Dear LPN:

Thank you for your interest in the Advanced Standing LPN-RN Fast Track Program at Dyersburg State Community College. This program is for LPNs with a current license and working as an LPN. We are excited to announce that classes will be held during the summer semester each year on the Dyersburg campus.

To be considered for the Fast Track program, you must first apply for admission to the College or readmission if you have previously taken courses at DSCC, and you must meet the nursing division requirements. In preparation for admission, please read the Admission Requirements carefully and complete prerequisites as required. Candidates who have not met the requirements for admission to the College and/or the Nursing program will not be considered for admission.

The College application can be downloaded from the DSCC homepage (www.dscc.edu). If you have previous college course work from other colleges or universities, you must request transcripts be sent to DSCC along with your transcript from high school. College/University transcripts are to be submitted to the Division of Nursing also. If you do not have college course work, you will be required to take the COMPASS test if you are over 21 years of age, and the ACT if you are under the age of 21. You will also need to send a copy of your current LPN license to the Division of Nursing.

Students interested in receiving financial aid should contact the Financial Aid Office at 731-286-3350. Since the Federal Pell Grant has a maximum annual amount and a maximum lifetime amount, students may need to pursue other sources of financial aid. Student loan funds are available to those who qualify. The Financial Aid Office will make every effort to assist you in securing financial resources.

Key admission criteria include: completion of all college preparatory course work and a score of 75% or higher on the National League of Nursing - Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE). The ACE may be taken a total of two times. The information on the test is based on what you have learned in LPN school and nursing practice. The National League for Nursing website has additional information about the test. (www.nln.org > test products > nursing acceleration challenge exam.)

To assist students’ success on the ACE, we offer review sessions prior to taking the exam. Review and/or test dates are posted on the website under Future Students tab and then choose “Make an Appointment.” The cost of the test is $60.00. If you plan to attend a review, please add $25.00 to the fee, for a total of $85.00. Test fees are non-refundable. Applicants are limited to two (2) attempts to score 75 or above.

The application deadline for the Fast Track Program will be December 31 and the class will begin the following May.

For general information concerning DSCC, or the nursing program, refer to the DSCC website or call the One Stop Center at 731-286-3350, or the Division of Nursing 731-286-3390.

Sincerely,

Amy Johnson
Amy Johnson, MSN, RN
Dean of Nursing

Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
The Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track Program is an afternoon/weekend program. To be considered for admission to the Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track Nursing Program, the following requirements - in addition to the requirements for admission to the college - must be met.

The Dyersburg State Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
Website:  [www.acenursing.org/](http://www.acenursing.org/)
Address:  3343 Peachtree Road NE
               Suite 850
               Atlanta, GA 30326
Telephone:  404-975-5000
Fax:  404-975-5020

The DSCC Nursing Program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.
Website:  [http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/Nursing/index.htm](http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/Nursing/index.htm)
Address:  Tennessee Board of Nursing
               665 Mainstream Drive
               Nashville, TN 37243
Telephone:  1-800-778-4123
               615-532-5166

1. The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) completes the Application for Admission (or readmission) to DSCC.
2. The applicant completes the Application for Advanced Standing and submits it to the Division of Nursing by the December 31st.
3. Students who have made a “D” or “F” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses prior to completion of LPN Licensure may be considered on an individual basis for admission to the DSCC Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track Program.
4. Applicants with prior college credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for all courses comprising the nursing curriculum and a minimum grade of “C” in each course in the nursing curriculum. For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used in the calculation of the nursing grade point average. By the application deadline for the Nursing Program, official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and/or universities must be submitted to the Office of Records and to the Division of Nursing for evaluation. Failure to provide documentation as requested will result in the rejection of the student’s application. At any time after a student has been admitted to the Nursing Program, if the student failed to submit all high school and/or college transcripts for review for admission, he/she will be dismissed from the Nursing Program at the point of discovery.
5. Required prerequisite courses: Learning Support (if needed), **BIOL 2010**, **PSYC 1030** and **ENGL 1010** must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline.
6. The National League for Nursing, Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I (ACE) - Foundations of Nursing examination scores 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 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 or the Testing Office.
• Test fees are non-refundable.
• If unsuccessful, the applicant may seek admission as a regular student. Refer to Requirements for Admission to the Nursing Program in this catalog section.

7. The applicant must bring evidence of a current active LPN license and valid Healthcare Provider (American Heart Association) or Professional Rescuer (American Red Cross) CPR card to the Division of Nursing.
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 be required to pass a math dosage validation exam.
   • The student will enroll in NRSG 1700 Transition to Professional Practice and NRSG 1340 Mental Health. Pre-requisites to NRSG 2740 will be Math 1530 and BIOL 2020.
   • Basic Nursing skill competency/validation is required prior to beginning clinical rotation in NRSG 1700 and NRSG 1340.
   • After successfully completing NRSG 1700 and NRSG 1340, the student will be eligible to enroll in NRSG 2730 and NRSG 1320. LPN to RN Fast Track students are awarded 7 credit hours for NRSG 1710 Fundamentals of Nursing 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 1 - Foundations of Nursing. The student must successfully complete NRSG 1700 Transition to Professional Practice to receive the 7 credit hours.
   • The applicant who does not successfully complete NRSG 1700 and NRSG 1340, 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 may require proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition. Please read “Core Performance Standards” in the DSCC Catalog. For assurance of patient safety, a drug screen may be required.
   • 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 six (6) months of the expected enrollment date. TB skin tests are required yearly.
   • Clinical facilities require a criminal background check and a 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. 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.
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.
Associate of Applied Science Degree  
Advanced Standing LPN to RN Program  
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 apply to take 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.

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*Learning Support Courses, PSYC 1030, ENGL 1010, BIOL 2010 are prerequisite courses and must be completed with a C or better to be considered for admission.

**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, ENGL 2530, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2030 or THEA 1030.

***The Guided Elective (one course) must be completed from the following: ENGL 1020, SPCH 1010, PSYC 2130 or HPED 220.

****MATH 1530 and BIOL 2020 are pre-requisite courses for the second semester in the Nursing Program.

*****Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track Students are awarded 7 credit hours for NRSG 1710 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 NRSG 1700 to receive the 7 credit hours. Nursing Courses must be taken in sequence.
### Point Calculations for Admission

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**EXTRA POINT COURSES** — 1 point for a grade of B or above

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