COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
Practical Nursing Program Selection Criteria

Applicants will be selected through the following point system:

- **HEALTH CARE CREDENTIAL AND/OR WORK EXPERIENCE:**
  - Credentialed Health Occupation **other than CNA** (5 points): Examples can include, but are not limited to EMT, corpsman, lab tech, x-ray tech, pharmacy tech, etc.
    -A copy of the current credential must be submitted with application to PN program.
  - Paid Health Care Work Experience (2 points): Minimum of six (6) months within two (2) years of application deadline date. Experience must involve direct patient contact and care. Clerical work will not meet the requirement.
    -CSN form completed by employer indicating work responsibilities and length of employment must be supplied. The Health Care Experience Documentation Form link is available online at: https://www.csn.edu/practical-nursing-program

- **PREVIOUS EDUCATION/ADVANCED DEGREES:**
  - Master's Degree (4 points)
  - Bachelor's Degree (3 points)
  - Associate's Degree (2 points)

- **PREREQUISITES COMPLETED:** Points awarded for each course that is no older than seven [7] years at time of application deadline and successfully completed with a "C" or higher; no points are awarded for courses older than seven years.
  - BIOL 223* (10 points)
  - BIOL 224* (10 points)

  *If you intend to pursue the RN Program after completing the PN Program, then BIOL 189, 223, & 224 are the required prerequisites for the RN Program. Note: BIOL 189 is the pre-requisite for BIOL 223 & 251, and BIOL 223 is the prerequisite for BIOL 224.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**
  Completed volunteer community service (related to healthcare profession and excluding course curriculum requirements) within the past 12 months. Experience may involve direct patient contact and care, and/or clerical work*
  - 25+ hours (1point)
  - 50+ hours (2 points)
  - 100+ hours (3 points)

  -CSN form completed by the volunteer organization indicating type of volunteer work and number of hours must be supplied. The Community Service Documentation Form link is available online at: https://www.csn.edu/practical-nursing-program

- **CCSD Health Science Related CTE Program Completion for EMT, NA, or MA (1 point) (provide certification: https://www.csn.edu/CTE)**

- **ADMISSIONS TEST: Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**
  The test consists of four subjects, Reading, Math, English, and Science. A minimum Total Score of 60.0% must be met to apply to the program. TEAS scores are valid for six (6) years.

- The TEAS registration information link is available online at: **https://www.csn.edu/practical-nursing-program**.
- Applicants who fail to establish the minimum total score of **60%** will be required to re-take the exam.
- TEAS results are valid for six (6) years.
- TEAS scores that are older than six (6) years at the time of application will not be considered.
- Applicants have unlimited attempts to take & pass the TEAS exam with no minimum waiting period in between TEAS attempts.
- Each test is considered a combined complete entity. There will be NO combination of scores from separate tests.
- The completion deadline date for application materials is used as the reference point for time frames.
- **Scores for TEAS exams taken in other states and/or institutions must be officially transferred to CSN BEFORE specified application deadline ~ go to https://www.atitesting.com/teas/ati-teas-transcript**