



RHODES STATE COLLEGE
NURSING INFORMATION SHEET

As an applicant for admission to the Nursing Program, for which there is a waiting list for acceptance into clinical courses, you need to remain aware of the following:

Students who scored at or above the ACT minimum levels required for admission to the Nursing Program (see college catalogue), and meet the high school criteria, will be placed on the waiting list as of the date such documentation was received verifying such criteria has been met, and be ranked in order on the waiting list as of the date the application was received.

Students who did not score at or above the minimum acceptable level on the ACT tests, OR did not meet the high school criteria, may qualify for admission to the Nursing Program by successfully completing the respective developmental course (s) with a grade of "C" or higher. (See the Health Advisor to obtain a Nursing Check List to identify the course (s) you may have to take.) The student must complete these developmental courses and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher before he/she will be eligible for placement on the waiting list. The qualifying date will be the last day of finals week of the quarter during which he/she completed the last course. These courses do NOT count towards graduation.

Once a student's name has been placed on the waiting list, he/she may or may not choose to enroll in general education and/or basic science courses. If the student chooses to enroll in Rhodes State College courses, he/she must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in order to remain on the waiting list. Courses, which the student may take in advance of beginning clinical courses, are:

DTN 122	BIO 111	COM 111
BHS 110	BIO 112	PSY 101
BHS 210		SOC 101

Pre-clinical nursing students may NOT enroll in BHS 105, BHS 125 or BHS 206.

Forty (40) students are accepted into the first clinical course three quarters each school year – Fall, Winter and Spring.

Students are contacted in order from the waiting list to begin the first clinical nursing course. Approximately two (2) months before the quarter, the student is sent a letter by the Chairperson of Nursing to ask them to attend a one-hour orientation. This letter is sent the address listed in the student's file in the Rhodes State College records office. If the student does not respond by the deadline date, a telephone call is made to the number listed in our records. If contact cannot be made by regular post or telephone call, a registered letter is sent, giving the student five (5) days to respond. If the student does not respond to the certified letter, his/her name is removed from the waiting list.

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The students who respond and elect to begin the first clinical course are given a schedule of campus lab and clinical hours and are registered for the next quarter by the nursing chairperson.

Students may choose to postpone starting clinicals until a later date only once. When contacted the student must indicate which subsequent quarter he/she will be prepared to begin. When contacted for that quarter, he/she must begin clinicals or his/her name will be dropped to the bottom of the waiting list.

If after being registered for the first clinical course, the student's GPA drops below 2.5, the student will be dropped from the clinical course. He/she must earn a 2.5 GPA again before qualifying for the waiting list a second time.

Students on the waiting list are still considered General Prep health students.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you have completed college courses at another institution with a grade of "C" or higher, you may receive transfer credit if the course (s) are judged to be equivalent. To facilitate evaluation of the course (s) for equivalency for transfer credit, please provide the Rhodes State College records office with a complete syllabus and other available course materials.

Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Student ID # _____ Date _____