It is always a pleasure to distribute 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. This packet of information can be utilized for both the fall admission at Dyersburg and the spring admission at JNC at Tipton County.

Application Deadlines:
March 1 – Dyersburg campus
September 1 – JNC at Tipton County

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

Sincerely,

Amy Johnson, MSN, RN

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Dean of Nursing
Dyersburg State Community College
Division of Nursing
Requirements for Admission to the RN Program

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 Nursing Program is a daytime program that is offered at the Dyersburg campus and 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/
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
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 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 Nursing to the Division of Nursing by the deadline specified:
   - September 1 for Spring Admission-DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, and
   - March 1 for Fall Admission-Dyersburg Campus.
   - This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
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.dscc.edu.

Test fees are non-refundable.

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 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 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) 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, BIOL 2010 Anatomy and Physiology I, ENGL 1010 Composition I, and MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics taken with a grade of “B” or above, and current certification/licensure in a healthcare field.
   - 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/DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County campus).
   - The five-year science requirement may be waived if the applicant successfully completed the science course(s) and has a current certification/licensure in the healthcare field.

10. Required Learning Support 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/DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County.)
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 or LPN license may be considered on an individual basis for admission into the traditional program.
   - NURX proficiency exams given by Excelsior will not be considered an unsuccessful attempt if the student scored a “D” or “F.” Credit for courses will be given on a case by case basis as reviewed by the Nursing Admissions and Retention Committee.

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 which begins the fall semester on the Dyersburg Campus or for the spring semester program which begins the spring semester at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following class. Applications will not be considered from previous semesters.

15. 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.

16. Applicants admitted from a high school must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
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 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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*The Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (one course) must be completed from the following: ART 1035, ARTH 2000, ARTH 2020, ENGL 2110, ENGL 2120, ENGL 2210, ENGL 2220, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320, ENGL 2055, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2200 or THEA 1030.

**The Guided Elective (one course) must be completed from the following: ENGL 1020, COMM 2025, PSYC 2130 or HPED 220.

Nursing Courses must be taken in sequence.
Point Calculations for Admission

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*Students scoring 18 and below on the English, Math, or Reading portions of the ACT will be required to enroll in the Learning Support 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.”
The Division of Nursing Traditional Nursing Program admissions exam is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Please follow the directions below to create an account, register and pay for the exam on the ATI website. Applicants will no longer pay DSCC for the admissions exam. The TEAS will be proctored by the DSCC Testing Department (731-286-3355).

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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. TEAS scores are good for three (3) years. If the TEAS is taken elsewhere, it is the responsibility of the student to submit a copy of his/her score to the Division of Nursing.

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When excessing ATI for registration, if Dyersburg State Community College does not appear as a location option, no test dates are currently available. Check back at a later date.

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HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR ADMISSION ASSESSMENT ONLINE

2. Create a student account.
3. On the next page, fill in all of the blue fields to create a new account. Be sure to associate yourself with the correct institution located in the Institution drop down menu.
4. Click on the Online Store link (top right hand corner of the page).

5. Click on the link for your assessment of choice: TEAS

6. Indicate Nursing for your program type as well as the country, state, and city in which you will be testing.
7. Identify your testing location and click on Register to complete your registration and payment. Once you have confirmed that you are registering for the correct session, click on the “Check Out” button.

8. Enter/Confirm you mailing address and click “Proceed to Payment Details”.
9. Enter your Payment Details. This includes: card number, expiration date and security code. Click on “Submit”.
10. Once you click “Submit”, you will receive a Customer Receipt which includes any additional instructions for your assessment. Your receipt will also be emailed to you to the email address listed in your profile.

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