

Requirements for Admission to the DSCC Nursing Program

Dyersburg State Community College offers coursework leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing. The Dyersburg State Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326, Telephone 404-975-5000. Website: www.nlnac.org

The Dyersburg State Nursing Program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing, 227 French Landing, Suite 300, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, Telephone 1-800-778-4123; or 615-532-5166. Website: www.tennessee.gov/health

To be considered for admission to the Nursing program, the following requirements must be met.

1. The applicant must be accepted to Dyersburg State Community College as a regular admission student-see Requirements for Regular Admission, DSCC Catalog.
2. The applicant must submit a completed Application for Nursing to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health by the deadline specified: September 1 for Spring Admission-Covington Campus, and March 1 for Fall Admission-Dyersburg Campus. This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
3. Applicants admitted from a high school must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
4. Applicants with prior college credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and a grade of "C" or above in each course required in the nursing curriculum (or be retaken with a grade of "C" or above as indicated as a pre-requisite for the NUR course.) **Transcripts from all previously attended universities and/or colleges must be submitted to both the Office of Admissions and Records and to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health for evaluation by the application deadline. Failure to provide documentation as requested will result in the removal of the student's application from the applicant pool.**
5. Each applicant is required to have on file his/her test results from the required preadmission examination (HESI) for Registered Nurses. Details regarding the dates, times, place and cost of the test are available from the Testing Office or the DSCC website at www.dsc.edu under Student Services by following the link to Assessment/Testing. Test fees are non-refundable. The test score will remain in the applicant file for three years from the testing date; if the student reapplies after three years, he /she must retake the preadmission examination again. Students must reapply for each class to be considered; the Division of Nursing and Allied Health does not keep a waiting list of applicants.
6. A criminal background check and drug screen is required by clinical facilities for assurance of patient safety. These will be required if accepted into the program. Based on the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow a student's presence at their facility. This will result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program. Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for registered nurse licensure even though they successfully complete the nursing program. Detailed instructions regarding the Background Check will be given during nursing orientation. The student will assume the cost of the physical examination, drug screen, and background check. To obtain more information, please contact the Division of Nursing and Allied Health.
7. If accepted, the applicant must submit proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition, current immunizations and a negative TB skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated. TB skin tests are required yearly. Although hepatitis immunization is not required, it is highly recommended.
8. Transfer requests from other colleges will be considered upon an individual basis and upon availability of space. Transfer requests should be directed to the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health.
9. Applicants may be interviewed by the Nursing faculty as part of the admission process.
10. Admission into the nursing program will be based on a point system. The point system will be based upon the Preadmission Examination test score, GPA, science courses taken with a grade of "B" or above, and prior healthcare experience. The science courses included are BIOL 2010, BIOL 2020, and BIOL 2230. In the event an applicant has taken these courses more than once, the most recent grade will be calculated in the point system. Science courses must have been completed within five years prior to the admission date and prior to the qualifying application deadline date to be included in the admission points (fall semester if applying for the next fall admission/Dyersburg campus, and summer semester if applying for the next spring admission/Covington campus). The five year science requirement may be waived if the applicant successfully completed the science course(s), has a current health care license, and is actively practicing in a health care field.
11. The new high school graduate will be assessed for admission differently. Points will be given for the Preadmission Examination test score, high school GPA, the math, science and reading sections of the ACT test, and CNA certification.
12. MATH 1020 and required college preparatory courses, if needed, must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline date (fall semester if applying for the next fall admission/Dyersburg campus, and summer semester if applying for the next spring admission/Covington campus). MATH 1020 must be completed with a grade of "C" or above within five year of admission into the nursing program. The only exception is for high school graduates seeking admission into the fall class. If their points qualify them for admission and college preparatory courses are not required, they may receive a conditional admission based upon satisfactory completion of MATH 1020 during the summer session.
13. Students who have made a "D," "F," or have withdrawn from two nursing courses at Dyersburg State (unless academic fresh start status has been granted, see college catalog for Academic Fresh Start Guidelines) or any other college or university will not be considered for readmission or transfer to the Dyersburg State nursing program.
14. Students admitted to the nursing program will be required to comply with the nursing program retention and progression policies. Details of these policies are published in the Division of Nursing Program Student Handbook.
15. Students who apply but are not accepted for the Dyersburg program for Fall or for the Covington program for Spring must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following class. Applications will not be considered from previous semesters.