Application Deadline: September 1 for the January 2027 start date

NOTE: Students who complete the application and meet admission criteria before the deadline will be admitted to the program early. Students who complete the application and meet the admission criteria before the deadline, but after the program is full, will be placed on a waitlist. Waitlisted students receive a guaranteed seat when the next admission cycle opens.

Thank you for your interest in Westmoreland County Community College's **Practical Nursing Diploma** program. This program has additional requirements beyond the Application for Admission to the college. Use the checklist below to ensure that you successfully complete all of the requirements to apply to the program.

- **Age Requirement** for health professions is to be 18 by September 1st of the year the application is due
- **Become** a Westmoreland student by applying at https://westmoreland.edu/admissions_aid/apply/index.html
- **Submit** an official transcript from your high school (or proof of GED) and from any other colleges attended. A final official transcript must be sent after graduation (high school), if accepted.
- **Schedule** your placement assessment at Placement Assessment & Educational Planning | Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood, Pennsylvania
- **Complete** any developmental courses in which you are assessed.
  Developmental courses do not count in your Westmoreland GPA.

	HS GPA of 2.5 or higher*	If not successful, completion through ENG 095

- **Complete** the following courses with a grade of "C" or better by the Program's application deadline. Only credit courses taken at Westmoreland are considered when calculating GPA.

	High School Biology with Lab	If no High School Biology with Lab, BIO 107
	High School Chemistry with Lab	If no High School Chemistry with Lab, CHM 107
	High School Algebra	If no High School Algebra MTH 052 or placement into MTH 100
	If transferring from another institution, proof of completion of MTH 052 equivalent or higher Math	

- If you have 15 college-level credits with Westmoreland, <u>attain</u> a minimum GPA of 2.5 by the Program's application deadline
- **If you have less than 15 college-level credits with Westmoreland, <u>attain</u>** any one of the following by the Program's application deadline:
  - a minimum 2.5 GPA for a student who has earned 15 or more college-level credits at other post-secondary institutions (this GPA will be a composite score representing all institutions attended)
  - a minimum 2.5 GPA from secondary school (high school). If accepted prior to high school graduation, your admission will be contingent on having a minimum 2.5 GPA on your final transcript after graduation.
  - a minimum of 165 on the GED or a minimum of 15 on each subtest of HiSET.
- **Complete and Submit** the Health Professions Program Application. You will need to have received your student login information before you can complete this step.
- **Obtain** a Westmoreland County Community College student photo ID card

- ➤ Additional requirements for clinical placement may include background screening, physical and mental health that is congruent with the defined Abilities Required in Nursing published by the National Council for State Board of Nursing (NCSBN), vaccinations, screening for communicable disease, and the ability to successfully complete the American Heart Association CPR BLS course

Be sure to check the college catalog for additional information.

*or equivalent placement score on other placement exams such as ACT or SAT

Additional Courses

The following courses may be completed before entering the program. In order to count for the program, you must get a C or better in each of these courses. Courses completed and passed before the application will be considered positively when evaluating students for entry. Please refer to the catalog to determine when these courses must be completed within the program.

	Course	Credits	Pre-Requisite Course
	CPT 150	3	
	BIO 171	4	CHM 107 or HS Chemistry with a Lab
	BIO 172	4	BIO 171
	ENG 161	3	ENG 085 or Placement
	PSY 160	3	