required for Career students. The test of Basic Education (TABE) is administered to all Career students prior to enrollment in Career classes.

Notification of Admission Status

After a completed application is received, PRCC develops an admission file on the student and begins correspondence indicating receipt of documents and/or deficiencies. All students, regardless of full or part-time status, must meet admission requirements prior to registration for classes. A letter of acceptance or denial will be mailed to all applicants after all admission criteria have been met.

All students who have met admission requirements will be considered for admission to the college. However, admission to the college does not guarantee admission to a specific program. Students must determine the requirements for admission to a specific program to see if they are eligible to enroll in that program. Specific questions concerning admission to the college or to a specific program of study should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

Early Admission

In order to qualify for early admission to the College, an applicant must have completed a minimum of 14 core high school units; a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale, or better, on all high school courses, as documented by an official high school transcript; a home-schooled student must submit a transcript prepared by a parent, guardian or custodian with a signed, sworn affidavit to meet the requirements of this paragraph; a minimum ACT composite score of twenty-six (26) or the equivalent SAT score; and, a written statement from his/her principal or guidance counselor that this (Early Admission) is in the best educational interest of the student.

Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to the early admission program shall be recorded on the college transcript at the community or junior college where the student attends classes, and may be released to another institution or used for college graduation requirements only after the student has successfully completed one (1) full semester of course work.

Dual Enrollment

A high school student may enroll at Pearl River Community College while still attending high school, provided the student has earned a minimum of 14 core high school units and has a 3.0 or better grade point average as documented by an official high school transcript, and provides a letter of approval from the high school principal or counselor. PRCC limits the total credit that may be earned by dual enrollment of a high school student to eleven (11) semester hours.

Readmission

A student who has attended PRCC in any semester other than the most recent semester must apply for readmission to the college. A student seeking readmission should complete a new application and provide transcripts from all other colleges attended, if any, since last attending PRCC. Students are readmitted based on their performance at PRCC and other colleges attended. PRCC honors the performance policies (honors, suspension, probation) of transfer colleges.

Transfer Admission

Any student may transfer from an accredited institution and expect to have consideration of previous academic experiences, provided that the admission requirements of PRCC are met as stated under the HGeneral AdmissionF section of this catalog. The following policies in regard to transfer work will apply:

1. Credit earned from an institution that is not regionally accredited will not be accepted.
2. Official copies of AP or CLEP scores must be provided by the student for evaluation.
3. Acceptance of transfer work toward a degree is subject to the following considerations:
 - a. Courses must be equivalent to PRCC courses in content, description, and length.
 - b. The grade in the transfer course must be a HCF or better. If the student's overall transfer average is above 2.00, a grade of HDF may be considered.
 - c. Technical or Career transfer work is subject to the approval of the program faculty and the Director of the Career and Technical Education center where the student wishes to enroll.

Transfer students seeking admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program should review **ADN Transfer Admission Procedure from another Nursing Program.**

Special Admission

Contractual Agreements

Pearl River Community College occasionally enters into contractual agreements with agencies or organizations. In such cases, special admission may be granted to individuals participating in educational experiences as covered in the agreement. College credit will be awarded, however, only to participants who meet admission criteria.

Students Who Have Not Completed High School/GED

Students who have never graduated from high school and who have not completed the GED may be admitted to selected career programs by special waiver provided they are over the age of 18 and demonstrate through admission testing an ability to benefit from educational experiences.

Students Who Wish To Audit Classes

Students may audit courses by submitting a completed application to audit to the Director of Admissions who will, after the application has been evaluated, inform the student if his/her application to audit has been approved or denied. No credit hours are earned. Tuition for audit or credit is the same. Financial aid is not available for auditing classes. Once enrolled in a class, a student may not change from audit to credit status, or vice-versa. Completed audit courses are listed on the student's transcript.

Continuing Education Admission

Students who wish to participate in Continuing Education classes must complete an Application for Admission. Continuing Education credit is awarded as Continuing Education Units (CEU).

Admission/Readmission Appeals

The Director of Admissions is authorized to admit any student to the college who meets admission requirements. However, in cases where doubt exists the Admission Committee makes a determination on admission. The Admission/Readmission Committee is composed of The Director of Admissions (Chairperson), an Academic Counselor, and a Career -Technical Counselor. The decision of the Admission Committee may be appealed to the Dean of Student Affairs. A ruling from the Dean of Student Affairs may be appealed to the President of Pearl River Community College. The ruling of the President is final.

The Readmission Committee is organized to hear appeals from students who have been suspended from the college because they have not maintained the minimum grade point average required for continued enrollment. Appeals will be heard only for those students who submit a request for an appeal in writing two weeks or more prior to the beginning of the semester for which they wish to re-enroll.

Admission Policy Pertaining To Resident Status of Students

Students at Pearl River Community College are classified in regard to residency as IN-DISTRICT, OUT-OF-DISTRICT, or OUT-OF-STATE. The following methods are used to determine student resident status:

1. An IN-DISTRICT student is one who, on the first day of registration of a given term, is twenty-one (21) years of age or older and is a legal resident of Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Marion, or Pearl River County in the State of Mississippi. The legal residence of a student under the age of twenty-one (21) is the residence of either parent.
2. An OUT-OF-DISTRICT student is one who resides in the State of Mississippi but is not a resident of Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Marion, or Pearl River County.
3. An OUT-OF-STATE student is one who does not reside within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi.

In determining residence, the burden of proof is on the student. A student can change his status from OUT-OF-STATE only by physically moving to a location within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi with the intention of residing within the state indefinitely and establishing a physical presence and place in the state which the student considers to be the true, fixed, and permanent place of habitation.

The Office of Admissions of Pearl River Community College determines residence status. The decision of the Admissions Office may be appealed. In requesting a change of residence status, the student will be responsible for presenting competent, written evidence in support of the request.

A student may apply in writing for reclassification prior to any registration. In determining residence, the following test for qualification will be applied:

1. Students who are not yet 21 years of age and are not married.
Residency for students who are not yet 21 years of age is based solely on the residence of the parents. Students who are not yet 21 years of age are considered residents of Mississippi only if one or both parents reside in the State of Mississippi. Parent(s) must have their fixed and permanent residence within the boundaries of the state. It is not possible for tuition purposes to be a resident of more than one state. The law allows no exceptions for students below the age of 21 who are independent from their parents.
2. Students who are 21 years of age or older or students who are married.
Residency for students who are over 21 years of age does not depend on parental residence. In order to prove residency you must prove that you have a fixed and permanent residence within the boundaries of the state. It is not possible for tuition purposes to be a resident of more than one state. Students who are not yet 21 years of age must provide the following documents to prove that their parent(s) are Mississippi residents. Students who are 21 years of age or older or are married must provide the following documents to prove that they are Mississippi residents:
 1. Proof of filing or payment of Mississippi income tax.
 2. Proof of filing of Homestead exemption (if a home is owned).
 3. Proof of home ownership or rent receipts.
 4. Copies of utility bills for electric and phone service.
 5. Mississippi Drivers License.
 6. Registration of Automobile in Mississippi (Car Tag).
 7. Voter registration by Mississippi county.
 8. Marriage license for students below the age of 21 who are married.

The above factors are not the sole factors that PRCC may look to in establishing residence, but they are important in establishing intent to reside and physical presence within the state, and they may be used as guidelines by the student in collecting documentation for a reclassification of residence status.

Admission Requirements for Specific Programs of Study at PRCC

Students enrolled in Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health programs are required to maintain full-time academic status. Noncompliance with this policy will result in dismissal from the program. Full-time students are defined in accordance with Pearl River Community College's policy, as students enrolled in a minimum of twelve semester hours in a regular term.

Admission Requirements for Associate Degree Nursing

To be considered for acceptance into the ADN program, all admission requirements must be on file by March 1 for the LPN to ADN Bridge Course, April 1 for the Fall semester, or October 1 for the Spring semester.

1. Meet physical and mental requirements essential for providing nursing care. See Critical Elements for Performance in the application packet.
2. Have a completed application on file in the PRCC admission office.
3. Submit a transcript from a state accredited high school or GED test score and college transcripts for all college courses attempted.
4. Receive a composite score of 18 (or equivalent) on the ACT or have completed 12 college semester hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.5. A grade of "C" or higher in College Algebra and Anatomy and Physiology I (with Lab) must be included in the 12 semester hours of college credit (Mississippi State Standard).
5. Submit a notarized application for admission to the ADN department. An application packet may be obtained by calling (601) 403-1016/1017.
6. Submit a test score for the National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Examination-RN (PAX-RN).

Final dates for receiving admission data and a health examination form will be included with a letter of acceptance. Proof of current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification for health care providers is required and must be submitted upon admission. Students admitted to the program will be required to undergo a criminal history check.

Acceptance Criteria

Selection of applicants is made by the Nursing Education Director, ADN Coordinators and selected committee members using a point system which includes GPA/GED, core courses completed, ACT score, PAX-RN score, current enrollment status, and residency status. Preferential consideration is given to in-district residents, followed by out-of-district residents, then out-of-state residents. A minimum grade of "C" is required on each ADN general education course. Applicants placed on academic probation more than once and/or who have made a grade of "D or F" on the required ADN curriculum on more than six hours within the past three years (even if courses have been retaken) will receive a deduction of 5 points from the total score. Ties in total scores will be broken by NLN PAX-RN test scores. ADN curriculum courses taken through December, prior to the year applying, will be considered for Summer or Fall admission. Courses taken through the summer of the year applying will be considered for Spring admission. The point system used in the class selection process is included in the ADN application packet.

The College reserves the right to make curricular changes to maintain state and national standards consistent with the changing needs of society and the nursing profession.

Students entering nursing must have completed, be enrolled in, or be eligible to take College Algebra. Anatomy and Physiology I and II and Microbiology with Labs must have been completed within the last five years. (PRCC Requirement: General Biology I with Lab must be taken prior to beginning Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab and General Psychology must be taken prior to taking Human Growth and Development.) See the PRCC Requirements for Graduation with the A.A.S. degree in regard to CSC 1113 or BAD 2533, Introduction to Computing with Business Applications, or computer proficiency.

Procedure for ADN Transfer from another Nursing Program

A student transferring from another nursing program must be eligible to return to previous program. A letter of recommendation from present/former Dean or Director of previous nursing program must be submitted to the PRCC Director of Nursing Education.

Transfer students from another nursing program seeking admission to the ADN program must meet all admission and progression requirements of the PRCC ADN program. The application deadline for the Fall semester is March 1 or September 1 for the Spring semester.

Submit syllabi from all nursing courses of the previous program (including course description, course objectives, credit hours, and daily objectives) to the ADN Admissions Office by the deadline.

Applicants will be admitted on space availability. If admitted, the applicant will be required to take the final examination for the previous semester, and/or agree to audit classes on topics omitted from the previous program, and/or complete designated module, and/or an assignment as specified by teaching faculty after syllabi review.

In order to receive the Associate in Applied Science degree, a minimum of twenty-five (25%) of the required ADN credit hours must be completed at Pearl River Community College.

***LPN Bridge Course Prerequisites:** General education course work must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher prior to beginning the LPN to ADN Bridge Course.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to ADN Bridge Course

The LPN Bridge Course is designed to enhance the knowledge learned in the Practical Nursing program and make the transition into the sophomore level of the ADN program. This course focuses on the fundamentals and the theory and practice of medical-surgical nursing and the role of the nurse as provider of care and a member within the discipline.

The LPN Bridge Course is a summer review course which includes a clinical lab in the Nursing Building at the PRCC Poplarville campus. Students successfully completing the Bridge Course ('B' or higher) will be awarded seven (7) semester hours. The remaining hours of the freshman level will be waived after successful completion of the ADN program.

The applicant must be a Licensed Practical Nurse with a current non-restricted license, have a minimum ACT score of 18 or equivalent, a minimum of one year experience as an LPN in an acute or long-term care setting within the last three years, and meet all other ADN program admission requirements to be considered for admission.

LPN to ADN Bridge Course Prerequisites: BIO 2511, BIO 2513, BIO 2521, BIO 2523, ENG 1113, MAT 1313, PSY 1513 (See ADN Course Curriculum). ADN Curriculum Courses for the first year of nursing must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher prior to beginning the LPN to ADN Bridge Course.

LPNs currently working with a current licensure copy and employer verification form from application packet on file in the ADN Admission Office will have no time restriction on ADN curriculum courses completed.

Deadline for application is March 1. An application packet may be requested from the ADN admissions office by calling (601) 403-1016/1017.

ADN Progression Requirements for ADN Students

1. Maintain full-time academic status.
2. In the nursing courses which consist of a theory and clinical component, a student must pass both components in order to successfully complete the course. The theory component will be assigned a numerical grade; the clinical component will be assigned a "pass" or "fail". Failure in the clinical component will constitute failure in the course. If both components are failed, the theory numerical grade will be recorded.
3. Maintain a grade of "B" or higher for each required nursing course and a grade of "C" or higher for each required general education course.
4. Complete the LPN to ADN Bridge course with a grade of "B" or higher to continue in the program.

ADN Graduation Requirements (Associate in Applied Science Degree)

1. Complete all required general education courses with a grade of "C" or higher.
2. Complete all required nursing courses with a grade of "B" or higher.
3. Meet all other PRCC graduation requirements.

AD - RN Licensure Requirements

The Associate Degree Nursing graduate is prepared to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Licensure of registered nurses is regulated by the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony offense may be grounds for refusal by the board to issue a license.

Special Admission Requirements for Aviation Maintenance Technology

1. The applicant must meet general admission requirements of Pearl River Community College (See General Admission Procedures).
2. The applicant must submit a completed Aviation Maintenance Program application.
3. The applicant must have a minimum ACT composite score of 15.
4. The applicant must submit an official high school transcript, GED equivalency transcript or college transcript.
5. Selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview by the Aviation Maintenance Program instructor.
6. The Aviation Maintenance Program is limited to a maximum enrollment of 20 students as designated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Applicants who fail to meet the above requirements may request a waiver from the Director of Career Technical Education.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Barbering**

1. The applicant must meet general admission requirements of Pearl River Community College (See General Admission Procedures).
2. The applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by program completion.
3. The applicant must submit a completed Barbering Program Application packet to the Career Technical Office on the Poplarville campus by July 1 to be considered for admission for the Fall semester. Incomplete application packets will not be accepted. Each packet must include:
 - A. A Barbering Program Application
 - B. A complete current immunization record.
 - C. An official high school transcript indicating date of graduation or an official GED equivalency transcript.
4. Applicants will be notified of dates for the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Applicants must achieve minimum or higher grade equivalency scores of 9.0 on Mathematics and 10.0 on Reading to meet the entrance requirements for Barbering.
5. Acceptable results on examinations for tuberculosis and drugs are required of all applicants who are selected for the Barbering program. Examinations must be conducted and submitted to Pearl River Community College by a certifying laboratory before class registration. A College Approved Health Screen Form with instructions is provided for the selected applicant.
6. The Barbering Program is limited to a minimum of 20 students. Applicants will be selected on criteria involving rankings on college admission, high school or GED performance, and scores on the Test of Adult Education (TABE). Alternate selection lists are maintained to fill vacancies that may occur before classes begin.
7. Random drug testing is required of all students enrolled in the Barbering program. Each student must sign the Pearl River Community College Form agreeing to be randomly tested for drugs.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Barbering Instructor Training**

1. The applicant must meet general admission requirements of Pearl River Community College (See General Admission Procedures).
2. The applicant must be twenty-one years of age or older.
3. The applicant must have successfully completed not less than fifteen hundred (1500) hours at a barbering school approved by the State Board of Barber Examiners.
4. The applicant must have a high school education for the equivalent.
5. The applicant must hold a current valid certificate of registration to practice barbering (Barbering License).
6. The applicant must have at least two years active practical experience as a registered barber.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Cosmetology**

1. The applicant must meet general admission requirements of Pearl River Community College (See General Admission Procedures).
2. The applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
3. The applicant must submit a completed Cosmetology Program Application packet to the Career Technical Office on the Poplarville campus by July 1 to be considered for the Fall semester. Incomplete application packets will not be accepted. Each packet must include:
 - A. A Cosmetology Program Application.
 - B. A complete current immunization record.
 - C. An official high school transcript indicating date of graduation or an official GED equivalency transcript.
4. Applicants will be notified of dates for the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Applicants must achieve minimum or higher grade equivalency scores of 9.0 on Mathematics and 10.0 on Reading to meet the entrance requirements for Cosmetology.
5. Each applicant accepted into the Cosmetology program must receive a negative test result on a drug screen conducted by a certified laboratory and a negative result on a tuberculosis skin test and have results sent directly to the college before class registration. Each selected applicant will receive an acceptance information packet containing a College Approved Health Screen Form with instructions for the drug screen and tuberculosis skin test.
6. The Cosmetology Program is limited to a minimum of 20 students. Applicants will be selected on criteria involving rankings on college admission, high school or GED performance, and scores on the Test of Adult Education (TABE). Alternate selection lists are maintained to fill vacancies that may occur before classes begin.
7. All students enrolled in the Cosmetology program must sign the "Drug Consent Form" agreeing to be randomly tested for drugs. Pearl River Community College will bear the expense of random drug testing.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Cosmetology Teacher Training**

1. The applicant must meet general admission requirements of Pearl River Community College (See General Admissions Procedures).
2. The applicant must be at least twenty-one years of age.

3. The applicant must be a graduate of an accredited beauty school.
4. The applicant must have a high school education or the equivalent.
5. The applicant must hold a current Mississippi Cosmetology license.
6. The applicant must have at least two years active practical experience as a licensed cosmetologist.
7. The applicant must submit the following documents to the Poplarville campus Career-Technical Office to be considered for admission:
 - A. A Cosmetology Program Application.
 - B. An official high school transcript indicating date of graduation or an official GED equivalency transcript.
 - C. An official college or beauty school transcript.
8. The applicant must have completed twelve (12) semester hours of college level education as approved by the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology.

It should be noted that only one instructor trainee can be accepted into the program at a time.

Special Admission Requirements for Dental Hygiene Technology

In addition to all of Pearl River Community College's general admission requirements for a technical student, the Dental Hygiene program has specific additional program admission requirements as listed below:

- I. Applicants must have the following documents on file at the Forrest County Center by May 1 to be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene program:
 - A. A Pearl River Community College application for admission and an application to the program.
 - B. An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED equivalency score and official college transcript(s) if college work has been completed. Only courses in the Dental Hygiene curriculum will be considered when computing grade point average.
 1. The Dental Hygiene academic core courses used in computing grade point averages are listed below:

ENG 1113 English Composition I	3
ENG 1123 English Composition II	3
BIO 2923 Microbiology	3
BIO 2921 Microbiology Laboratory	1
BIO 1513 (or higher) Anatomy and Physiology I for Allied Health	3
BIO 1511 (or higher) Anatomy and Physiology I Lab for Allied Health	1
BIO 1523 (or higher) Anatomy and Physiology II for Allied Health	3
BIO 1521 (or higher) Anatomy and Physiology II Lab for Allied Health	1
Chemistry Elective	3
Chemistry Laboratory Elective	1
PSY 1513 General Psychology	3
SOC 2113 Intro to Sociology	3
SPT 1113 Oral Communication	3
FCS 1253 Nutrition	3
MAT 1313 College Algebra	3
TOTAL HOURS:	37
 2. Student must pass these courses with a grade of "C" or higher.
 3. Academic standing of HprobationF or HsuspensionF at other institutions is considered in the evaluation of the applicants.
 4. Completion of the Dental Hygiene academic core curriculum does not guarantee an interview or admission to the Dental Hygiene program.
 - C. Students must furnish ACT scores
 1. ACT score may be from the national administration of the test or the residual.
 2. Applicants who took the ACT prior to October 1989 will have their results converted to the Enhanced ACT scores. (A score of 15 prior to October 1989 converts to an 18 on the Enhanced ACT.)
- II. Selection of students:
 - A. Students having completed the majority of prerequisites will receive preference. Students are selected based on the number of prerequisite courses successfully completed, ACT, GPA and an interview.
 - B. Selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview by the Dental Hygiene Admission Committee.
 - C. Meeting the minimum requirements listed above does not guarantee any applicant an interview or admission to the Dental Hygiene program.
 - D. Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit a college approved health form.
STUDENTS NOT SELECTED FOR ADMISSION MUST REAPPLY BEFORE MAY 1ST OF THE NEXT YEAR.
- III. Transfer Students:
 - A. Must meet all of the requirements for general admission and special Dental Hygiene admission criteria.
 - B. Must be eligible for immediate readmission to the college last attended.

- IV All statements related to admission criteria or announcements of the present policies are subject to revisions.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Early Childhood Education Technology**

1. The applicant must meet general admission requirements for Pearl River Community College (See General Admissions Procedures).
2. The applicant must submit a completed Early Childhood Education Technology Program application packet to the Poplarville campus Career-Technical office to be considered for admissions into the program.
3. Applicants must receive acceptable results on a tuberculosis skin test and have the results submitted directly to the college before registration. A College Approved Health Screen Form is provided to applicants with the procedures for the tuberculosis testing.
4. Students must complete a Criminal Records Check Form and the fingerprinting background check. (To be completed when student reaches Sophomore standing.)
5. All required developmental courses must be successfully completed before entering sophomore course work.
6. Students must submit a current Immunization Record Form 121 prior to participation in Early Childhood Education laboratory classes.
7. Random drug testing is required of all students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program. Each student must sign the Pearl River Community College Drug Consent Form agreeing to be randomly tested for drugs.

An Early Childhood Education application packet should have the following documentation in order for consideration to the program:

- 1) Program Application
- 2) College Approved Health Screen Form

**Special Admission Requirements for
The Medical Laboratory Technology Program**

In addition to all of Pearl River Community College's general admission requirements for a technical student, the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program has specific additional program admission requirements as listed below:

- I. Program Application
Applicants must have the following documents on file at the Forrest County Center MLT program office by May 1 to be considered for admission into the MLT program:
 - A. A completed Pearl River Community College application.
 - B. A completed MLT Program application.
 - C. A high school transcript from an approved high school or GED test transcript with passing score and an official copy of all college transcripts.
 - D. American College Test (ACT) scores: (1, 2, or 3)
 1. Composite score of 18 or 15 (prior to October 1989) with no need for developmental courses, OR
 2. Attain a 16 or higher ACT composite (since October 1989) with no need for developmental courses, OR
 3. ACT of 16 or higher with the need for developmental courses provided some academic courses from the MLT curriculum have been taken to allow scheduling time for these developmental courses.
 - E. The applicant must also submit the required forms, documents, etc.:
 1. Color picture
 2. Autobiographical Essay
 3. A course list: Any course work completed after the MLT application has been submitted by the May 1 deadline. Example: College Algebra is being taken during the summer before beginning the MLT Program in August.
- II. Selection of students
Admission to the MLT program is competitive based on ACT scores, overall GPA, core GPA course work and interview. All MLT program applicants will be ranked according to the Admission Point Scale. The Admission Point Scale will identify students who have potential for success in the MLT program. Points granted at the interview will be based on:
 1. Verbal and nonverbal communication skills including writing skills.
 - B. Knowledge of the field of MLT and the role of MLT.

Preference will be given to full-time students. After notification of acceptance, a college health form must be submitted before final acceptance.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology**

In addition to all of Pearl River Community College's general admission requirements for a technical student, the Occupational Therapy Assistant program has specific additional requirements.

- I. Applicants must have the following documents on file at the Forrest County Center by May 1 to be considered for admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

- A. An application for admission to Pearl River Community College.
 - B. An application for admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.
 - C. An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED equivalency score.
 - D. Official college transcripts of all colleges previously attended.
 - E. ACT score from national or residual test. (Please note that ACT scores taken before October 1989 will be converted to Enhanced ACT scores.)
- II Admission to the OTA program is competitive and based on ACT scores, previous academic coursework, and a personal interview. Interviews will be granted based upon ACT score and previous academic achievement. Points at personal interviews will be based upon verbal/oral communications, knowledge of the field of OT, and assessment of attitudes/previous experiences that would make the candidate likely to excel in and enjoy the field of Occupational Therapy.

Special Admission Requirements for Physical Therapist Assistant Technology

In addition to all of Pearl River Community College's general admission requirements for a technical student, the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Program has specific additional program admission requirements as listed below:

- I. Applicants must have the following documents on file at the Forrest County Center by May 1 to be considered for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program.
 - A. A Pearl River Community College application for admission.
 - B. A Physical Therapist Assistant Program application for admission.
 - C. An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED test transcript.
 - D. Official college transcripts(s) of all colleges attended if college work has been completed.
 - E. An acceptable ACT score (1 or 2).
 - 1. Composite score of 18, an 18 or above on the mathematics subtest, and 16 or above on the English subtest, are allowed on the ACT administrations to meet ACT minimum standards for consideration to the PTA program. The minimum composite score for ACT administrations prior to October 1989 is 15, a 15 or above on the mathematics subtest, and 13 or above on the English subtest, OR
 - 2. Attain a 16 or higher ACT composite (since October 1989) and achieve 12 semester hours of the general education course work in the PTA program curriculum, with a grade of HCF or better from an accredited college or university. If A&P I and II have been taken, they must have been completed within three years prior to admission into the PTA program. If A&P I and II were taken longer than three years prior to admission into the PTA program, the student must retake these two courses once admitted to the program.
 - F. The applicant must also submit the required forms and documents:
 - 1. Reference forms
 - 2. Autobiographical Essay
 - 3. A course list (courses not on transcript that are taken prior to admission)
 - G. The applicant must have documentation of attendance at an Information Session.
- II. Selection of students
 Admission to the PTA program is competitive based on ACT scores, overall GPA, and core GPA course work. All PTA program applicants will be ranked according to the Admission Point Scale. The Admission Point Scale will identify students who have potential for success in the PTA program. The selection committee submits a list of candidates according to the rank on the point scale for a personal interview. Interview points will be the final determining factor for admission. Points granted at the interview will be based on: (1) Verbal and Nonverbal communication skills including writing skills; (2) Knowledge of the field of Physical Therapy and the role of the PTA in the field; as well as (3) Basic interview skills.

Special Admission Requirements for Medical Radiologic Technology

In addition to all PRCC regular admission requirements, the following must be in the Program Director's office and complete by May 1st of the year that the application is being submitted.

- 1. Radiologic Technology Application form completed and returned.
- 2. Official High School Transcript.
- 3. Official College Transcripts (ALL).
- 4. Handwritten autobiography.
- 5. ACT scores - minimum composite score of 18. Close attention will be paid to sectional scores or additional coursework must be accomplished to meet PRCC standards.
- 6. Personal interview with the Program Director.
- 7. Documented tour of a clinical radiology facility (signed statement by Chief Technologist)
- 8. High School Graduate or the equivalent.
- 9. Completion of the following with a grade of "C" or better; Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab., a mathematics/science elective, and Oral Communication (SPT 1113).

Selection of students will be done by a committee which is composed of representatives from PRCC and Clinical Education Centers. Selection for these positions is competitive and based upon grades, ACT scores, and personal presentation. Students selected must provide a satisfactory physical exam form to include immunization records must be completed prior to beginning class.

Special Admission Requirements for

Respiratory Care Practitioner Technology

In addition to all of Pearl River Community College's general admission requirements for a technical student, the Respiratory Care Practitioner program has specific additional program admission requirements as listed below:

- I. Applicants must have the following documents on file at the Forrest County Center by May 1 to be considered for admission to the Respiratory Care Practitioner program:
 - A. A Pearl River Community College application for admission and an application to the program.
 - B. An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED equivalency score and official college transcript(s) if college work has been completed. Only courses in the Respiratory Care Practitioner curriculum will be considered when computing grade point averages.
 1. The Respiratory Care Practitioner academic core courses used in computing grade point averages are listed below:

ENG 1113	English Composition I	3
BIO 1513 (or higher)	Anatomy and Physiology I for Allied Health	3
BIO 1511 (or higher)	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab for Allied Health	1
BIO 1523 (or higher)	Anatomy and Physiology II for Allied Health	3
BIO 1521 (or higher)	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab for Allied Health	1
Behavioral/Social Science Elective		3
SPT 1113	Oral Communication	3
MAT 1313	College Algebra	3
Humanities Elective		3
TOTAL HOURS		24
 2. Academic standing of "probation" or "suspension" at other institutions is considered in the evaluation of the applicants.
 3. Completion of the Respiratory Care Practitioner academic core curriculum does not guarantee admission to the Respiratory Care Practitioner program.
 - C. Students must furnish ACT scores.
 1. ACT score may be from the national administration of the test or the residual.
 2. Applicants who took the ACT prior to October 1989 will have their results converted to the Enhanced ACT scores. (A score of 15 prior to October 1989 converts to an 18 on the Enhanced ACT.)
 - II Selection of students:
 - A. Students having completed the majority of prerequisites will receive preference. Students are selected based on the number of prerequisite courses successfully completed, ACT, GPA, and an interview.
 - B. Selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview by the Respiratory Care Practitioner Admission Committee.
 - C. Meeting the minimum requirements listed above does not guarantee any applicant admission to the Respiratory Care Practitioner program.
 - D. Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit a college approved health form.
- STUDENTS NOT SELECTED FOR ADMISSION MUST REAPPLY BEFORE MAY 1ST OF THE NEXT YEAR.
- III. Transfer Students:
 - A. Must meet all of the requirements for general admission and special Respiratory Care Practitioner admission criteria.
 - B. Must be eligible for immediate readmission to the college last attended.
 - IV All statements related to admission criteria or announcements of the present policies are subject to revisions.

Special Admission Requirements for Practical Nursing

1. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age by date of program completion.
2. The applicant must complete a Pearl River Community College application and a program application to the program for which they are applying.
3. The applicant must provide an official high school transcript indicating the date of graduation or official results of the GED, with a score of 40 on each part or an average score of 45 on all parts.
4. If an applicant has NOT graduated from an Accredited high school but has graduated from a Non-Accredited high school, the applicant must have 17 acceptable Carnegie units and a minimum composite score of 18 on the ACT.
5. All applicants must have an ACT score on file.
6. Applicants must provide ONE of the following:
 - a. Students must have an ACT composite score of 16 with a 12 in mathematics and reading, or 12 composite if taken before October 1989 with a 12 in mathematics and reading; OR
 - b. Students must have completed the following courses in the last five years and have received a HCF or above: Human Growth & Development (EPY 2533); Anatomy & Physiology I & II (BIO 2513, BIO 2523); Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I & II (BIO 2511, BIO 2521); and Nutrition (FCS 1253).
7. Selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview by the interview committee. The basis for this selection will be the scores of GPA's on the criteria listed in number six. This committee will be composed of a PRCC faculty member (from the respective area), a -technical counselor, and a designated representative from the primary clinical affiliates.
8. Applicants will be selected on the following basis:

- Admission requirements ranking; High school transcript or GED ranking; Personal Interview.
9. For those applicants selected for admission, a physical is required. The applicant must submit a college approved health form completed and signed by a physician of the applicant's choice confirming that the applicant is in good health and possesses the required physical abilities to function satisfactorily within the program and the occupation. Drug screening will be a part of this examination. This must be in the student's program file prior to registration.
 10. Priority in student admission will be given to (1) district applicants, (2) out-of-district applicants, (3) out-of-state applicants.
 11. Those applicants who are selected for admission must have evidence of being currently certified in American Heart Association CPR-C (Health Provider Course) by the day of registration.
 12. Qualified applicants who are admitted to the class as alternates will be placed on a waiting list and may be selected to fill any vacancies that occur prior to the end of late registration.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Surgical Technology and Dental Assisting**

1. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age by date of program completion.
2. The applicant must complete a Pearl River Community College application and a program application to the program for which they are applying.
3. The applicant must provide an official high school transcript indicating the date of graduation or official results of the GED, with a score of 40 on each part or an average score of 45 on all parts.
4. If an applicant has NOT graduated from an Accredited high school but has graduated from a Non-Accredited high school, the applicant must have 17 acceptable Carnegie units and a minimum composite score of 18 on the ACT.
5. All applicants must have an ACT score on file.
6. Applicants must provide ONE of the following:
 - a. Students must have an ACT composite score of 16 with a 12 in mathematics and reading, or 12 composite if taken before October 1989 with a 12 in mathematics and reading; OR
 - b. Students must have completed the following courses in the last five years and have received a HCF or above: Human Growth & Development (EPY 2533); Anatomy & Physiology I & II (BIO 1513, BIO 1523); Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I & II (BIO 1511, BIO 1521); and Nutrition (FCS 1253).
7. Selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview by the interview committee. The basis for this selection will be the scores of GPA's on the criteria listed in number six. This committee will be composed of a PRCC faculty member (from the respective area), a Career-Technical counselor, and a designated representative from the primary clinical affiliates.
8. Applicants will be selected on the following basis:
Admission requirements ranking; High school transcript or GED ranking; Personal Interview.
9. For those applicants selected for admission, a physical is required. The applicant must submit a college approved health form completed and signed by a physician of the applicant's choice confirming that the applicant is in good health and possesses the required physical abilities to function satisfactorily within the program and the occupation. This must be in the student's program file prior to registration.
10. Priority in student admission will be given to (1) district applicants, (2) out-of-district applicants, (3) out-of-state applicants.
11. Those applicants who are selected for admission must have evidence of being currently certified in American Heart Association CPR-C (Health Provider Course) by the day of registration.
12. Qualified applicants who are admitted to the class as alternates will be placed on a waiting list and may be selected to fill any vacancies that occur prior to the end of late registration.

**Special Admission Requirements for
Commercial Truck Driving**

1. The applicant must submit an application to Pearl River Community College.
2. The applicant must be at least 21 years of age.
3. The applicant must pass a Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) Physical for Commercial Truck Drivers.
4. The student must pass a Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) Physical and the D.O.T. drug test. The examinations must be conducted and submitted to the college by a certifying laboratory no later than two weeks after the start of class.
5. The applicant must have a satisfactory diver's history from the state of residence for the past three years.
6. The applicant must hold a current valid regular or Commercial Driver's License from the state of residence.