



ADMISSION HANDBOOK

- NURSING PROGRAM -

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Delaware Technical Community College has an open admission policy. However, the open admission policy does not mean an open curriculum. Some programs within the College have a competitive application process. The Associate Degree (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN) Programs are oversubscribed programs; therefore, are competitive in the admission of students.

Programs with limited seats and specific admission criteria may afford preference to residents of the State of Delaware. Delaware residency is determined in accordance with the requirements contained in the College's Residency policy.

Applicants to the Nursing Program are responsible for the information described in the Admission Handbook. Please read this Admission Handbook carefully.

The College, along with the Nursing Department, reserves the right to modify, change or delete any or all of the guidelines and procedures in whole or in part with or without notice. The College and the Nursing Department further reserve the right to change without notice any academic or other requirements, course offerings or course content.

All Delaware Technical Community College students are subject to the rules and regulations in the current College Catalog/Student Handbook (<https://dtcc.smartcatalogiq.com/Current/Catalog>), the Nursing Program Admission Handbook, and the Nursing Department Pre-Licensure Handbook. This handbook is not intended to be a complete statement of all guidelines, procedures, rules or regulations. As a student, it is your responsibility to be familiar with the contents of the above listed catalogs and handbooks.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program website for all Delaware Tech campuses can be viewed at:
<https://www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/nursing>

The Practical Nursing Studies Program website for all Delaware Tech campuses can be viewed at:
<https://www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/practical-nursing-studies>

WELCOME

The Nursing faculty would like to welcome you to the Delaware Technical Community College Associate Degree and Practical Nursing Program!

At the time of your admission into the College as a pre-clinical nursing student, you will be assigned to an Academic Counselor and a Program Advisor who will assist you in the selection of your courses. It is recommended that you communicate with these advisors every semester to facilitate a seamless transition into the Nursing Program. It is strongly recommended that you regularly review **all** handbooks to remain familiar with the policies that govern your education.

Accreditation Statement

The College and its campuses are accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In addition, several curricula have earned program-based accreditation by various professional organizations.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

The Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs at Delaware Technical Community College at the Owens, Stanton and Terry Campuses located in Georgetown, Stanton, and Dover, Delaware are accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing program nursing programs is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at
<http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

ADMISSION POLICY

Admission to the College

All students interested in a Nursing Program must first complete the admission and placement requirements for the College. After completion of these requirements, applicants will be classified as Associate of Science- general (SCIAOSSCI) students.

To apply to the College, students should:

1. Complete an application ([online](#) or in person) to the College.
2. Request an official high school transcript or GED sent immediately to the home Admissions Office. Required by the Delaware Board of Nursing to sit for the NCLEX-PN and NCLEX-RN to obtain a Delaware Nursing license.
3. Request official copies of any college transcripts sent immediately to the home Admissions/Registrar's Office for transfer credit consideration.
4. Contact the Advising Center to meet with an Academic Counselor.
5. All students declaring interest in the nursing program will be admitted to the Associate of Science Degree program – Nursing Interest (PN or ADN), until accepted to the Nursing Program. Information about this program can be found at <https://www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/nursing>. Placement scores will be reviewed and documented in the Student Information System (SIS).
6. The Nursing Program has specific requirements and limited seats to offer to qualified students through a competitive admission process. In the competitive admission process, qualified students are ranked on the basis of their performance measures and completing admission requirements. Performance measures include but are not limited to grades, course pass attempts and scores on national examinations. Ranking is conducted each time Program admission is open therefore a student's chance of admission changes in relationship to the performance of other student applicants. In this process, Program admission is not guaranteed to any student. The most current information about the competitive admission process can be found at: https://www.dtcc.edu/sites/default/files/nursing_competitive_admissions_process.pdf.

For further information, please visit the Admissions Office or the College website: <https://www.dtcc.edu> or call the Student Support Center (302) 857-1000

Submission of Transcripts

Students who have attended other institutions should contact the institutions to have official transcripts sent to Admissions [electronically](#) or [by mail to a campus address](#). All electronic transcripts must be sent directly to the College from the academic institution. The [transfer student webpage](#) has additional information and links.

All transcripts with potential transfer credits to be applied to the competitive admission process must be submitted to the Admissions Office and evaluated prior to application to the Nursing Program.

LPN/Paramedic to RN (Advanced Placement) Experiential Credits

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and nationally certified paramedics (NREMT-P) may request Advanced Placement status. Upon submission of proof of current, active, unencumbered licensure, and acceptance to the program, advanced placement students receive advanced credit for NUR 199 – Nursing Advanced Credit (13 credits).

International Students

Delaware Tech welcomes members of the international community. Prospective "F-1" applicants who intend to apply for a student visa must obtain the "Guidelines for Prospective F-1 Students" packet from the Admissions Office. For more information, please visit the college [International Student website](#). Prior to application to the Nursing Program, this evaluation should be completed and proof of high school equivalency submitted for consideration.

Legal Status

Students who are permanent or temporary resident aliens or undocumented are eligible to apply to the nursing program. Students who do not have documentation of citizenship or legal status to be in the United States may be unable to complete a comprehensive background check, and therefore may not be able to attend clinical portion of the degree requirement. Students should check with the Board of Nursing in the state(s) in which they plan to apply for licensure regarding eligibility requirements. Students may also be unable to obtain employment without valid documentation. Some program affiliates may require social security numbers or additional documentation to participate in program experiences.

TECHNICAL FUNCTIONS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Technical Function	Student Performance Requirements
Ability to use senses	<p>Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify color changes in skin, respiratory movement in clients; to read fine print/writing on physician's orders, monitors equipment calibrations; to measure medications in syringes, IV's, etc.</p> <p>Hearing ability with auditory aids to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells, telephone orders; to hear blood pressure, heart, lung, and abdominal sounds with a stethoscope; to understand a normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face.</p> <p>Tactile ability to feel differences in skin temperature; to perform physical assessment and technical skills.</p>
Motor Ability	<p>Physical ability to walk long distances; to stand for prolonged periods; to lift, move, and transfer clients and equipment of at least 35 lbs.; to maneuver in limited space; to perform CPR and provide routine and emergency care; to have manual dexterity to insert tubes, prepare medications, and perform technical skills.</p>
Ability to Communicate	<p>Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form through interaction with clients, family, and healthcare members; to write clearly and correctly on the client's record for legal documentation.</p>
Ability to Problem Solve	<p>Intellectual and conceptual ability to think critically in order to make decisions, which includes measuring, calculating, reasoning, analyzing, prioritizing, and synthesizing data.</p>
Emotional Stability	<p>Ability to function safely under stress and adapt to changing clinical and client situations.</p>

Students with concerns about their ability to meet the Technical Requirements for the Nursing Program should refer to the College web page <https://www.dtcc.edu/student-resources/learning-support/disability-services> for information about the College commitment and compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students must be able to meet the technical requirements of the nursing program with or without accommodation. Concerns about reasonable accommodations should be directed to the ADA Counselor.

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION POLICY NURSING PROGRAM

The nursing program has two categories of courses that apply to the Academic Progression Policy, designated related courses and clinical nursing courses. This policy applies to all Delaware Tech students interested in applying to the Nursing Program regardless of campus or current/previous program majors. Students may not appeal the academic progression policy.

If a student has a combination of any two W, F, or U grades in designated related courses or NUR courses once admitted to the program and wishes to appeal the course grade, the student **MUST** appeal the grade following the [Academic Grade Challenge policy](#).

For academic progression in designated related courses, unofficial withdrawal grades (U) and withdrawal (W) are treated as failing grades (F). Any student who receives two failing grades (U, F, or W) or a combination in designated related courses will not be admitted to or permitted to progress in the Nursing Program at Delaware Tech. This includes courses that students repeat in an attempt to improve a prior grade. A higher grade will be considered for ranking purposes, but failing in a repeated course will be counted towards academic progression.

Designated Related Courses

*BIO 110	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology
BIO 120	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 121	Anatomy and Physiology II

* Practical Nursing (PN) only see below

In these circumstances, if the two unsuccessful grades in the designated related courses occur within a four-year time frame, the student must wait two years from the date of the most recent U, F, or W grades before applying for admission to the Nursing Program. The courses with either failing grades or withdrawal grades that resulted in denial of admission or academic withdrawal from a nursing course must be successfully completed before the student may reapply for admission to a Delaware Tech Nursing Program.

Any student who receives two failing grades (U), (F), or (W) or any combination of these grades in BIO 120 and/or BIO 121 may not include these courses for ranking in either nursing program application for two years from the date of the most recent unsuccessful attempt. However, students may use BIO 110 for the PN program competitive application ranking in addition to the other requirements.

Nursing (NUR) Courses

Unofficial withdrawal grades (U) are treated as failing grades (F) for academic progression in nursing courses. Any student who receives two failing grades, U, F, or W, or a combination, in nursing courses will not be permitted to progress in the Nursing Program. The student must wait two years before applying for readmission to the Nursing Program and will be ranked with all other applicants. At the time of reapplication, the student's GPA must be 2.0 for the PN program.

Please note that prior unsuccessful attempts at designated related courses taken before admission to the nursing program will not be carried forward in the progression policy. Students who attempt to appeal this policy will be redirected to follow the [Academic Grade Challenge policy](#) published in the College Student Handbook and must submit valid evidence to support a grade challenge for consideration of a change in their course grade or for consideration to continue in the program. The academic progression policy stands in the absence of a grade challenge that leads to a successful grade appeal.

Students must pass both theory and clinical components of a nursing course. If a student fails in either component, they must retake the entire course and pass both.

Program enrollment and completion timeframe

- Students must maintain continuous enrollment in the Nursing Program.
- Students who fail one NUR course and wish to continue in the nursing program must meet with a Nursing Instructional Coordinator and/or the PN Department Chair either concurrently or separately to discuss their intentions. The student will be permitted to repeat the course based upon space availability.
- Students with a documented [Hardship Withdrawal](#) or approved absence may return on a seat available basis.
- Course of study for the Practical Nursing Diploma (PN) Program shall be completed within two consecutive academic years from entrance into the first clinical course of the program.
- Course of study for the ADN program shall be completed within four (4) consecutive academic years from entrance into the first clinical course of the program.
- Course of study for the advanced placement – ADN shall be completed within three (3) consecutive academic years from the beginning of the first nursing second level course.
- Failure to complete a course of study within the designated time frame will result in the need to repeat all nursing courses.
- When the academic progression is interrupted (U, F, or W grade in any NUR course), students will return to the program on a course seat availability basis for the remainder of the program.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM (ADN) TO PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) PROGRAM PATHWAY

Students can move from the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program to the Practical Nursing (PN) Program. Students who choose this option are required to complete NUR 132 and NUR 133. Students considering this option must contact the Nursing Department Instructional Director at the student's current/home campus to discuss their specific situation and request to transfer to the PN program, possibly at another campus. Students who transfer to the PN program do not need to wait to apply to the program, will follow the progression policy in the PN Student Handbook and be on a seat availability basis with approval from the PN Department Chair.

If a student transfers to the PN Program following unsuccessful progression in the ADN Program, however, there will be only one attempt to be successful in the remaining NUR courses required to complete the PN Program. If this occurs, the student must wait two years to re-apply for admission into a nursing program using the current ranking criteria.

Advanced Credit Matrix

Successful completion of NUR 170	Advanced Credit for NUR 131
Successful completion of NUR 181	Advanced Credit for NUR 134
Successful completion of NUR 201	Advanced Credit for NUR 135

After completing the PN Program and obtaining a Practical Nursing License, a student can apply for the Advanced Placement Nursing Program in accordance with the competitive application cycle.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

Minimum Cumulative GPA

In an effort to promote student success in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, the minimum cumulative GPA required for application to the Nursing Program is 2.5. The Practical Nurse Program (PN) minimum cumulative GPA required for application is 2.0. Evidence supports that a student's GPA is a significant indicator of success in a nursing program. Students applying to the program without having taken courses at Delaware Tech may use the transfer GPA from their most recent college transcript on file.

ATI-TEAS Pre-Admission Examination Results

The Practical and Associate Degree Programs use the TEAS exam as the nursing entrance exam. Information regarding scoring and ranking is published on the Nursing Program Application Requirement lists at the end of this handbook. The nursing program uses the ATI TEAS exam total score for ranking purposes. A minimum total score of 58.7 is required to be eligible to apply for the ADN and PN programs.

The ATI TEAS exam will be offered by the Division of Workforce Development and Community Education at all three campuses. ATI TEAS scores are good for three years. Once a student has first taken the TEAS, they can retest as often as every month. Retest dates must be equal to or greater than one (1) month from the last test date, with no exceptions. If the exam dates are not one (1) month apart, the last score will not be considered. The highest total score result within the last three (3) years will be used for point calculations. Students with the same ranking score and total TEAS score will be ranked based upon the English score. Applicants who complete the exam at a location outside of Delaware Tech must provide results to the Nursing Department through ATI upon submission of their application. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the TEAS test transcripts are received at the correct DTCC campus. Students may request a copy of your TEAS transcripts be sent through ATI testing.com to the location they wish to apply for a small fee.

Beginning on March 16, 2024, the associate degree and practical nursing programs will accept TEAS test results completed through in-person testing only. Online proctored exam scores will be accepted if taken before March 16, 2024, or with proof of registration before March 16, 2024. The College will not accept new online proctored exam scores.

Competitive Application Process

Any student planning to be included in a competitive admission process to the Associate Degree Nursing Program or Practical Nursing Program must complete an [application online](#). A student can only apply to one program at one campus for each application cycle. It is suggested to make a screenshot of your on-line application or print out and keep the page confirming submission. Previously submitted applications will not be considered. A ranking system is used to determine admission to the Nursing Program. Students who complete the application process and meet the eligibility requirements will be included in the competitive admission process. Once the seat availability closes for a specific application period, the student will be removed from the clinical eligibility list and must reapply during a future application period.

Eligible students must complete and submit the required admission documents by the stated application deadline in order to be considered for program admission. Please refer to the "*Nursing Program Application Requirement lists*" pages, located at the end of this handbook for specific program information.

STUDENT ADVISORY STATEMENT

I am accepting a clinical seat offered to me by the Associate Degree or Practical Nursing department at Delaware Technical Community College with the knowledge that an affiliating clinical site/healthcare facility may deny my participation in a required clinical experience because of the following:

- my criminal history
- urine drug screen results
- prior termination from an affiliating clinical agency
- expulsion from a clinical agency for any reason, prohibiting clinical placement
- undocumented citizenship status in the U.S.
- lack of vaccination or immunization status
- previous employment issues with the affiliated clinical site

I further understand that an affiliating clinical site/healthcare facility may also deny my participation in a required clinical experience for reasons not listed above.

If I am denied participation in a required clinical experience by an affiliating clinical site/healthcare facility because of any of the above reasons, or for any reason, I understand that I may not be able to meet the clinical objectives of the nursing course, which may result in a failed grade for that course and a possible withdrawal from the Nursing Program.

I also acknowledge that prior criminal convictions (even those expunged or pardoned) or future criminal activity may prevent my ability to be approved to sit for the NCLEX exams as regulated by the Board of Nursing in the State I choose to test.

I further understand that my participation and successful completion of the Associate Degree or Practical Nursing Program at Delaware Technical Community College does not guarantee employment placement or licensure.

By signing this advisory statement, I am giving permission for Delaware Technical Community College to release my criminal history to any institution that may request it in order to determine whether I may participate in a clinical experience at that institution.

My signature indicates that I have read the Nursing Program Admission Policy and am choosing to accept a clinical seat in the Nursing Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Most nursing courses in the Nursing Program have a clinical component that requires all students to participate in prearranged clinical experiences at selected healthcare facilities. In order to participate in the clinical experience, students must meet specific requirements established by the healthcare facilities. All applicants to the Nursing Program must be able to meet these clinical requirements in order to be granted admission and to continue coursework in the Nursing Program. The clinical requirements include but are not limited to the following:

1. Background Inquiry
 - State and federal criminal background checks
 - Child and adult abuse registry inquiry
 - Drug test/random drug testing
2. Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification
 - American Heart Association – Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider
3. Health History
 - Current immunizations and tuberculosis screening
 - Physical examination demonstrating ability to perform technical functions of a nursing student

The above information will be requested by the Nursing Department and/or clinical agencies as part of the student's file to ensure clinical readiness.

Criminal Background Inquiry

A student with a criminal history may be denied admission into the Nursing Program, licensure by the Board of Nursing or be denied admission to or employment by a healthcare facility. Acceptance into the Nursing Program or permission to participate in the clinical experience by a healthcare facility does not guarantee eligibility for licensure.

Child and Adult Abuse Registry

Adult and child abuse registry inquiries will be required by healthcare facilities at a later date after admission to the Nursing Program. These inquiries must be obtained just prior to the student's attendance for clinical rotations at the required healthcare facility. The facility will make the determination regarding each student's ability to participate in clinical experiences at that particular facility based upon the results of the inquiry results. Students must meet the requirements of the healthcare facilities regarding the registry inquiries in order to participate in the Nursing Program. Students whose inquiries do not meet the facility's requirements will not be able to participate in clinical experiences. Therefore, the student may be unable to meet the clinical objectives of the Nursing Program.

Drug Screening Policy

Pre-admission / Pre-clinical Screening:

Students granted initial admission to any allied health or nursing program at Delaware Technical and Community College will be provided information regarding drug screenings and will be expected to adhere to the substance abuse policy of the College. Screening will be scheduled and conducted according to established guidelines at a cost agreed upon by the laboratory facility and College representatives. Costs related to initial and random drug testing will be the responsibility of the student. Students who fail to complete drug screening as required will forfeit their program seat and be prohibited from participation in and completion of required courses in the program. Students who test positive on an initial drug screening for program acceptance will forfeit the program seat.

Re-application or re-enrollment

Students who test positive on an initial drug screen or are dismissed from an allied health or nursing program due to a positive drug screen may reapply or re-enroll in accordance with standard guidelines stipulated by the applicable program and will have the same rights and responsibilities as those available to other students. Following readmission or re-enrollment, a second positive drug screen will result in program dismissal and terminate all eligibility for readmission into an allied health or nursing program.

Dilute Results:

Dilution is the process of reducing the concentration of the urine sample. Dilution may occur when an individual consumes large quantities of water prior to testing, alters the sample after collection, or may be caused by certain medical conditions. Dilute results will require a repeat screening within 24 hours. Failure to produce a non-dilute and negative result after the repeat screening will result in immediate dismissal from the program or preclude initial admission. Costs incurred for dilute screenings will be the responsibility of the student.

Positive Screens:

No student drug-screening sample will be reported as positive before a Certified Medical Review Officer from the screening agency has reviewed the results. Upon receipt of a positive drug screen notification, the College designee will advise the student of consequences and impact on program completion. The College encourages students to seek professional help for a drug related problem. Follow-up treatment will be at the discretion of the student and all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the student. With exception of legal actions that require access to test results, all records will be secured with access limited only to designated college officials.

Additional Screenings or Reasonable-Suspicion Screening During Clinical Experience:

Once a student enters an allied health/nursing program, they will be expected to comply with the clinical sites' specific policies and procedures as required for their clinical experience. Clinical facilities may require additional drug screening, criminal background checks, fingerprinting, immunizations, etc. Failure to comply with the required processes and produce negative results for any additional drug screenings will jeopardize the student's ability to complete the enrolled program. Students are responsible for any costs incurred for screenings and will be required to self-disclose results to designated program faculty. A positive drug screen, without medical clearance, will result in immediate dismissal from the program and the student will be assigned an "F" grade on the academic transcript. While participating in clinical experiences and/or College activities, students may be required to submit to reasonable suspicion testing. Reasonable suspicion is defined as follows: direct observation of drug use and/or the physical symptoms

or manifestations of being under the influence of a drug; the influence of a drug; abnormal conduct or erratic behavior while in class or on the clinical unit; deterioration in performance; a report of drug use provided by reliable and credible sources which has been independently corroborated; information that the individual has caused or contributed to an incident in a clinical agency; evidence of involvement in the use, possession, sale, solicitation, or transfer of drugs while on the premises of the College or a clinical agency.

Negative drug screen results do not guarantee continuance in the clinical experience at assigned sites, as final determination for continuance in the clinical experience is at the discretion of the clinical facility in accordance with clinical agency requirements. Costs incurred for reasonable-suspicion screening will be the responsibility of the student involved.

The College's Drug-Free School and Workplace Policy can be found at:

<https://dtcc.smartcatalogiq.com/en/Current/Catalog/Student-Policy/Drug-Free-School-and-Workplace-Policy>

CPR Requirement

All nursing students are required to have current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) for Healthcare Provider certification prior to enrollment in the Nursing Program. Current CPR certification is validated each semester.

The following CPR cards will be accepted:

- American Heart Association – BLS Provider

If an online version of the above provider CPR course is available, it must include demonstration of skills at a facility offering basic cardiac life support. It is the responsibility of students admitted to the Nursing Program to maintain current CPR certification throughout the length of the Program. Nursing students will not be allowed in the clinical setting if their CPR certification has expired. Clinical absences place nursing students at risk for not meeting the clinical objectives of the course.

Physical Examination

Once offered a clinical seat in the Nursing Program, a student must complete a Delaware Technical Community College Nursing Department History and Physical Examination form. This includes separate documentation of immunizations completed by their healthcare provider. The student should refer to the performance requirements listed under "Technical Functions for Nursing Students."

When, in the judgment of the Nursing Department faculty, a concern arises for a student's physical or emotional well-being, or for patient/client safety, the faculty reserves the right to prohibit the student from participating in any clinical activity until written documentation is provided from the student's healthcare provider or mental health professional stating that the student may continue to participate in the clinical setting **without restrictions**. All documentation must be on the healthcare provider's letterhead and include a telephone number.

Immunizations and Screenings

Immunizations must be documented on the History and Physical Examination form.

Tuberculosis – Students in the Nursing Program are required to have yearly tuberculosis screening. Screenings could include a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) (formerly called PPD), T-SPOT.TB, and/or Quantiferon Gold. Tuberculosis screenings must be completed within 12 months of beginning clinical nursing courses. The results of the test must be submitted to the document management system. If

the TST (Mantoux) testing is positive, the following protocol will be used.

1. Obtain a chest x-ray and submit a copy of the report results to the document management system.
2. If chest x-ray results are negative: Obtain a statement from your healthcare provider that includes the following information:
 - a) The student is currently without symptoms of tuberculosis. The student is cleared to participate in the Nursing Program.
 - b) Bring the statement from the healthcare provider to the Department.
 - c) Annually, obtain a statement from the healthcare provider that states the student is without TB symptoms and may participate in the Nursing Program. A chest x-ray is not required annually.
3. If chest x-ray results are positive: The student will not be allowed in the clinical setting until a negative chest x-ray and written medical release to participate in the Nursing Program from a Healthcare provider is obtained.
4. It is the student's responsibility to seek medical evaluation at any time that TB symptoms appear. The Nursing Instructional/Clinical Coordinator must be notified if symptoms develop.
5. If a student has received the BCG vaccine, they are exempt from TST. The student must obtain a chest x-ray and submit a copy of the report to the document management system.

Flu – Students will be required to receive an annual flu vaccine. Students who decline must sign the declination form and follow the agency's flu vaccine policy. Some agencies do not accept the waiver, which may preclude a student from meeting clinical objectives.

TDAP – Every 10 years.

Hepatitis B – The Hepatitis B immunization series is strongly recommended for students participating in the Nursing Program. Students should provide documentation of all Hepatitis B immunizations or sign a waiver.

COVID – All students in nursing and allied health programs, both competitive and open admissions, must be immunized against COVID-19 prior to registering for the first program-specific course (e.g., NUR, OTA). Nursing and allied health students must also obtain any boosters required by the clinical site(s) to which they have been assigned to continue in their program. The College will not coordinate clinical placements based on vaccination status.

Many facilities that offer internships, observations, and allied health and nursing clinicals require faculty and students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. These off-campus experiential learning experiences are a required component of nursing and allied health program curricula as required by program accrediting agencies and state licensing authorities, so all must be successfully completed by a student in order for them to graduate. In fulfilling the requirements by accrediting bodies and state licensing authorities, students must attend clinical rotations throughout several facilities to gain experience in the field and have opportunities to achieve clinical competency in various settings with exposure to a variety of patient populations.

Although the College will consider religious and medical exemptions as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, off-site facilities that require COVID-19 vaccination may not provide accommodations for religious or medical exemptions. Students requesting an exemption

from these healthcare facilities or clinical sites must obtain exemptions from every site where the student may be placed prior to registering for their first program-specific courses.

Students should contact the instructional coordinator at your campus with any questions.

Immunization and Screening Disclaimer

Students may be required to have additional immunization or titers based on clinical agency requirements. It is the responsibility of students admitted to the Nursing Program to maintain current immunizations. Nursing students will not be allowed in the clinical setting if their immunizations have expired. Clinical absences may place nursing students at risk for not meeting the clinical objectives of the course.

Change in Health Status

The initial history and physical exam completed at the time of admission into the Nursing Program is valid while a student is actively enrolled. This form must include all medical conditions and prescribed medications. Any student enrolled in NUR courses that takes a break for non-medical reasons will need to report to the Department Chair or designee with documentation of updated clinical requirements before readmittance into a NUR course.

A student whose health status changes while in the Nursing Program (i.e., injury, major acute/chronic illness, pregnancy, surgical procedures) **must** notify the Department Chair or designee and update their medical file to include any change in or newly prescribed medication prior to attending theory/lab/clinical activities. Documentation obtained from a healthcare provider must state the student may participate in theory/lab/clinical activities **without restrictions**; this documentation must be presented at the time of readmission into a NUR course. All documentation must be on the healthcare provider's letterhead, including a telephone number. Students with restrictive devices or aides (e.g., casts, splints, immobilizers, crutches/canes, etc.) may not be able to participate in clinical activities as determined by the clinical site.

Any student who needs to withdraw from a course must notify the instructional coordinator and *will return on a seat-available basis*. Any student who is unable to register or return for the next semester, the student **must** notify the instructional coordinator.

Infectious Diseases

The Nursing Department provides training and education on the use of standard precautions when providing care to patients. Students are required to use standard precautions when providing nursing care.

Students with infections who would likely transmit that infection to others will not be permitted in the lab/clinical setting. Nursing faculty reserve the right to remove a student with an infectious condition from the lab/clinical setting.

Latex Sensitivity/Allergy

It is the student's responsibility to notify the Nursing Department of a latex sensitivity/allergy. Students with a latex sensitivity/allergy must provide to the campus ADA contact in the Division of Student Services documentation of the specific sensitivity/allergy with suggested safety guidelines from the healthcare provider in order to request a reasonable accommodation. Students will also be required to sign a release of information regarding the latex sensitivity/allergy that will be shared each semester with the clinical agency where the student has clinical experiences.

Students with concerns about their ability to meet the Technical Functions for Nursing Students should refer to the College web page <https://www.dtcc.edu/student-resources/learning-support/disability-services> for information about the College commitment and compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act of

1992. Students must be able to meet the Technical Functions for Nursing Students with or without accommodation. Concerns about reasonable accommodations should be directed to the campus ADA contact.

LEGAL LIMITATIONS FOR LICENSURE

To be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), the Delaware Board of Nursing outlines in its rules and regulations the following licensure requirements: [Delaware Code Online](#)

COST OF ATTENDANCE

There are expenses for nursing students that exceed the [Cost of Attendance defined by Delaware Tech](#) due to the complexity of healthcare and specific resources required as part of the nursing curriculum. Increased costs include uniforms, lab supplies, textbooks, nursing education software such as ATI and computerized exam programs. The costs are outlined in program orientation prior to the start of classes and can also be obtained by contacting your Program Advisor.

APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

To apply to a Nursing Program, please refer to the checklists located at the end of this Admissions Handbook to assure all requirements have been met prior to submission of an application. Applications may only be submitted at one campus per application period. Students can only apply for one nursing program per application period.

- Please submit the application for Practical Nursing, Advanced Placement, and Associate Degree Nursing using this link: <http://go.dtcc.edu/nurseApp>

All applications are reviewed and points are totaled to determine admission. Applicants are ranked using a point system. Please refer to the section Program Requirements in this handbook for a description of scoring. If there is a tie at the cutoff point for admission, meaning two (2) students have the same number of points, the ATI TEAS total score will be used as the measure to break the tie in points. If there is also a tie in the ATI TEAS score, the TEAS English score is used to determine selection for the seat in the program.

Once a student accepts a clinical seat in the PN program, the student is ineligible to apply for a seat in the ADN program unless they withdraw from the PN program.

Once accepted to the nursing program, students are expected to maintain continuous enrollment in nursing courses. If a student does not return or register for their next expected course for any reason, they must meet with the Instructional Director and/or the Instructional Coordinator to discuss the circumstances.

PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO REQUEST RAPID SEQUENCE APPLICATION

A rapid sequence option is available for individuals who are admitted to the College and are high school graduates within the past academic year or have priority of service (POS) status. Rapid sequence students would be required to complete the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program following the five-semester course sequence sheet, allowing them to apply to the Nursing Program in their first semester at the College. Students must declare their intent to follow this pathway by meeting with their academic advisor and the Nursing Instructional Director at the student's campus of choice, signing an agreement of intent, and submitting a paper application. The completed, signed agreement and application must be submitted no later than March 15 for an August start or August 15 for a January start.

In order to be eligible for this admission pathway a student must meet/agree to the following criteria:

- Transfer credits that meet requisite requirements (transfer students only)
- Register for semester one ADN course sequence designated courses, unless exempt.

Acceptance into a clinical seat is contingent on:

- Official high school transcript/GED/US Equivalency Letter for high school is on file at the college
- Students may earn advanced credit for HLH 123 with proof of current valid Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate, current valid certified clinical medical assistant certificate, or with six (6) months of experience as a patient care technician or home health aide with a letter from their employer.
- Successful completion of BIO 120 and MAT 152 or equivalent College level math with a C or better prior to start of NUR courses.
- A minimum composite score of 58.7 on the ATI TEAS prior to application.

A student who meets the criteria will be included in the competitive application process for the March 15 or August 15 deadline, depending on the time they make an application. Students selecting this pathway must meet all of the eligibility requirements for application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program published in the handbook to be considered for a clinical seat.

If you select the rapid sequence option, you agree to complete the Nursing Program in the 5-semester sequence. Your application will be ranked and evaluated for admission when the acceptance requirements are completed at the end of the student's first semester at DTCC. Students must meet with their Nursing Instructional Director to sign the intent form. If accepted to the program after ranking, a seat in the Nursing Program will be available.

[Rapid Sequence Intent Form](#)

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students applying to the Practical Nursing Program at Delaware Technical Community College must meet the following requirements.

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT/GED/EQUIVALENCY

- Official high school transcript/GED/US equivalency letter for high school is on file at the College. This is a requirement of Delaware State Law. You must have this on file prior to applying to take the NCLEX in the State of Delaware.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Achieve an academic standing minimum of 2.0 GPA
- Students applying to the program without having taken courses at Delaware Tech may use the transfer GPA from their most recent college transcript on file

PRE-ADMISSION EXAM* - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

ATI TEAS – Total Score divided by 10

Minimum Score = 58.7%	66% = 6.60 pts	74% = 7.40 pts	82% = 8.20 pts	90% = 9 pts	98% = 9.80 pts
58.7% = 5.87 points (pts)	66.7% = 6.67 pts	74.7% = 7.47 pts	82.7% = 8.27 pts	90.7% = 9.07 pts	98.7% = 9.87 pts
59.3% = 5.93 pts	67.3% = 6.73 pts	75.3% = 7.53 pts	83.3% = 8.33 pts	91.3% = 9.13 pts	99.3% = 9.93 pts
60% = 6 pts	68% = 6.80 pts	76% = 7.60 pts	84% = 8.40 pts	92% = 9.20 pts	100% = 10 pts
60.7% = 6.07 pts	68.7% = 6.87 pts	76.7% = 7.67 pts	84.7% = 8.47 pts	92.7% = 9.27 pts	
61.3% = 6.13 pts	69.3% = 6.93 pts	77.3% = 7.73 pts	85.3% = 8.53 pts	93.3% = 9.33 pts	
62% = 6.20 pts	70% = 7 pts	78% = 7.80 pts	86% = 8.60 pts	94% = 9.40 pts	
62.7% = 6.27 pts	70.7% = 7.07 pts	78.7% = 7.87 pts	86.7% = 8.67 pts	94.7% = 9.47 pts	
63.3% = 6.33 pts	71.3% = 7.13 pts	79.3% = 7.93 pts	87.3% = 8.73 pts	95.3% = 9.53 pts	
64% = 6.40 pts	72% = 7.20 pts	80% = 8 pts	88% = 8.80 pts	96% = 9.60 pts	
64.7% = 6.47 pts	72.7% = 7.27 pts	80.7% = 8.07 pts	88.7% = 8.87 pts	96.7% = 9.67 pts	
65.3% = 6.53 pts	73.3% = 7.33 pts	81.3% = 8.13 pts	89.3% = 8.93 pts	97.3% = 9.73 pts	

***Note:** (1) Retest dates must be equal to or greater than one (1) month from the last test date, no exceptions. If the exam dates are not one (1) month apart, the last score will not be considered. (2) The highest total score result within the last 3 years will be used for point calculations. (3) Students with the same ranking score and total TEAS score will be ranked based upon the English score. Applicants who complete the exam at a location outside of Delaware Tech must provide results to the Nursing Department through ATI upon submission of their application. Beginning on March 16, 2024, the associate degree and practical nursing programs will accept TEAS test results completed through in-person testing only. Online proctored exam scores will be accepted if taken before March 16, 2024, or with proof of registration before March 16, 2024. The College will not accept new online proctored exam scores.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING (MAT 152)- REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- **Quantitative Reasoning is the recommended math course for nursing majors;** however, any Delaware Tech college-level math course other than MAT 125, 172, 173, 211, 212, 213, or 274 will meet the application requirement.

DELAWARE RESIDENCE

- Delaware residents will receive two (2) points towards their point ranking. *** Program Admission Points** _____

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY (BIO 110 or both BIO 120 & 121)- REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Essentials -Anatomy & Physiology (BIO 110)- maximum of 4 points

- Completion with a C or better at Delaware Tech or
- Approved transfer equivalent course to Delaware Tech (points based score) or
- Credit by Exam (points based on exam score)

***Program Admission Points:** A = 4 points: _____ B = 3 points: _____ C = 2 points: _____

***Students may opt to take Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 120) and Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 121) in place of Essentials-Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 110) in preparation for Advanced Placement status. To use for Program ranking, both courses must be completed prior to application. Maximum points for BIO 120 and 121 of 8 points.**

***Program Admission Points:** **Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO120)**

- Completion with a C or better at Delaware Tech or
- Approved transfer equivalent course to Delaware Tech (points based on course score) or
- Credit by Exam (points based on exam score)

A = 4 points: _____ B = 3 points: _____ C = 2 points: _____

***Program Admission Points:** **Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO121)**

- Completion with a C or better at Delaware Tech or
- Approved transfer equivalent course to Delaware Tech (points based on course score) or
- Credit by Exam (points based on exam score)

A = 4 points: _____ B = 3 points: _____ C = 2 points: _____

PRIORITY OF SERVICE (POS)

- Delaware Technical and Community College's Allied Health and Nursing competitive admission processes will provide legally required Priority of Service in program admission for eligible veterans or eligible spouses. If you believe you are eligible for Priority of Service and have not already officially notified the College, you must self-identify and provide any required documentation to the campus Veterans Affairs Academic Counselor prior to the application deadline. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact your campus' Veteran Services Academic Counselor for more information.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA COMPLETION

Upon acceptance to the Program, the following information will be requested:

Criminal Background, Adult/Child Abuse Registry Inquiry, Drug Screen, Proof of Immunizations, and Physical Exam

Applications for admission to the PN Nursing Program are accepted once a year on or before May 15th for an August seat in the full-time evening program at the Owens campus or the full-time day program at the Stanton campus, and August 15th for a January seat for the full-time day program at the Terry Campus.

***Program Admission Points are totaled to determine point ranking, and subsequently, selection of seats.**

For additional information, please visit your Program Advisor and:

<https://www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/nursing>

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who currently hold an active Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license or a National Registry of Emergency medical Technicians or Paramedic (NREMT-P) certification may pursue an Associate Degree by bridging to the second level of the ADN Nursing Program. Students applying to the Advanced Placement Associate Degree Nursing Program at Delaware Technical Community College - Owens, Stanton, or Terry Campus, must meet the following requirements. The requirements below are for admission to a clinical seat only and do not constitute the complete requirements to graduate. See the Course Sequence Sheet for all program requirements.

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT/GED/EQUIVALENCY

- Official high school transcript/GED/US equivalency letter for high school is on file at the College. This is a requirement of Delaware State Law. You must have this on file prior to applying for to take the NCLEX in the State of Delaware

OFFICIAL LPN OR PARAMEDIC TRANSCRIPT - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Official transcript from an LPN or Paramedic Program is on file at the College.

COPY OF CURRENT LPN LICENSE OR NREMT-P CERTIFICATION/LICENSE - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I (BIO 120) - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Completion with a C or better at Delaware Tech or
- Approved transfer equivalent course to Delaware Tech (points based on course score) or
- Credit by Exam (points based on exam score)

***Program Admission Points:** A = 4 points: ___ B = 3 points: ___ C = 2 points: ___

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II (BIO 121)- REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Completion with a C or better at Delaware Tech or
- Approved transfer equivalent course to Delaware Tech (points based on course score) or
- Credit by Exam (points based on exam score)

***Program Admission Points:** A = 4 points: ___ B = 3 points: ___ C = 2 points: ___

QUANTITATIVE REASONING (MAT 152)- REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- **Quantitative Reasoning is the recommended math course for nursing majors;** however, any Delaware Tech college-level math course other than MAT 125, 172, 173, 211, 212, 213, or 274 will meet the application requirement.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Achieve an academic standing minimum of 2.5 GPA
- Students applying to the program without having taken courses at Delaware Tech may use the transfer GPA from their most recent college transcript on file

PRE-ADMISSION EXAM (RN)* - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

*** Program Admission Points:** _____

ATI TEAS – Total Score divided by 10					
Minimum Score = 58.7%	66% = 6.60 pts	74% = 7.40 pts	82% = 8.20 pts	90% = 9 pts	98% = 9.80 pts
58.7% = 5.87 points (pts)	66.7% = 6.67 pts	74.7% = 7.47 pts	82.7% = 8.27 pts	90.7% = 9.07 pts	98.7% = 9.87 pts
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60% = 6 pts	68% = 6.80 pts	76% = 7.60 pts	84% = 8.40 pts	92% = 9.20 pts	100% = 10 pts
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Minimum Score is a 58.7%					

***Note:** (1) Retest dates must be equal to or greater than one (1) month from the last test date, no exceptions. If the exam dates are not one (1) month apart, the last score will not be considered. (2) The highest total score result within the last three (3) years will be used for point calculations. (3) Students with the same ranking score and total TEAS score will be ranked based upon the English score. Applicants who complete the exam at a location outside of Delaware Tech must provide results to the Nursing Department through ATI upon submission of their application. Beginning on March 16, 2024, the associate degree and practical nursing programs will accept TEAS test results completed through in-person testing only. Online proctored exam scores will be accepted if taken before March 16, 2024, or with proof of registration before March 16, 2024. The College will not accept new online proctored exam scores.

DELAWARE RESIDENCE

*** Program Admission Points:** _____

- Delaware residents will receive two (2) points towards their point ranking.

PRIORITY OF SERVICE (POS)

- Delaware Technical Community College's Allied Health and Nursing competitive admission processes will provide legally required Priority of Service in program admission for eligible veterans or eligible spouses. If you believe you are eligible for Priority of Service and have not already officially notified the College, you must self-identify and provide any required documentation to the campus Veterans Affairs Academic Counselor prior to the application deadline. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact your campus' Veteran Services Academic Counselor for more information.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE COMPLETION

Upon acceptance to the Program, the following information will be requested:

- Criminal Background, Adult/Child Abuse Registry Inquiry, Drug Screen, Proof of Immunizations, and a Physical Exam

Applications for admission to the ADN Advanced Placement Nursing Program are accepted twice a year on or before March 15th for an August seat, and August 15th for a January seat at all three campus locations.

***Program Admission Points are totaled to determine point ranking, and subsequently, selection of seats.**

For additional information, please visit your Program Advisor or log in to:

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Delaware Technical Community College – Owens, Stanton, or Terry Campus, must meet the following requirements.

The requirements below are for admission to a clinical seat only and does not constitute the complete requirements to graduate. See the Course Sequence Sheet for all program requirements.

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT/GED/EQUIVALENCY

- Official high school transcript/GED/US equivalency letter for high school is on file at the College. This is a requirement of Delaware State Law. You must have this on file prior to applying for to take the NCLEX in the State of Delaware.

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (BIO 120) - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Completion with a C or better at Delaware Tech or
- Approved transfer equivalent course to Delaware Tech (points based on course score) or
- Credit by Exam (points based on exam score)

*** Program Admission Points:** **A = 4 points: ___ B = 3 points: ___ C = 2 points: ___**

PRE-ADMISSION EXAM (RN)* - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Program Admission Points: _____

ATI TEAS – Total Score divided by 10

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CONCEPTS OF PATIENT CARE (HLH 123) - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Students may earn advanced credit for HLH 123 with proof of current valid Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate, current valid certified clinical medical assistant certificate, or with 6 months of experience as a patient care technician or home health aide with a letter from their employer.
- Completion of HLH130 (Nurse Assistant Course) with a C grade or better.
- Completion of HLH123 (Concepts of Patient Care) with a C grade or better prior to application for a clinical seat

QUANTITATIVE REASONING (MAT 152)- REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- **Quantitative Reasoning is the recommended math course for nursing majors;** however, any Delaware Tech college-level math course other than MAT 125, 172, 173, 211, 212, 213, or 274 will meet the application requirement.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE - REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Achieve an academic standing minimum of 2.5 GPA
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DELAWARE RESIDENCE

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PRIORITY OF SERVICE (POS)

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE COMPLETION

See Associate Degree Nursing Program Course Sequence Sheet for additional program courses. Upon acceptance to the Program, the following information will be requested:

- Criminal Background, Adult/Child Abuse Registry Inquiry, Drug Screen, Proof of Immunizations, and Physical Exam

Applications for admission to the ADN Nursing Program are accepted twice a year on or before March 15th for an August seat, and August 15th for a January seat at the Owens, Stanton and Terry Campuses.

***Program Admission Points are totaled to determine point ranking, and subsequently, selection of seats, maximum points = 16 points.**

For additional information, please visit your Program Advisor or log in to:

<https://www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/nursing>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Employment

The Nursing Program is challenging and fast paced. Clinical courses require extensive hours on campus and in preparation to meet course requirements. Full time employment while taking clinical courses is strongly discouraged. Students, who must work in addition to taking classes, will be expected to meet all course requirements.

Student Nurses Association

The Student Nurses Association (SNA) is a College-supported organization that promotes communication between students, students and faculty, other student organizations, and the College community. The purpose of the Student Nurses Association is to promote the profession of nursing, support students and activities in the Nursing Program, and encourage participation in health promotional activities within the community.

All nursing students interested in the Nursing Program may attend Student Nurses Association meetings. Dates of the meetings are posted on the SNA bulletin board and on the SNA website at the beginning of each semester. Programs are designed to provide information on current topics of interest. Dues collected are used to defray the cost of chapter activities.

Members of the Student Nurses Association may join the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA), which affords membership in the Delaware Student Nurses Association. NSNA offers opportunities to develop leadership skills, apply for scholarships/grants, and to meet and work with nursing student leaders from other schools and states.

The faculty of Delaware Technical Community College Nursing Program look forward to welcoming you and assisting you in any way. Please call the Student Support Center with any questions: (302) 857-1000

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