Dear Paramedic:

Thank you for your interest in the Paramedic to RN Nursing Program at Dyersburg State Community College. This program is for paramedics with a current license and working as a paramedic. We are excited to announce that classes will be held in the fall of each year at the Jimmy Naifeh Campus (JNC) in Tipton County.

To be considered for the Paramedic to RN 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 AccuPlacer 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 paramedic 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 completion of the admissions exam – Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).

March 1 will be the application deadline for the Paramedic-RN Nursing Program that will begin in the fall of each year at JNC.

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
A program of study designed to prepare individuals to be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The Paramedic to RN Nursing Program is offered at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. 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

To be considered for admission to the Nursing Program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The **Paramedic** applicant must be accepted to DSCC as a regular admission student. Refer to [Requirements for Regular Admission](#) in this catalog section.

2. The applicant must submit a completed Application for the **Paramedic to RN Program** to the Division of Nursing by the deadline specified:
   - March 1st
   - This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
   - Applicant must submit evidence of a current active Paramedic license.

3. 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.

4. Each applicant is required to have on file his/her test results from the required preadmission examination Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) for Registered Nurses.
   - Details regarding the dates, times, place and cost of the test are available from the Testing Office or at [www.dssc.edu](http://www.dssc.edu).
   - Test fees are non-refundable.
• TEAS exam must be taken at Dyersburg State Community College. No transfer scores are accepted.
• TEAS can be taken as many times as needed with the highest grade being used. There is a required six month wait period between retesting.
• The test score will remain in the applicant file for three years from the testing date; if the student reappears after three years, he/she must retake the preadmission examination again.
• Students must reapply for each class to be considered; the Division of Nursing does not keep a waiting list of applicants.

5. A criminal background check and drug screen are 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.

6. 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. Students expected to have patient contact must present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact. The applicant must submit a valid Basic Life Support (American Heart Association) or Professional Rescuer (American Red Cross) CPR card to the Division of Nursing.

7. 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.

8. Applicants may be interviewed by the Nursing faculty as part of the admission process.

9. 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, Anatomy and Physiology I, English Composition, and Statistics taken with a grade of “B” or above.
   • 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.
   • 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.

10. Required Learning Support courses, if needed, must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline date. **BIOL 2010, ENGL 1010 and PSYC 1030** must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline.

11. Students who have made a “D” or “F” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses at DSCC (unless an Academic Fresh Start has been granted; refer to Academic Fresh Start in Academic Affairs and Regulations section of this catalog) or any other college or university will not be considered for admission, readmission or transfer to the DSCC Nursing Program.
   • If a “D”, “F”, or a withdrawal is made from two or more nursing courses in the same
semester at DSCC or any other college or university, the attempt may be counted as one unsuccessful attempt.

- Students who have made a “D”, “F” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses prior to completion of Paramedic license may be considered on an individual basis for admission into the Paramedic to RN program.

12. Students admitted to the DSCC 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.

13. Each semester students will be required to pass a Math Dosage Validation Examination.

14. Students who apply but are not accepted for the program must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following class. Applications will not be considered from previous semesters.

15. If accepted into the Paramedic to RN program:

- Basic nursing skills competency/validation is required prior to beginning clinical rotation in NRSG 1700 and NRSG 1340.
- After successfully completing NRSG 1700, the student will be awarded 7 credit hours for NRSG 1710 on the basis of their prior Paramedic educational program. The student must successfully complete NRSG 1700 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).
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 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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**The Guided Elective (one course) must be completed from the following:
ENGL 1020, SPCH 1010, PSYC 2130 or HPED 220.

***Paramedic to RN Students are awarded 7 credit hours for NRSG 1710 on the basis of their prior Paramedic educational program. The student must successfully complete NRSG 1700 to receive the 7 credit hours.

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.

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

Nursing Courses must be taken in sequence.
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Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Paramedic to RN Nursing Program**

Point Calculations for Admission – Fall at JNC

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