



Black Hawk College

Associate Degree Nursing Program – 2014/2015

Admission Requirements

Class Selection

Once admission requirements are met, students with completed college-level coursework are ranked. Students who earn the highest ranking are then selected for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Ranking is based on cumulative GPA, Pre-Admission Test scores, required course grades, and any previous degrees obtained.

Process for Admission

- Students need to complete an Associate Degree Nursing program application packet. Applications packets and deadlines are available online at www.bhc.edu/nursing.
- Students must complete the Online Prospective Nursing Student Orientation located at www.bhc.edu/nursingorientation. Myblackhawk login is required to access the orientation.
- Students must take the Nursing entrance exam (TEAS) before application due date. (see *back page*)

Any student not accepted who desires consideration for subsequent nursing classes, must submit an updated application.

Application Dates

Fall 2014 Admission – Applications are available in **February** and due the last day of February.

Spring 2015 Admission – Applications are available in **September** and due the last day of September.

Admission into the ADN program is highly competitive.

Students should apply early in the priority filing period. Not all eligible applicants will be admitted regardless of the date of submission of their application. The student who wishes to enter the Associate Degree Nursing Program must meet requirements based on his or her classification in the following categories. ***Preference will be given to Illinois residents.***

ALL who desire admission must have:

- Completed all prerequisites for required courses with a grade of C or above with the exception of BIOL 145 (requires a B).
- Completed all developmental courses with a grade of C or above
- Completed the Nursing entrance exam (TEAS) (*see back page*)
- Earned a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Complete the online Nursing Orientation at www.bhc.edu/nursingorientation.
 - Must apply to Black Hawk at www.bhc.edu/apply and log into MyBlackhawk to access.
- Possess physical ability to provide client care*

*Students with chronic health problems or physical disabilities are accepted unless the health problem or disability is such that the student would be unable to complete the objectives of the program. For more information see Technical Abilities Required by the Health Programs in the College Catalog.

College Student Admission:

- 9 college credit hours completed
- 2.7 cumulative GPA in college courses
- An LPN license is taken into account when ranking students for admission
- **If LPN completed + 1000 hours of work experience as an LPN then admission to NURS 112P can be considered.**

High School Student Admission:

- Based on High school GPA, class rank, and ACT composite score of at least 20.
- It is highly recommended that students complete chemistry, biology, and as much math as possible when in high school.
- For consideration as a high school student, one must take NURS 112 no later than the first semester immediately upon the one year anniversary of high school graduation.
- 2.7 cumulative GPA in college and/or dual enrollment courses
- Appropriate Compass Test scores if ACT is below 22

Advanced Standing Admission (students who have completed clinical nursing courses within last 5 years)

Nursing students who desire to transfer into our Associate Degree Nursing program must complete an application. All transcripts will be evaluated on an individual basis. Placement is determined by faculty reviewing the transcripts and course syllabi. **Students who have received a D or F in a nursing course will not be considered for the nursing program for at least five years.**

Guidelines for biology and/or nursing courses:

- If anatomy/physiology courses (BIOL 145 and 146) were taken over five years ago from date of acceptance into program, one semester of anatomy/physiology must be repeated to update knowledge. **If a C grade was attained for both courses over 5 years ago, both must be retaken to achieve a B or higher.**
- Students *must achieve a "B" in BIOL 146* in order to proceed to the next level in nursing.
- If microbiology was taken over seven years ago from the date of acceptance into the program the entire course must be retaken.
- Transfer credit for nursing courses taken at another institution will be granted on an individual basis by the nursing faculty. Transfer courses for supporting courses will be granted individually by the appropriate department.
- All nursing courses older than 5 years must be repeated.
- If a student has failed another nursing program (D or F grade in clinical course), they must wait 5 years to apply to this program.

Needed	Taken	Prerequisites as determined by Compass	
		Math	
		MATH 080 (Basic Math Skills – 3 credits)	
		MATH 081 (Basic Algebra – 3 credits)	
		MATH 086 (Fundamentals of Algebra – 5 credits) MATH 090 or 091 (Intermediate Algebra – 3-5 credits) MATH 092/MATH 094 (Math Literacy I and Math Literacy II)	Consult with an advisor on the Math path that is best for you
		MATH 085 (Plane Geometry – 3 credits)	
		Reading	
		REA 093 (Academic Reading I – 3 credits)	
		REA 098 (Academic Reading II – 3 credits)	
		English Writing	
		ENG 081 (Writing Fundamentals I – 3 credits)	
		ENG 091 (Writing Fundamentals II – 3 credits)	
Needed	Taken	Prerequisites	
		SBS 100 (required before taking PSYC 101 or SOC 101 if student places into REA 093 and/or REA 098 on the Compass test).	
		PSYC 101 (Intro to Psychology – 3 credits)	
		*CHEM 110 or 101 (Intro to Chemistry or General Chemistry – 4 credits)	
		*BIOL 100, 101, or 105 (Intro to Biology, General Human Biology, or General Biology I – 4 credits)	
		BIOL 145 (Anatomy and Physiology I – 4 credits) grade of B required	

*Prerequisites for BIOL 145. Placement test available. For test information and sign up call 309-796-5352 or 309-796-5101. To find information online go to www.bhc.edu/compass.

Program Requirements		
Gen. Eds. (completion increases ranking at time of application)	Nursing Courses	Nursing Program Level
<input type="checkbox"/> **BIOL 146 (Anatomy Physiology II – 4 credits) B required <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 200 (Human Growth and Development – 3 credits)	NURS 112 (10 credits) or NURS 112P* (8 credits) NURS 138 (1 credit)	1 * NURS 112P is for LPN transition. See front page for admission requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 101 (English Composition - 3 credits)	NURS 122A (5 credits) NURS 122B (5 credits)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 261 (Microbiology – 4 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Choose one:</i> PHIL 100 (Logic – 3 credits) OR PHIL 103 (Ethics – 3 credits) OR SPEC 175 (Intercultural Communications – 3 credits) OR ANTH 102 (Cultural Anthropology – 3 credits) OR Foreign language (Spanish, French or German – 4 credits)	Summer Courses Supplementary NURS courses may be recommended or required at this time or at any other point throughout the curriculum.	<i>If you begin the Nursing program in the Spring, summer will not fall between levels 2 and 3. Summer session will be between levels 1 and 2 and then again between levels 3 and 4. Plan accordingly.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Math Elective – <i>Choose one:</i> MATH 108 (Statistics for Gen. Educ. – 3 credits) OR MATH 110 (Math for Gen. Educ. – 3 credits) OR MATH 112 (College Algebra – 4 credits) OR MATH 116 (Trigonometry – 3 credits) OR MATH 118 (Pre-calculus – 5 credits)	NURS 216 (10 credits)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW SOC 264 (Social Psychology of Aging – 3 credits) SOC 101 will be accepted if taken prior to Fall of 2014	NURS 226 (10 credits) NURS 230 (1 credit)	4

You DO NOT have to have all the general education program requirements done before applying. General Education courses must be completed prior to or at the level they are listed. For example, ENG 101 must be completed prior to or while in Level 2 before proceeding to Level 3.

Academic Plan

It is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor every semester to go over your plan.

Semester	Meet with advisor in	Registration starts*
Summer/Fall	February or March	1 st Tuesday in April
Spring	September or October	1 st Tuesday in November

*Registration dates can vary. Please check with your advisor so that you can plan to register the 1st day it is open.

Semester _____	Year _____	Semester _____	Year _____	Semester _____	Year _____
Courses	Cr. Hr.	Courses	Cr. Hr.	Courses	Cr. Hr.
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Student _____

Advisor _____

Nursing Entrance Exam TEAS Version V Test of Academic Essential Skills Specific Instructions for Students

Nurse entrance exam must be completed at the time of application or before. It is suggested that students take the nurse entrance exam after they have completed some of the general education courses, especially the introductory sciences. Remediation will be needed if students do not meet the Benchmark score on the nurse entrance exam. **Benchmark score requirements can be found at www.bhc.edu/nursing.**

Tests will be available in **August, September, January, and February** in the Independent Learning Center at the Quad City Campus and the Learning Resource Center at the East Campus.

Before the test

Prepare for the test. You can purchase a study guide at <http://www.atitesting.com/>. The name of the book is "*TEAS V Study Manual*". There are also practice tests you can purchase from the ATI site. The study manual is available at the BHC Bookstore for purchase.

On the day of the exam

- Bring the following: photo identification, pen or pencil, \$45 cash (exact change) or check payable to Black Hawk College. **East Campus only accepts money orders or checks.**
- Arrive 15 minutes early
- **Quad City Campus** – Schedule an appointment with the Independent Learning Center (ILC) which is located below the library at the Quad City Campus. Phone number is 30-796-5170. Hours for Computerized Testing Center within the ILC are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 3:00. To have enough time to take the test you must schedule an appointment no later than 4:30 pm, Monday-Thursday, and no later than 11:00 am on Friday.
- **East Campus** The test is taken at the ILC at East Campus which is located in upper level of Building A. Contact LaVon Franklin 309-854-1732 for testing hours.

The test is timed including any breaks taken (see table below- total maximum time is 3 hours 49 minutes).

At the ILC (Quad City Campus) or the LRC (East Campus)

- Complete the acknowledgement of testing form (Pink for ADN program or blue for LPN program) and give to the testing monitor.
- Breaks can be taken after completion of any section of the test, but time taken for break is included in your test taking time
- Test scores will be sent to Mrs. Hantz. Please contact Mrs. Hantz after you have taken the exam to determine if you need to complete any remediation based on your test scores.
- If you have not been contacted within one week of test completion, please contact Mrs. Hantz by e-mail. She can be contacted at hantzd@bhc.edu. There are deadlines associated with any needed remediation; delay could impact your admission to the nursing program. **Deadlines will be posted in the online orientation.**
- This is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.
- **Retests are allowed but there must be a 3 week gap between the 1st test and the retake.**

Content Area	# of items	Time limit
Reading	48	58 minutes
Mathematics	34	34 minutes
Science	54	54 minutes
English and Language usage	34	34 minutes
Total	170	209 minutes