



DIVISION OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH
Dyersburg State Community College
1510 Lake Road
Dyersburg, TN 38024

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It is always a pleasure to provide materials to prospective nursing students. The nursing program at Dyersburg State Community College has an excellent reputation and is always looking for qualified individuals. We are willing and eager to talk with prospective students. Attached is the information that outlines the admission process for the nursing program. The application in this packet is for the Fall 2012 class at Dyersburg, Tennessee with March 1 as the deadline for submission of applications.

A nursing career provides many wonderful opportunities. If you need further assistance, please call the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3200 or the Nursing Department at 286-3390 or the Jimmy Naifeh Center campus in Covington at 901-475-3100 or the Nursing Department at 901-475-3182.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Nursing and Allied Health

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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 including Tdap and Varicella and a negative TB skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated. TB skin tests are required yearly. Effective July 1, 2011, students expected to have patient contact must present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact.
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. 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 years prior to admission into the nursing program or may be taken during the first semester of nursing upon acceptance into the nursing program. Math 1020 is a prerequisite to NUR 112.
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.

**Associate of Applied Science Degree
Nursing
Major and Concentration**

The Nursing Program graduate possesses the competencies necessary to assume the role of a beginning practitioner in a structured healthcare setting such as a hospital or extended care facility. The graduate is eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

To facilitate success in this program, all students should enroll in ORN 1010 Orientation: Learning to Succeed during their first semester at DSCC.

| | | Semester Hours |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Math 1020 | Math for Allied Health * | 2 |
| ^ENGL 1010 | COMPOSITION I | 3 |
| ^HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE** | | 3 |
| ^PSYC 1030 | GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY | 3 |
| ^BIOL 2010 | HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I | 4 |
| BIOL 2020 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| BIOL 2230 | Microbiology | 4 |
| NUR 111 | Foundations of Nursing | 9 |
| NUR 112 | Nursing Care I | 10 |
| NUR 113 | Introduction to Pharmacology | 2 |
| NUR 211 | Nursing Care II | 10 |
| NUR 212 | Nursing Care III | 10 |
| NUR 213 | Dimensions of Practice | 2 |
| | | 66 |

*Math 1020 may be completed within five years prior to admission to the Nursing Program or may be taken during the first semester of the Nursing Program. Math 1020 is a prerequisite for NUR 112.

**The Humanities/Fine Arts elective (one course) must be completed from the following: ART 1030, ARTH 2010, ARTH 2020, ENGL 2110, ENGL 2120, ENGL 2210, ENGL 2220, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320, MUS 1030, MUS 2110, MUS 2120, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2030, or THEA 1030.

For prerequisites (including general education course prerequisites), refer to the Nursing course descriptions in the Course Descriptions section of the DSCC catalog.

Nursing courses must be taken in sequence.

DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE

Instruction Sheet for Nursing Admission Test – Fall 2012

This information is for all students who desire to be admitted to the Dyersburg State Community College Nursing Program Fall 2012 at Dyersburg.

Students applying for admission will be required to take the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Admission Assessment test. The HESI test includes Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar, and Anatomy and Physiology.

The HESI test is taken by computer on the DSCC campus based upon space availability and at designated dates and times.

HESI Test Schedule Dyersburg Campus

Thursday, January 26, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 31, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 1, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 7, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, February 13, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 15, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 16, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 23, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, February 27, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 1, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, March 2, 9:00 a.m.

*Additional test dates are posted at www.dsc.edu under Student Services One Stop, then choose Assessment/Testing. You may choose your campus preference from the links to the right.

NOTE: HESI can be taken as many times as needed with the highest grade being used. You must wait at least six months in between testing dates. HESI scores are good for three (3) years.

HESI TEST PROCEDURE

1. Call the Covington Testing Center (901-475-3101) or the Dyersburg Testing Center (731-286-3355) and schedule your test date. Then go to the Business Office (Covington or Dyersburg) and pay the \$32.00 testing fee. Your receipt is required for admission to the testing. **KEEP YOUR RECEIPT.**
2. You must sign up for your test in advance! If you are late, you will **NOT BE ALLOWED** to test.
3. If you **CANNOT** take the test at the time you are registered, you must call and reschedule in order to take the test. Rescheduling is only permitted due to emergency circumstances.
4. The test is approximately three (3) hours in length and will begin on time.
5. No refunds will be given for any reason.
6. You must have your testing fee receipt and a picture ID (student ID or driver's license) with you at the time of testing or you will not be allowed to test.
7. You may not take the test more than every 6 months.
8. Dyersburg State Community College does not have a study guide available for this test. You may choose to review from an ACT review book, or purchase materials directly from HESI at their web site.
9. **Test results are immediately available for review. Copies of your results will not be mailed to you, so please plan to review your results upon completion.** The Testing Center will send all results to the Nursing Office.

DSCC reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the exam sessions due to unforeseen circumstances.

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**Dyersburg State Community College
Division of Nursing**

Point Calculations for Admission – Fall 2012

STUDENT WITH COLLEGE HOURS

| | <u>Your Score</u> | <u>Maximum Possible</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| HESI exam score divided by 10 | _____ | 10 |
| GPA (counted twice i.e. 4.0 GPA X 2 = 8)..... | _____ | 8.0 |
| Science courses – 1 point for a grade of B or above | | |
| Human Anatomy & Physiology I | _____ | 1.0 |
| Human Anatomy & Physiology II | _____ | 1.0 |
| Microbiology | _____ | 1.0 |
| Healthcare Experience (LPN, CNA, LPN, RT, etc.)* .. | _____ | 1.0 |
| <i>*Points will be awarded for healthcare experience when the applicant has been employed in the field, unless otherwise approved by nursing faculty.</i> | | |
| Total | | _____ |

*** NEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

| | <u>Your Score</u> | <u>Maximum Possible</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| HESI exam score divided by 10 | _____ | 10 |
| GPA (counted twice i.e. 4.0 GPA X 2 = 8)..... | _____ | 8.0 |
| *ACT scores – 1 point for a 21 and up | | |
| ACT math score | _____ | 1.0 |
| ACT science score | _____ | 1.0 |
| ACT reading score | _____ | 1.0 |
| Total | | _____ |

* Students scoring 18 and below on the English, Math, or Reading portions of the ACT will be required to enroll in the Developmental Studies Program at DSCC, which will automatically delay entrance into the nursing program by at least one full year and will be ineligible for admission as a “New High School Graduate.”

**Dyersburg State Community College
Division of Nursing and Allied Health
1510 Lake Road
Dyersburg, TN 38024**

**APPLICATION FOR NURSING
FALL SEMESTER, 2012
Application Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth _____ DSCC ID Number _____

Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Place of Employment _____

Email Address _____

Are you presently attending DSCC? Yes _____ No _____ Have you previously attended DSCC? Yes _____ No _____

Please list all college and universities you have attended other than DSCC _____

Have submitted all school transcripts to the Admissions and Records Office AND the Division of Nursing for point accumulation.

College Cumulative GPA _____ High School Graduation Date _____
Completed MATH 1020: Yes _____ No _____ Date and Grade: _____

Have you ever: (1) attended another school of nursing? Yes _____ No _____
(2) been suspended or on probation from a college or nursing program? Yes _____ No _____
(3) received 2 or more letter grade(s) of "D" or "F" in any nursing course(s)? Yes _____ No _____
(4) withdrawn from 1 or more nursing courses? Yes _____ No _____

If the answer to any of the above is "Yes", please attach a sheet explaining in detail. (Please specify when, where, what happened?)

If you have attended another school of nursing, please state:

(1) what type of program (LPN, Diploma, Associate Degree, BSN, etc.); (3) date of program completion; and/or
(2) name and address of school; (4) reason for not completing.

Have you taken the Academic Assessment Placement Program (AAPP) test or the COMPASS/ASSET test? Yes _____ No _____

Have you completed all required Pre-College level courses OR
Will you have completed all required courses by the end of Fall Semester, 2012? Yes _____ No _____

When/Where did you / do you expect to take the Pre-RN Admission Exam (HESI)? _____
(Students who have not taken the Pre-RN Entrance Exam (HESI) will automatically be denied enrollment in the Nursing Program. Please list date so we can verify!)

Do you have prior experience in a healthcare field or military? Yes___ No___ If yes, please briefly describe and attach a copy of your certification/license. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a violation of the law other than a minor traffic violation? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever had any license in any health care field suspended, revoked, or denied? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been listed on any abuse registry (Nursing Home, Home Health, Sexual, or Other)? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please explain: _____

Criminal background checks are a requirement for clinical practice by clinical agencies. Based on the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow your presence at their facility. This would result in your inability to successfully complete the requirements of each course and the program. Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for registered nurse licensure in the State of Tennessee. To review a list of these crimes or to obtain more information, please to go to <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1000/1000-01.pdf>.

All student files must be complete no later than March 1, 2012, in order to be considered eligible for admission to the nursing program at the Dyersburg campus. Students will be notified of their acceptance before the end of Spring Semester, 2012. Points will only be awarded for classes completed through the end of Fall Semester, 2011. Students attending other colleges or universities during the Fall of 2011 should have their transcripts forwarded to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health as soon as possible after completion of the semester.

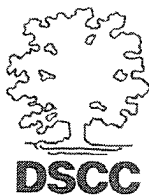
If you have previously applied for admission to the nursing program, you must reapply for each term that you wish to be considered. We do not keep a waiting list of applicants. Also, your highest HESI test score will be used in point calculations.

Please read the "Core Performance Standards" in the current DSCC College Bulletin. If you feel that there may be a difficulty meeting these standards, please check here ___ and explain by attaching a sheet to this application.

I have read and answered each and every question on this application. I hereby affirm the above information is true. I understand that falsification of any information can result in immediate dismissal.

Legal Signature of Applicant

Date



Application Deadline - March 1, 2012

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