



NURSING PROGRAMS

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (ADN) Practical Nursing Certificate (PN)

ADMISSION PROCESS

All students are required to attend a mandatory nursing information session in order to apply for any of the programs; dates, times, and locations are listed on our website. The admission process is designed to admit students who are most likely to be successful in the academically challenging nursing curriculum and to do so in an impartial manner. The process includes prerequisite requirements and an admission procedure. It is strongly recommended that all students see their student advisor to develop a personal academic plan for completing prerequisite course requirements.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by the nurse or student nurse to successfully perform the essential functions of both the job requirements of a nurse and the required clinical experiences of a student nurse. While performing the duties of the nursing program/job, the student nurse is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; talk; and hear. The student nurse is frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, and/or crawl. The student nurse/nurse must regularly move up to ten pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds.

It is the responsibility of the student applying for admission to the nursing program to notify the Associate Dean, Nursing/Allied Health in his/her Request for Admission to the Nursing Program any concerns regarding the physical, mental, or emotional health of the applicant that could impact the student's success in the program.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BEFORE APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM:

1. A GED certificate or high school diploma and an official, final high school transcript must be on file in the HCC Admissions Office.
2. First level students are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Returning LPN-RN students are required to take the LPN STEP Proctored Assessment. Individuals may take the TEAS or LPN STEP Assessment exam up to two (2) times per application year.
3. The student's Grade Point Average (GPA) must be 2.5 overall.
4. Some prerequisite courses may be in progress at the time of application. Students are not admitted until all prerequisite courses are successfully completed. All prerequisite and support courses must be completed with at least the grade of "C" (2.0) by spring.
5. HCC placement test results indicating that the applicant does not need any reading development course, does not need any math course below MATH 158, and does not need any English communication course below ENGL 121. Successful completion of appropriate courses will satisfy any deficiencies identified by placement tests.
6. A current CNA certificate or equivalent must be on file in the Nursing Coordinator's Office.
7. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Admissions Department and an unofficial copy to the Nursing/Allied Health Department



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ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Students must see their student advisor to register for any nursing core courses.

1. A Request for Admittance into the Nursing Program must be received by the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator by the deadline to be considered for admission to the nursing program and indicating the semester he/she wishes to begin the core nursing curriculum. Applicant may specify to which preference (day or evening ADN or PN) they wish to be admitted.
- Nursing LPN/ADN/LPN-RN deadline: March 1
2. The nursing admission assessment will be done in two different phases. Phase One will include: Academic Requirements, Pre-Requisites and Support Courses, Recommendations Letters, ATI test scores, and CNA Requirements. All of the above must be turned in to the nursing office no later than March 1. If students meet Phase One requirements, they will be sent a letter giving them the opportunity to participate in Phase Two of the Admission Assessment. Phase Two will include registering for a time slot to come in during a scheduled time to complete four essays for the writing portion of the Admission Assessment.

3. Applicants who are not selected may reapply the succeeding year, but need to attend an additional information session to hear about new changes. No waiting list.
4. All individuals are welcome to apply for the Highland Community College Nursing Program, but we accept all in-district students who qualify and meet our criteria first. If there is space available, out-of-district applicants will be reviewed for admittance into the program. For the nursing program, in-district is defined as "students who meet the residency requirements and/or work 20 or more hours a week in our district."

It is important to note that the application process is the applicant's responsibility - not the responsibility of the institution.

Our responsibility, as an institution, is to fully consider and evaluate each application carefully for admission into our programs. Our responsibility is not to gather appropriate data, but rather to review that data. Data gathering is the responsibility of the person who wishes to be considered for admission.





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Associate of Applied Science

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the student is eligible to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN).

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for RNs in long-term care facilities, home health, hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics. Employment is available nationwide. Nurses are encouraged to continue their formal nursing education by going on for a baccalaureate degree at a number of institutions. HCC nursing graduates may want to consider pursuing a Master's degree in nursing instead of a Bachelors, an option that is becoming more readily available. Students should check with a student advisor or the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator for more information regarding transfer to other institutions and what requirements may be needed before transfer is possible.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students entering the health care professions (i.e. nursing, medical assistant, emergency medical technician) must have a positive attitude about the importance of the work that they are being prepared to do. In part, a professional attitude involves personal integrity, the use of positive communication techniques, flexibility in regards to clinical assignments, and taking on a leadership role when necessary .

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland for the following program contacts:

- Donna Kauke, NNP-BC, MSN, RN, Associate Dean, Nursing/Allied Health, 815-599-3688
- Ms. Cassie Mekeel, BS, RN, Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator & Learning Specialist , 815-599-3679
- Ms. Heather Moore, Nursing Program Student Advisor, 815-599-3483
- Ms. Jessica Larson, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599- 3452
- Ms. Barbara Merhley, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3683
- Ms. Mary Kate Shore, MSN, Nursing Faculty. 815-599-3516
- Ms. Kay Sperry, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3684
- Ms. Chrislyn Senneff, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3685
- Ms. Maggie Ankney, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3626
- Ms. Joani Bardell, Division Secretary, 815-599-3433

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

1. A completed high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) on file with the Admissions Department.
2. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Admissions Department and an unofficial copy to the Nursing/Allied Health Department.
3. First level students are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Returning LPN-RN students are required to take the LPN STEP Proctored Assessment. Individuals may take the TEAS or LPN STEP Assessment exam up to two (2) times per application year.
4. HCC placement test results indicating that the applicant does not need any reading development course, does not need any math course below MATH 158, and does not need any English communication course below ENGL 121. Successful completion of appropriate courses will satisfy any deficiency identified by placement tests.
5. Completed all prerequisite courses and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
6. Current CNA certificate or equivalent on file in the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator's Office.
7. Submission of three appropriate letters of recommendation.



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PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES* 12 Credit Hours

BIOL	213	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL	214	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CHEM	120	General, Organic, & Bio Chemistry	4

NOTE: CHEM 101, high school chemistry, or permission of instructor and MATH 067 or placement into MATH 158 or above are the prerequisites to CHEM 120.

SUPPORT COURSES ** 13 Credit Hours

BIOL	211	General Microbiology	4
ENGL	121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
PSY	161	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY	262	Human Growth and Development	3

NOTE: PSY 161 is a prerequisite for PSY 262

CORE CURRICULUM

Fall - First Year 12 Credit Hours

BIOL	104	Pharmacology	3
NURS	185	Mental Health Nursing Concepts	1
NURS	191	Clinical Development I	8

Spring - First Year 15 Credit Hours

NURS	192	Clinical Development II	8
NURS	184	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2
NURS	291	Family Nursing	5

Fall - Second Year 13 Credit Hours

NURS	292	Clinical Development IIIA	8
NURS	293	Psychiatric Nursing	5

Spring - Second Year 13 Credit Hours

NURS	294	Clinical Development IIIB	8
NURS	188	Pathophysiology	3
NURS	298	Perspectives and Leadership in Nursing	2

Total Hours = 78

- * All prerequisite courses must be successfully completed prior to program entry
- ** All support courses must be successfully completed prior to the start of the second year of the ADN program. LPN-RN students must successfully complete all support courses by the end of the spring semester in which they are applying to the ADN program.



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PN to ADN Option

Licensed practical nurses may transfer their first two semesters of nursing core courses of the PN program into Highland's ADN program. However, there are limitations.

1. The LPN must submit a new Request for Admittance into the Nursing Program .
2. All ADN admission criteria must be met.
3. Current LPN license must be on file in the Nursing office.
4. A GPA of 2.5 overall.
5. All LPN applicants are required to complete the ATI LPN STEP Proctored Assessment. Contact the Testing Center to schedule testing. The exam is highly predictive of ADN success. Applicants may be required to repeat nursing courses depending on results of the ATI LPN STEP Proctored Assessment.
6. Submission of three appropriate letters of recommendation.
7. Admission into ADN program is not guaranteed and is based on a number of factors, including grades on the above named pre-requisite courses, space availability, ATI score, and residency.
8. All prerequisite and support courses need to be completed by end of Spring.



Transfer Nursing Students

Students transferring into Highland Community College nursing programs who have completed nursing courses at another school will be considered for admission on an individual basis. Students must have a completed admission file turned in by March 1 for the succeeding fall semester. The admission committee will review the individuals file to determine which nursing courses will transfer.