



Part Time Evening Nursing Program Description

The Part Time Evening (PTE) Nursing Program is an alternative nursing education track which prepares participants to become registered nurses. It was developed by Calhoun Community College under the Project A.H.E.A.D. grant and first offered in 2006. Commonly referred to as a “hybrid” program, it combines distance education technology with reduced campus time.

There are several differences in this program as compared to the traditional day time ADN nursing program.

- Students accepted into the PTE program are required to complete the same classes as in the conventional 5 semester program but the curriculum plan is slowed to **7 semesters** to accommodate those who are unable to attend school full time.
- Another distinction of the PTE program is that the **nursing lecture component of classes is recorded** for viewing by students on their home computer. Therefore, time on campus is greatly reduced. **Class meets one evening a week on the Decatur campus for approximately four hours.** This time is used to develop hands-on proficiencies, critical thinking skills, and for testing.
- The number of students in the PTE program is intentionally small so the reduced classroom time spent with nursing faculty can be especially productive.
- In addition to theoretical study, nursing education requires **clinical experiences** at area health care facilities. For students in the PTE program, these are scheduled *primarily during late afternoon or evening hours or on Saturdays.* **Each semester generally requires some clinical practice during the week for experiences that cannot be provided on during the weekend or evenings.**

Students enrolled in the PTE nursing program must have a computer with Internet access and be comfortable with technology. Perhaps more importantly, in order to be successful, an individual must also have the **time and self discipline** to schedule lecture and study time at home and **the flexibility in their personal schedules** to complete their clinical experiences.

Acceptance into the program is competitive. Students are selected for admission to the program based on their ranking according to a point system. Refer to the program application for details.

Also see the current Catalog for further details including program philosophy and objectives, program accreditation, Alabama Board of Nursing licensure eligibility, student drug testing and background checks, and program costs.

For more information about Registered Nursing, including earnings and job outlook, go to: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>