

# Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing



WAUBONSEE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## ***Procedure for Entering into the Nursing Program***

1. Submit a completed New Student Information Form to Registration and Records.
2. Meet with a counselor to establish a schedule for taking prerequisite courses. Call **(630) 466-7900, ext. 2361**.
3. Obtain specific admission information by contacting the Healthcare Programs office at **(630) 466-7900, ext. 2322**.
4. Take the required Nurse Entrance Test (NET) and Nelson Denny (ND) assessment test. Recommended testing time is when you are in your last required nursing prerequisite course.
  - a. Contact the Center for Learning Assessment at **(630) 466-7900, ext. 5700** to schedule an appointment for testing.
  - b. Acceptance into the program is based on assessment results, with documentation of reading and math skills of 51% for the NET, and reading skills at the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level for the ND. A student has two (2) opportunities to successfully meet assessment requirements. Eight weeks must elapse between testing sessions. Guidance is provided by the Learning Enhancement Center and the Center for Learning Assessment for students who do not meet these entry requirements. Note: Test scores are only valid for 24 months.
5. Submit a completed nursing application (required for entry into the program), along with a program application fee of \$10.00 (check or money order made out to Waubonsee Community College) to Registration and Records. The nursing program application form is available from the offices of Registration and Records, Counseling, Healthcare Programs, or on the Internet ([www.waubonsee.edu](http://www.waubonsee.edu)). Application to the program must be made prior to the deadline for the semester you wish to enter:

**March 15** for fall semester (August/October)

**September 15** for spring semester (January/March)

Enrollment is limited in the nursing (NUR) courses in order to provide the best possible educational experience for students. *(Note: Selection for admission into the program for either August/October or January/March will be determined by the Admissions Committee. Applicants should anticipate acceptance for either start date for fall or spring semesters.)*

6. Attain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher for prerequisite courses.
7. Complete science courses within five years of application filing deadline. Science courses taken more than five years before the application deadline must be retaken. **There are no exceptions.**
8. Understand that all of the following documentation **must be submitted** in order to be considered for acceptance into the program:
  - a. WCC New Student Information Form
  - b. nursing program application (including \$10.00 application fee)
  - c. successful completion of prerequisite courses or test results from any proficiency examinations (CLEP)
  - d. nursing assessment entrance testing
  - e. transcripts from other colleges/universities
9. Once accepted into the program, the student must:
  - a. attend the mandatory new student orientation to the nursing program
  - b. submit documentation of a physical and dental examination, current immunizations, and a 2-step tuberculosis (TB) test – none of which should be over one year old at the time of entry

- c. follow the sequence for all NUR courses
  - d. attain a 2.0 (C) or better GPA in each of the nursing courses
10. Official written notification of acceptance into the program will be received via certified mail. Students not accepted must re-apply.
- 11. In compliance with the Illinois Community College Act, in-district applicants shall be given preference over out-of-district applicants. Proof of residency may be required. Contact Registration and Records for information regarding residency. Having paid in-district tuition rates in the past does not necessarily qualify an individual as an in-district resident.**

***Advanced Placement***

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) may be eligible for advanced placement into the program, as well as students transferring from another nursing program. Applications will be reviewed on an individual basis. Contact the Healthcare Programs office at (630) 466-7900 ext. 2322.

***Recommendation for Learning and Enhancement***

Applicants who lack basic, beginning keyboarding and Windows navigation skills are encouraged to take an introductory computer course before starting the nursing course sequence. To maximize success, students may take NUR100 prior to entry into the program.

***Curricula: Nursing AAS Degree***

<b>General Education Courses</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
BIO270 (BS131) Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO272 (BS132) Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO250 (BS216) Microbiology	4
PSY100 (PY100) Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY205 (PY205) Lifespan Psychology	3
ENG101 (EG101) Freshman English I	3
ENG102 (EG102) Freshman English II	3
COM100 (SP100) Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>Nursing Courses</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
NUR105 Introduction to Healthcare	5
NUR106 Introduction to Pharmacology	1
NUR120 Basic Concepts of Nursing	5
NUR150 Medical-Surgical Nursing I	5
NUR175 Psychiatric Nursing	5
NUR205 Medical-Surgical Nursing II	5
NUR220 Maternity and Gynecologic Nursing	5
NUR250 Medical-Surgical Nursing III	5
NUR275 Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours for AAS Degree</b>	<b>68</b>

*(Each nursing class is eight weeks long and taken individually in sequence.)*

**For more information, contact:  
Waubonsee Community College  
Healthcare Programs Office  
(630) 466-7900 ext. 2322**

## Waubonsee Community College

### Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing Checklist

	Submit a completed New Student Information Form to Registration and Records.
	Meet with Counseling to establish a schedule for taking prerequisite courses. Complete science courses within five years of application filing deadline. Science courses taken more than five years before the application deadline must be retaken. <b>There are no exceptions.</b>
	Confirm with Counseling that prerequisite courses taken anywhere other than Waubonsee Community College will transfer as an equivalent.
	Contact the Center for Learning Assessment to make an appointment for full assessment (English placement required before enrolling in ENG101 or 102).
	Attain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher for prerequisite courses. (See back of form for Prerequisite and GPA Worksheet.)
	Confirm that official transcripts of prerequisite courses taken anywhere other than Waubonsee Community College have been received and recorded in Registration and Records.
	Confirm that test results from any proficiency examinations (CLEP) have been recorded with Registration and Records.
	Contact the Center for Learning Assessment to schedule an appointment for nursing program assessment testing.
	Take the required Nurse Entrance Test (NET) and Nelson Denny (ND) assessment test no less than four months prior to desired start date. Recommended testing time is when you are in your last required nursing prerequisite. <b>NOTE: Acceptance into the program is based on assessment results, with documentation of reading and math skills of 51% for the NET, and reading skills at the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level for the ND. A student has two (2) opportunities to successfully meet assessment requirements. Eight weeks must elapse between testing sessions. Guidance is provided by the Learning Enhancement Center and the Center for Learning Assessment for students who do not meet these entry requirements. Note: Test scores are only valid for 24 months.</b>
	Submit a completed nursing application (required for entry into the program), along with a program application fee of \$10.00 (check or money order made out to Waubonsee Community College) to Registration and Records.  The nursing application form is available from the offices of Registration and Records, Counseling, Healthcare Programs, or on the Internet ( <a href="http://www.waubonsee.edu">www.waubonsee.edu</a> ). Application to the program must be made prior to the deadline for the semester you desire to enter:  <b><u>March 15</u></b> for fall semester (August/October) <b><u>September 15</u></b> for spring semester (January/March)
	When requested, submit documentation of residency to Registration and Records. <b>(See #11 on page 2 for additional information.)</b>
	Official written notification of acceptance into the program will be received via certified mail. Students not accepted must re-apply.

#### **Important Waubonsee Phone Numbers**

*Dial (630) 466-7900, followed by the four-digit extension:*

Center for Learning Assessment — 5700

Healthcare Programs Office — 2322

Counseling — 2361

Registration and Records — 2370

## PREREQUISITE AND GPA WORKSHEET

Prerequisite Courses	Semester hours	Grade	Points
BIO270 (BS131) Anatomy and Physiology I	4		
BIO272 (BS132) Anatomy and Physiology II	4		
BIO250 (BS216) Microbiology	4		
PSY100 (PY100) Introduction to Psychology	3		
PSY205 (PY205) Lifespan Psychology	3		
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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>27</b>		

Points	Letter Grade	3 sem hour class	4 sem hour class
4	A	12 (4 x3=12)	16 (4x4=16)
3	B	9 (3x3=9)	12 (3x4=12)
2	C	6 (2x3=6)	8 (2x4=8)
1	D	3 (1x3=3)	4 (1x4=4)

grade points **DIVIDED BY** 27 semester hours = \_\_\_\_\_ overall prerequisite GPA (min. 2.7)

# Waubonsee Community College Nursing Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long is the nursing program?  
**Once a student has completed the required prerequisite courses, the nursing program requires two years to finish.**
2. Am I a registered nurse (RN) upon completion of the nursing program at Waubonsee Community College?  
**Students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® examination after successful completion of the nursing program. The individual state board of nursing makes licensure decisions about where you wish to practice.**
3. What are the prerequisite requirements?  
**There are a total of eight prerequisite courses that must be completed. A grade of “C” or above is acceptable. A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 in these prerequisite courses is required. Also, science courses must have been taken within 5 years of acceptance into the nursing program. **There are no exceptions.****  
  
**Nursing program assessment testing is also required before admission. A student must receive a 51% or higher on the Nurse Entrance Test (NET), in both math and reading skills. On the Nelson-Denny test, a student must achieve a minimum 12<sup>th</sup> grade level in reading comprehension and vocabulary.**
4. What is the deadline for application into the nursing program?  
**The deadline for application is March 15<sup>th</sup> for fall admission and September 15<sup>th</sup> for spring admission. Please note: selection for admission into the program for either August/October or January/March will be determined by the Admissions Committee. Applicants should anticipate acceptance for either start date for fall or spring semesters.**
5. Can I apply for the nursing program before I have completed my prerequisites?  
**Yes. You can apply once you are near completion of all prerequisites; however, you must complete prerequisites shortly before entering. If you are not accepted into the nursing program, you must reapply.**
6. When will I receive a letter of acceptance?  
**A student will receive written confirmation of acceptance via certified mail after all prerequisite criteria have been met and the Admission Committee has confirmed acceptance. Acceptance is not verified over the telephone.**
7. When can I register for my nursing courses?  
**You must first obtain official acceptance into the nursing program. Admission to the nursing program requires a separate program application (attached). All prerequisite requirements must be successfully completed before acceptance into the program. Upon receiving your acceptance letter, you may register for your nursing courses.**
8. Are courses and clinical in the morning or afternoon?  
**Courses and clinicals may meet in the morning or afternoon. Depending on class size and clinical site availability, some clinicals may meet in the evening. The course instructor will make clinical assignments.**

# Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing Application



*Please Print or Type*

<b>X Number</b> <i>(students must submit a New Student Information Form in order to be assigned an X number)</i>			<b>Today's Date</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>			<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Initial</b>
<b>Street Number and Name</b>			<b>Home Phone</b> (    ) <b>Cell Phone</b> (    )	
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Work Phone</b> (    )	
<b>Previously Used Names</b>				
<b>Semester Applying For</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fall Semester 20</b> _____ (August or October) <b>NOTE: Deadline – March 15</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spring Semester 20</b> _____ (January or March) <b>NOTE: Deadline – September 15</b>	

**NOTE: YOU MUST REAPPLY IF YOU ARE NOT ACCEPTED WITHIN THE SEMESTER YOU HAVE REQUESTED.**

*NOTE: Selection for admission into the program for either August/October or January/March will be determined by the Admissions Committee. Applicants should anticipate acceptance for either start date for fall or spring.*

<b>Check All That Apply:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled at Waubonsee Community College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed LPN and/or RN nursing courses at another college and would like to be considered for advanced placement. <b>Official (unopened) transcript(s) to be sent to Registration &amp; Records for review. Copies of nursing course syllabi in effect during your enrollment to be sent to Healthcare Programs, AKL-230.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed prerequisite courses at another college(s). <b>Official (unopened) transcript(s) to be sent to Registration &amp; Records.</b> College/University Name: _____ Courses/Dates Completed: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Currently enrolled at another college. College/University Name: _____
Current Course(s): _____	

**Note: A program application fee of \$10.00 is due every semester you apply.**  
*(Please include check or money order made out to Waubonsee Community College.)*

**Mail to: Registration and Records, Waubonsee Community College, Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove, IL 60554.**

*If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the Healthcare Programs office at (630) 466-7900, extension 2322.*

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OFFICE USE ONLY
\$10 Fee Received _____
Receipt # _____

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