

Dyersburg State Community College
Division of Nursing and Allied Health
Requirements for Admission to the Advanced Standing LPN-RN Fast Track program
2010-2011

To be considered for admission to the Advanced Standing LPN-RN Fast Track Program, the following requirements- in addition to the requirements for admission to the college – must be met.

1. The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) completes the application for admission (or readmission) to Dyersburg State Community College and pays the non-refundable application fee.
2. The applicant completes the application for Advanced Standing and submits it to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health by the specified date. Applications received after the deadline may be considered on an individual basis with exceptional circumstances.
3. Students who have made a “D,” “F,” or withdraw from two nursing courses prior to completion of LPN Licensure may be considered on an individual basis for admission to the Dyersburg State Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track.
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. Required prerequisite courses (college preparatory (if needed) BIOL 2010, PSY 110, and MATH 1020 or credit by proficiency) must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline. MATH 1020 must be completed with a grade of “C” or above within five years of admission into the nursing program and pass the math competency exam.
6. The National League for Nursing, Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE) I – Foundations of Nursing score must be on file by the application deadline.
 - * To be accepted into the nursing program, the applicant must have a score of 75 or better on the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE). If the applicant does not obtain an ACE score of 75 or better, the test may be repeated one time only.
 - * ACE test scores are valid for three years from the month/year of testing.
 - * Testing is offered on the Dyersburg State campus with dates and times available from the Division of Nursing and Allied Health or the Testing Office.
 - * Test fees are non-refundable.
 - * If unsuccessful, the applicant may seek admission as a regular student (see Requirements for Admission to the Nursing Program in the DSCC catalog.)
7. The applicant must bring evidence of a current active LPN license and a valid Healthcare Provider (*American Heart Association*) or Professional Rescuer (*American Red Cross*) CPR card to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health.
8. Applicants must have written notification of acceptance before enrollment in nursing courses is permitted. Only those students enrolled in a nursing course are considered to have been accepted into the nursing program.
9. If accepted into the Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track program:
 - * The student will enroll in NUR 100, Introduction to Nursing, NUR 101, Transitions to Nursing Care I, and NUR 113 Intro to Pharmacology.
 - * Basic Nursing Skill competency/validation is required prior to beginning clinical rotation in NUR 101 as well as a Math competency exam.
 - * After successfully completing NUR 100 and NUR 101, the student will be eligible to enroll in NUR 211, Nursing Care II. LPN-RN Fast Track students are awarded 9 credit hours for NUR 111 on the basis of their prior LPN educational program and a score of 75 or better on the National League for Nursing, Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I- Foundations of Nursing. The student must successfully complete NUR 100 to receive the 9 credit hours.
 - * The student who does not successfully complete NUR 100, Introduction to Nursing, and/or NUR 101, Transitions to Nursing Care I, may seek admission as a regular student. (See Requirements for Admission to the Nursing Program.)
 - * For patient safety, clinical facilities utilized by the Division of Nursing and Allied Health may require proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition. (Please read “Core Performance Standards” in the DSCC Catalog.)
 - * The applicant must submit proof of current immunizations and a report of a negative tuberculosis (TB) skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated, dated within the last six (6) months. TB skin test are required yearly.
 - * Clinical facilities require criminal background checks and drug screen. Based on the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow the student’s presence at their facility. This would 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.
10. The general education requirements for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree must be met by the terms indicated in the Nursing Concentration Program of Instruction.
 - * Courses taken in the biological sciences must have been taken within the past five years to meet the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree. 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.
 - * The student admitted with advanced standing follows the master curriculum plan as stated in the catalog.
 - * Retention standards for the Division of Nursing will be followed.

*** Application deadline dates may be extended on an as needed basis based upon enrollment.

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