

PRACTICAL NURSING

ADMISSION PACKET FOR AUGUST 2024 FULL-TIME PROGRAM

There will **not** be a part-time program offered in 2024-2025 academic year.

Admission procedures require you to:

1. Be admitted to the College and have a student ID number **before** applying to the program.
2. Apply to the program **before** registering for the pre-entrance exam.
3. Check email frequently throughout the admission process. Correspondence will only be sent via email.

Dear Practical Nursing Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Practical Nursing (PNE) Program at John A. Logan College (JALC). The career that you are considering is truly exciting! Graduates of this program earn a Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing.

The College has an open admission policy; however, there are some programs which have additional entrance requirements. Please examine this packet, which will provide you with information about the profession and career of a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and the Practical Nursing Program at JALC. Links to online applications, general and program, and test registration are included. Enclosed you will find information about:

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Further information is included in this packet and available on our website at [Restricted Allied Health Admission](#). We encourage you to thoroughly review the packet and website prior to applying to the program. Best wishes in your educational endeavors.

Regards,

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Coordinator of Nursing Admission

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Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing

Changes effective 09/18/2023 - please note information listed in this packet is subject to change.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The following admission procedures shall be followed by all prospective applicants seeking admission to the JALC PNE program. It is imperative that the steps be followed in order to ensure that all the admission procedures are complete by the deadline date. Failure to comply with the deadline dates designated by JALC will automatically terminate the application for the program.

These admission procedures are in accordance with Illinois law. The law requires that programs not having sufficient space and resources to accommodate all applicants will accept those applicants best qualified, using ranking, ability and achievement test scores as guides, with preference given to students residing in-district.

The JALC PNE program admission process does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, or the presence of a non-job-related condition or disability.

To be eligible for admission in the full-time program beginning fall 2024, an applicant must meet these criteria and submit the following credentials to the designated office by the deadline date:

STEP 1: General Admission Requirements

- [Apply for general admission](#) to the College by completing the online application by **March 1, 2024**, if not currently enrolled in courses at JALC. If an applicant prefers, a paper application may be completed. To request a paper application, contact the Admissions and Records Office at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8298.

If an application for general admission has previously been submitted, please update any relevant information online in the [MyJALC](#) portal, if necessary.

Need help accessing student accounts [click here](#) or contact the Admissions and Records Office at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8298.

- Submit current placement scores to the **Admissions and Records Office** by **March 1, 2024**. We will accept scores from ACCUPLACER, ACT, or SAT taken within the past three years. An applicant who has not already completed a college-level English and Mathematics course or scored below the minimum requirement in English and Math on the ACT or SAT must complete placement testing in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics to determine appropriate placement in courses. For more information about placement testing, visit [Required Placement Testing](#). If an applicant needs to schedule an appointment to take a placement test, contact Testing Services at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8520.

Regardless of placement test scores taken for general college admission, and any resultant remedial courses required, all applicants desiring to apply for the PNE program will be allowed to take the PNE pre-entrance exam. However, if an applicant scores low on any general admission placement test, counselors may advise against continuing the PNE application process.

- Submit all transcripts, high school and college, to the **Admissions and Records Office** by **March 1, 2024**. **An official copy of a final high school or GED® (High School Equivalency) transcript with a graduation date is required.** In addition, official transcripts from other colleges attended are required if transferring any courses. Transcript must show when the course was taken, and the grade received. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all official college transcripts have been received and evaluated in the Admissions and Records Office by the deadline.

- Provide proof of current residency to the **Admissions and Records Office** by **March 1, 2024**. Preference is given to in-district applicants. The following forms may serve as acceptable proof of residency to be **RANKED** as an in-district applicant:
 - A valid Illinois driver's license with an address in JALC College District #530
 - A valid Illinois state identification card with an address in JALC College District #530
 - A valid Illinois voter's registration card that indicates JALC College District #530
 - A current Illinois real estate tax bill that indicates property is owned within the JALC College District #530

In-district applicants will be rank ordered before applicants' out-of-district, if one of the above forms of acceptable proof is received in the Admissions and Records Office by March 1, 2024. If one of the above forms of acceptable proof is not received in the Admissions and Records Office by March 1, 2024, the applicant will be rank ordered at the bottom of the in-district list with all other out-of-district applicants.

Although the following forms may serve as proof to be charged the in-district tuition rate for an approved course or program guide, these forms **DO NOT** qualify as acceptable proof of residency to be **RANKED** as an in-district applicant. Therefore, **the applicant will be rank ordered at the bottom of the in-district list with all other out-of-district applicants.**

- A letter from an employer that indicates employment in JALC College District #530
- A lease agreement that indicates residence in JALC College District #530
- A bank statement or utility bill that indicates residence in JALC College District #530
- A valid Illinois FOID card with an address in JALC College District #530
- A final transcript from an in-district high school with a graduation date within the past five years
- A CAREER Agreement approved by JALC's V.P. for Instruction

Verification must show the applicant's name with their current address. PO Boxes are not accepted as proof of residency. New driver's licenses now show both PO Box and street address.

If an applicant has questions regarding general admission, they should contact the Admissions and Records Office at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8298 or admissions@jalc.edu.

STEP 2: Program Application Requirement

AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE JALC STUDENT ID NUMBER AND VOLMAIL EMAIL BEFORE APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM.

- [Apply to the Practical Nursing program](#) by completing the online application form by **March 1, 2024**. Fill out application completely and hit the submit button. Once submitted, click on the link provided to register for the pre-entrance exam. A new program application is required each year.

If an applicant has questions regarding program admission, they should contact the Coordinator of Nursing Admission at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8497.

STEP 3: Pre-Entrance Exam Requirement

AN APPLICANT MUST APPLY TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM.

- Register online to take the **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** pre-entrance exam for the PNE program by the test registration deadline. To access the test registration link, visit [Restricted Allied Health Testing](#).

BEFORE REGISTERING, please read the information below carefully about the exam. Scroll down to view test dates and registration deadlines.

The test given for entry into the PNE program is the [Test of Essential Academic Skills](#) (TEAS). The exam includes sections on reading, math, science, and English and language usage. All four sections of the test will be given. The total percentage score will be used for admission ranking. The total score is on a scale of 0% to 100%.

Additional information about the test can be accessed by going to [ATI Testing](#). Click on the [TEAS](#) tab at the top to locate [ATI TEAS Prep Products](#) and [ATI TEAS Exam Details](#). For general questions about the TEAS Exam, visit [ATI TEAS FAQ Center](#). Other test preparation web-based tutorials can be accessed online at [Test Prep Tutorials](#).

Test scores are valid for two consecutive academic years; however, a new program application must be completed each year and submitted by the required deadline. If an applicant tested the previous academic year and chooses not to retest in the current academic year, they must submit a written request to the Coordinator of Nursing Admission in the Nursing Department for the previous test scores to be considered. In this instance, no pre-entrance exam registration is necessary.

Registration will only be accepted online through [RegisterBlast](#). Applicants must register for a seat prior to the test date. There is a \$70.00 (plus tax) payment due at the time of the exam. If an applicant does not bring a Debit or Credit Card on the day of the exam, they will not be allowed to test.

After registering for a seat, applicants must go to [ATI Testing](#) and create an account. This must be completed prior to exam date or applicant might not be allowed to take the exam.

Two tests may be taken within one academic year (September 1st through August 31st) and there must be at least 21 days between test attempts. Tests will be held on-campus in Testing Services (C205) and will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, unless indicated otherwise. Late arrivals may not be allowed to take the test.

Remote testing options available at an additional cost. Please inquire by contacting Testing Services.

Photo ID and a Debit or Credit Card are required on exam day.

No personal belongings are needed or permitted to be in applicant possession during the test. If an applicant must bring something, a designated place will be provided.

Refunds will **not** be issued.

Tests will be administered in a computer-based format and are timed. The exam will take a minimum of 3 ½ hours. Online calculator provided as allowed on the exam. Test questions may not be copied. Scratch paper must be turned in. These tests are copyrighted by [ATI Testing](#). It is illegal to copy any portion of these exams.

Testing Services will provide test results to the applicants after results have tabulated.

The College reserves the right to change exam dates and fees at any time. Seating is limited, and registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must register before the registration deadline set below for each test session.

TEAS Test Dates for PNE	Registration Deadlines
Friday, September 29, 2023 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, September 28, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Friday, October 20, 2023 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, October 19, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Friday, November 3, 2023 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, November 2, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Thursday, November 16, 2023 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, November 15, 2023 by 1:00 PM
Friday, November 17, 2023 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, November 16, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Friday, December 1, 2023 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, November 30, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Friday, December 8, 2023 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, December 7, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, December 13, 2023 by 1:00 PM
Thursday, January 4, 2024 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, January 3, 2024 by 1:00 PM
Thursday, January 25, 2024 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, January 24, 2024 by 1:00 PM
Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, January 25, 2024 by 9:00 AM
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 5:00 PM	Monday, January 29, 2024 by 5:00 PM
Thursday, February 1, 2024 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, January 31, 2024 by 1:00 PM
Friday, February 2, 2024 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, February 1, 2024 by 9:00 AM
Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, February 7, 2024 by 1:00 PM
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 5:00 PM	Monday, February 12, 2024 by 5:00 PM
Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 1:00 PM	Wednesday, February 21, 2024 by 1:00 PM
Friday, February 23, 2024 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, February 22, 2024 by 9:00 AM
Friday, March 1, 2024 @ 9:00 AM	Thursday, February 29, 2024 by 9:00 AM

If an applicant has a disability and wishes to obtain reasonable accommodations, they should contact [Disability Support Services](#) at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8270 to schedule an appointment with the DSS Coordinator to see if they qualify for services. The applicant will need to have accommodations approved by the DSS Coordinator at least one (1) week in advance to the testing date so that proper arrangements can be made. Applicant will need to contact the DSS Coordinator for accommodations for each testing date. Designated accommodation test time is 9:00 AM.

If an applicant has questions regarding the pre-entrance exam or test results, they should contact Testing Services at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8247.

STEP 4: Admission Selection Process

The selection of applicants is based on the stated admission criteria. The test scores are very important in the selection process because they are rank ordered from highest to lowest. Applicants that achieve the highest scores and complete the admission criteria by the program deadline will be selected. Priority will be given to applicants residing in-district. Rank order for the PNE program is based **exclusively** upon the following:

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) scores. All four sections of the test will be given. The total percentage score will be used for admission ranking.

Each applicant may take the pre-entrance exam twice within one academic year and there must be at least 21 days between test attempts. Any additional tests beyond the first two will not be counted. The highest total percentage score of the two tests will be used for determination of admission.

Any applicant taking BIO 205, COM 115 or COM 116, and BIO 206, prior to the admission deadline will **not** receive any advance standing in the application process. Applicants will be selected solely on the score earned on the TEAS. Ties will be broken by the scores achieved on the TEAS, reading, math, science, and English and language usage, successively.

Selection of the class will begin after the admission deadline stated in this packet. Notification of provisional acceptance will be sent via email beginning mid-April 2024 to the top ninety (90) applicants on the ranking list with an offer for a full-time position that begins in August 2024 at the main campus in Carterville. There will **not** be a part-time program offered in 2024-2025 academic year.

Applicants that obtain provisional acceptance will have seven (7) days from the date emailed to return the acceptance form in the attached acceptance letter. If the applicant chooses not to accept or no response is obtained, the applicant will be dropped from future consideration and the next applicant in rank order on the list will be notified of provisional acceptance.

When all available positions are filled, notification of an alternate position will be sent via email to the next ten applicants on the list. Notification of denial into the program will be sent via email when all alternate positions are filled, typically before late June. Any individual, not receiving an email by late June, should contact the Coordinator of Nursing Admission in the Nursing Department. Applicants who are not admitted and remain on the list after the program starts will not be carried over for the next year. If interested in applying for the next year's program, a new program application must be submitted.

If an applicant is accepted to the program and chooses not to enter the fall class, any future admission must be by re-application. All applicants must make application for each year they wish to be considered for entrance into the PNE program. ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) results will be considered valid for two consecutive academic years.

No student may be admitted to the John A. Logan Nursing Programs more than **two times within a five-year period**. Five-year period starts at first admittance. "Withdrawing" is defined as declining a previously accepted admission invitation within two (2) weeks of program start and/or withdrawing from class attendance before completing the first semester. Anyone caught cheating, causing a disturbance, attempting to remove test materials during nursing pre-entrance exam or **any other exam** will be ineligible to enter or remain in program for a minimum of one year. Students must turn **18 years of age** prior to the first clinical.

All correspondence will be sent via email, including acceptance, alternate, and denial notifications. Therefore, an applicant must provide an email, Volmail or personal, that is checked on a regular basis. The mailing address provided on the program application will be used for residency purposes and verification of residence at that address will be required (see residency requirements under STEP 1).

It is extremely important to abide by the deadline dates outlined in this packet. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that these documents have been received in the designated office by the deadline date.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact the Coordinator of Nursing Admission at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8497.

PROFESSION

Licensed practical nurse (LPN) is an individual who delivers direct nursing care to clients in a variety of facilities and settings. Clients may be at any stage along the wellness/illness continuum. Responsibilities include administering medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist or podiatrist and performing skilled technical procedures, as well as providing basic nursing care and personal care. Responsibilities include assisting the RN in evaluation, assessment, determination and implementation of a nursing plan of care dependent upon the employer and the LPNs competency, education and experience. LPNs work under the supervision of registered nurses, physicians, dentist or podiatrists. Individuals are required to complete a one-year approved program of instruction and pass a licensing exam (NCLEX-PN). In addition to providing routine bedside care, LPNs in nursing care facilities help evaluate residents' needs, develop care plans and supervise the care provided by nursing aides.

Most LPNs provide basic bedside care, taking vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration. They also prepare and give injections and enemas, monitor catheters, and complete dressings. LPNs monitor their patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments. They collect samples for testing; perform routine laboratory tests; feed patients; and record food and fluid intake and output. To help keep patients comfortable, LPNs assist with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene. In states where the law allows, they may administer prescribed medicines or start intravenous fluids. Some LPNs help deliver, care for and feed infants. Experienced LPNs may supervise nursing assistants and aides.

In doctors' offices and clinics, they also may make appointments, keep records and perform other clerical duties. LPNs who work in private homes may prepare meals and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

Most LPNs in hospitals and nursing care facilities work a 40-hour week, but because patients need around-the-clock care, some work nights, weekends and holidays. They often stand for long periods and help patients move in bed, stand or walk.

LPNs wages vary throughout the nation. The [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) reports median annual earnings in May 2022 at \$54,620. Locally, experienced LPNs have reported earnings as much as \$23.53 per hour.

Nationally, employment of LPNs is expected to grow by 5 percent from 2022 and 2032 as projected by the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). Growth is attributed to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and the general increase in demand for healthcare services.

LPNs care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions.

For more information on the profession, visit [Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The PNE student, upon completion of the JALC PNE program, will have the ability to exercise sound nursing judgment based on cognitive, affective and psychomotor preparation and, therefore, have the capabilities to pass the State Licensing Examination.

Upon completion of the PNE program, the graduate will be able to do the following:

- Explain quality and safety of an individual's care including information technology.
- Identify appropriate nursing actions based on patient presentation and disease processes.
- Show caring by actively advocating for diverse populations.
- Demonstrate effective professional communication.
- Take part in interdisciplinary teamwork to promote optimal health.

ACCREDITATION

[Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#) (IDFPR)

[Illinois Community College Board](#) (ICCB)

LEGAL LIMITATIONS

Felony convictions that Practical Nursing graduates have may adversely affect their ability to sit for licensure exam and to receive employment.

Potential applicants with questions concerning the above may wish to make an appointment with the Director of Nursing by contacting the Nursing Department at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8498.

REQUIREMENTS OF ADMITTED STUDENTS

The PNE program is taught traditional format (face-to-face) at the JALC main campus (Carterville, Illinois) and approved area clinical sites, and offered either as a full-time or part-time program.

Ninety (90) applicants are selected for full-time classes that begin in August of each year. In addition, forty (40) applicants are selected for part-time classes that begin in January of even numbered years. There will **not** be a part-time program offered in 2024-2025 academic year.

The length of the full-time program is nine (9) months from start to finish. The length of the part-time program is sixteen (16) months from start to finish. Part-time students attend school year-round, which includes the summer semester. Students accepted are required to attend a mandatory new student orientation session the semester prior to starting PNE classes.

The PNE full-time student should plan to be free per week two to four days for theory and lab on-campus anywhere from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM depending on the course and section enrolled in, and one full day for clinical off-campus from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, although some may start as early as 6:30 AM. The PNE part-time student should plan to be free per week two to four evenings for theory and lab on-campus anywhere from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM depending on the course and section enrolled in, and one full day for clinical off-campus from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, although some may start as early as 6:30 AM. Classroom and clinical times may vary by week. These commitments relate to nursing courses only. If general courses are also being taken, extra time will need to be allowed. There may be times clinical will be scheduled on weekends or evenings. Clinical sites currently in use are in Carbondale, Du Quoin, Herrin, Marion, Murphysboro and other various locations in Southern Illinois. Students must turn **18 years of age** prior to the first clinical.

Students will need to provide transportation to and from the JALC main campus and assigned clinical sites. Proof of auto insurance is required, and a **copy of current auto insurance card** must be uploaded to Viewpoint Screening by date assigned at orientation.

Students must have a **valid social security number** to participate in this program. This number is required for a criminal background check through Viewpoint Screening. A valid social security number must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office prior to the admission deadline.

Students will be conditionally admitted into the program based on results of a criminal background check and drug/alcohol screen. **Criminal background check and drug/alcohol screen** is performed as part of the entry requirement and possibly throughout the program for all students entering the PNE program. Drug/alcohol screen shall be collected at a Viewpoint Screening approved site, under that facility's procedures and control. THC (marijuana) is part of the required 10-panel drug screen. The passage of Law 410 ILCS 705 in the State of Illinois, does not overrule Federal law, which states this is still an illegal substance. **Warning: If a student has a positive drug/alcohol screen, including testing positive for THC (marijuana, including prescription marijuana), they may not be admitted into the nursing program at that time.** The background investigation is connected to Viewpoint Screening and will encompass a standard federal criminal background search. **Positive "hits" on the criminal background will be evaluated by the Director of Nursing for program entry.** Failure to report to the Director of Nursing, any charge, will result in removal from the program.

Evidence of health insurance is required, and a **copy of current health insurance card** must be uploaded to Viewpoint Screening by date assigned at orientation. **If a student drops their health insurance anytime during the nursing program, they will be removed immediately from the program.**

A physical examination is required. The physical exam form must have a hand-written signature by the physician or health provider. **No stamped signatures or office nurse signatures are accepted.** In addition, proof of immunization or immunities from the following diseases are required: Measles/Rubeola Titer, German Measles/Rubella Titer, Mumps Titer, Chicken Pox/Varicella Zoster Titer, Diphtheria/Tetanus Booster, Childhood Polio Vaccine or Booster, Two-Step TB Skin Test (Tuberculosis) within a 3-week period or show proof that a two-step test has been done in the past with subsequent re-tests annually, the series of three (3) Hepatitis B Vaccines, and annual Flu Vaccine. The physical examination should not be scheduled until official notification of acceptance into the program has been received. Forms for the physical exam and inoculations will be given out during orientation/registration. The physical exam and inoculation forms must be uploaded to Viewpoint Screening by date assigned at orientation.

Students will be required to complete ALH 101 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation – 1 credit) at JALC during the first semester of the program before starting clinical rotation. No student will be exempt from this requirement. Students will be enrolled in ALH 101 after attending orientation.

The lab and clinical objectives include return demonstrations of knowledge and patient care abilities. It is necessary for the student nurse to practice lifting, positioning, and ambulation in the lab setting to prepare for the clinical. There can be no physical restrictions/devices when entering the lab or clinical setting. Crutches, casts, leg braces, and any restriction placing safety limitations on lifting, positioning, and ambulation are prohibited. Physician ordered restrictions with or without above devices will require student to withdraw from lab or clinical and return to complete when a position is available.

Prospective PNE students should **not** purchase any materials or supplies until **AFTER** they have attended a new student orientation session and have registered for classes. All questions regarding uniforms, schedules, requirements, physicals, etc. will be answered for accepted students during the mandatory new student orientation session (tentative early June) with the Coordinator of Practical Nursing. Students who attend orientation will be enrolled in ORI 111 (PN Orientation – .5 credit).

PROGRAM GUIDES AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PNE students must earn a minimum of a C grade in all courses listed in the program guide, including general courses.

It is the responsibility of all interested applicants to view the current PNE program guide and course descriptions online at the following links:

[Practical Nursing - Certificate of Achievement \(3-Semester, Full-Time\) Program Guide](#)

[Practical Nursing - Certificate of Achievement \(5-Semester, Part-Time\) Program Guide](#)

[Practical Nursing \(PNE\) Course Descriptions](#)

GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ORI 111 – PN Orientation¹ – .5 credit
ALH 101 – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation² – 1 credit
BIO 205 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I³ – 4 credits
COM 115 – Speech – 3 credits **OR**
COM 116 – Interpersonal Communication – 3 credits
BIO 206 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II – 4 credits

¹ Students admitted into the program will be **REQUIRED** to attend the mandatory new student orientation session prior to starting the program. Students who attend orientation will be enrolled in ORI 111.

² PNE students will be **REQUIRED** to complete ALH 101 at JALC during the first semester of the program before starting clinical rotation. No student will be exempt from this requirement. Admitted students will be enrolled in ALH 101 after attending orientation.

³ BIO 205 must be completed by the end of the first semester or prior to program admittance. No prior credit will be given if a grade lower than a C was earned. It is strongly recommended that students without high school or college background in biology take BIO 100, 101 or 105 prior to BIO 205.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the general courses with a minimum of a C grade prior to the semester they plan to start the program, so that they may increase their probability of success in the program.

For general course advisement and registration, an applicant should contact their advisor. If they need to be assigned to an advisor, they should contact Testing Services at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8520. Registration is by appointment only, except during designated walk-in dates.

PROGRAM COSTS

Costs are **estimates** based on the current 2023-2024 academic year.

ITEM	COST
Tuition – In-District at \$145.00 per credit hour – 12.5 hours (general courses)	\$1,812.50
Technology fee at \$5.00 per credit hour – 12.5 hours (general courses)	\$62.50
Course fees (general courses)	\$95.00
Variable Tuition ¹ – In-District at \$175.00 per credit hour – 23.5 hours (PNE courses)	\$4,112.50
Technology fee at \$5.00 per credit hour – 23.5 hours (PNE courses)	\$117.50
Course fees (PNE courses)	\$810.00
Textbooks (PNE courses)	\$1,500.00
Uniform	\$150.00
Clinical Shoes	\$75.00
Supplies	\$100.00
Viewpoint Screening ² (Background Check, Drug Screening & Medical/Health record tracking)	\$108.00
Registration fee for ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)	\$70.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$9,013.00

[Click here to view Tuition and Fees Schedule.](#)

¹ Variable tuition rate of \$30.00 per credit hour assessed for PNE courses. An additional 10% rounded to nearest dollar assessed for online and hybrid PNE courses.

² Viewpoint Screening package will need to be purchased after attending ORI 111 session in order for requirements to be completed and documents uploaded to Viewpoint Screening by date assigned at orientation.

Additional costs may include:

- \$65.00 Student Activity fee assessed for 6 or more hours enrolled for fall and spring terms
- \$40.00 Student Activity fee assessed for 3 or more hours enrolled for summer terms
- Medical exams and immunizations
- NCLEX-PN examination fee (approximately \$307.00)
- State licensure fee (approximately \$50.00)

Note: Many of these costs will be incurred the first semester of the program since textbooks, uniforms and equipment can be used in subsequent semesters. Textbooks for general courses are not included due to variability of texts. **All costs listed above are estimates and subject to change. The PNE student should plan to meet these financial obligations before entering the program.**

*Potential PNE students should **not** purchase or schedule anything until after they have been accepted and registered to begin the PNE program.*

For additional information, please contact Kristin Yosanovich, Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing, at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8455 or Kristin.Yosanovich@jalc.edu.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

JALC offers students several sources for financial assistance:

Financial Aid – A variety of financial aid exists and the applicant should contact the Financial Aid Office for more information at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8308 or financialaid.info@jalc.edu. Some of the types of financial aid presently offered are:

- [Federal Pell Grant](#)
- [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant \(FSEOG\)](#)
- [Illinois State Map Grant](#)
- [College Work Study](#)

JALC is no longer participating in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. Students in need of loan funds will have to apply for a Private Alternative Student Loan. In order to find a lender, contact your local Bank, Credit Union, or search on the web using “Private Alternative Student Loan providers” for your search. All students who apply for private alternative loans must first submit a FAFSA with JALC’s federal school code 008076.

Financial aid requirements and general information can be accessed online at [Financial Aid](#).

PATH Grant – PATH (Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce) is a state grant that supports students enrolled in a Nursing or Allied Health program with books, stipends, childcare assistance, and additional resources as needed.

Eligibility requirements and PATH application can be accessed online at [PATH – Pipeline for Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce](#).

For more information about the PATH Grant or about eligibility, contact the PATH Social Services Coordinator at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8492.

Scholarships – A variety of scholarships, administered through the JALC Foundation and external sources, are available and the applicant should contact the Foundation Office for more information at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8355 or foundation@jalc.edu.

Scholarship application procedures, scholarship application, letter of recommendation form, and lists of available scholarships through the JALC Foundation and external sources, can be accessed online at [JALC Foundation](#).

Veterans Resources – Military veterans and dependents should contact [Veterans Resource](#) at (618) 985-2828 Ext. 8563 or veterans@jalc.edu for more information on Illinois Veterans Grant and GI Bill Benefits.