



Nursing Programs

ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

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. Students must meet with an advisor to develop a personal academic plan for completing prerequisite course requirements.

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.
 - Nursing (AND Full-time) deadline: March 1
 - Nursing (ADN Part-time) deadline: October 1
2. The nursing admission assessment will include: Academic Requirements, Pre-Requisites and Support Courses, Recommendations Letters, Entrance Exam test scores, and CNA Requirements. All of the above must be turned in to the nursing office no later than March 1
3. Applicants who are not selected may reapply the succeeding year, but need to attend an additional information session to hear about new changes.
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."

**Please note 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.

LPN to ADN Option

Licensed practical nurses may apply to 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 2.75 overall.
5. LPN students will be subject to the same admission criteria as other students. Individuals may request to test out of some nursing classes at the discretion of the Dean. All LPN to ADN students will be evaluated on an individual basis. Official transcripts from previous programs must be on hand in order to consider the test out option.

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 if any nursing courses will transfer. All students will be held to the same standards of admission, regardless of where prerequisite courses or other nursing courses were taken.



Nursing (421)

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.

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 or more. It is the responsibility of the student applying for admission to the nursing program to notify the Dean Nursing and 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.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland for the following program contacts:

- Jennifer Grobe, MSN, RN, CCM, CNE, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, 815-599-3688
- Alicia Kepner, Nursing and Allied Health Coordinator, 815-599-3679
- Heather Moore, Nursing Program Student Advisor, 815-599-3483
- Jessica Larson, MSN, RN Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3452
- Christine Sanders, MSNRN Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3439
- Kay Sperry, MSN, RN-BC Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3684
- Chrislyn Senneff, MSN, RN Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3685
- Laura Weter, MSN, RN Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3516
- 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. 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.
4. Completed all prerequisite courses and a GPA of 2.75 or higher by the end of the semester in which they are applying.
5. Complete program entrance exam.
6. Active on the IDPH CNA registry or equivalent.
7. Submit application & other admission requirements to the Coordinator of Nursing & Allied Health by March 1st for full-time or October 1st for part-time.

**Program requirements are subject to change. For the most current admission criteria see our web page.



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*PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES

14 Credit Hours

BIOL	213	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CHEM	120	Elementary General Chemistry	4
ENGL	121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
PSY	161	Introduction to Psychology	3

NOTE: High school algebra and MATH 067 or placement into MATH 158 or above are the prerequisites to CHEM 120.

**SUPPORT COURSES

13 Credit Hours

BIOL	214	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL	211	General Microbiology	4
PSY	262	Human Growth and Development	3
NURS	elective		2

CORE CURRICULUM

Fall - First Year

10 Credit Hours

NURS	103	Pharmacology	2
NURS	191	Fundamentals of Nursing	8
** BIOL	214	Anatomy & Physiology II	4

Spring - First Year

13 Credit Hours

NURS	192	Health & Illness I	8
NURS	291	Family Nursing	5
** PSY	262	Human Growth and Development	3

Fall - Second Year

13 Credit Hours

NURS	292	Health & Illness II	8
NURS	293	Psychiatric Nursing	5

Spring - Second Year

12 Credit Hours

NURS	294	Health & Illness III	8
NURS	298	Professionalism and Leadership in Nursing	2
** BIOL	211	General Microbiology	4

Total Hours =

73



* All prerequisite courses must be successfully completed prior to program entry.

** Support courses marked (**) can be taken during the core curriculum, these courses must be successfully completed with a grad of "C" or better in the semester in which they are shown above to be allowed to continue in the nursing program. Support courses (to the left) are not counted in semester credit hour totals.

• Please note that core nursing classes designated with the NURS prefix follow a different grading scale requiring an 80% to successfully complete the course and continue on in the nursing program.

• The curriculum is planned sequentially so that if a student drops, withdraws from, or fails any core course, he/she will need to withdraw from the nursing program. Please consult the Nursing Student Handbook for more details regarding withdraw policy and failed courses.