



Black Hawk College

Associate Degree Nursing Program

2023-2024 Admission Requirements and Curriculum

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 GPA of ADN general education courses, 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 (HESI) **within one year of application due date**. (see *back page for details*)
Any student not accepted who desires consideration for subsequent nursing classes, must submit an updated application.

Application Dates

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

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

If the last day of the month falls on a weekend, it is due the Friday before the last day of the month.

Admission into the ADN program is 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

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 (HESI) (*see back page*)
- Earned a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Completed 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 GPA in required General Education courses for ADN

Note: At this time we are no longer offering a transition course for students who have their LPN.

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 GPA in required General Education courses for ADN

Advanced Standing Admission (students who have completed clinical nursing courses within 1 year):

- Nursing students who desire transfer or readmission 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. A 2.7 GPA in ADN General Education and Nursing clinical courses is required.
- A reference completed by the Director from the program the student is transferring from must be provided with the application. The reference must be completed on the form provided within the application packet. Additional information for Advance Standing Students can be found with the application packet.

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.**
- 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 1(one) year must be repeated.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

Students MUST have prerequisite coursework done or in progress at the time of application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. (See front page for details on the application process)

Needed	Taken	
		Prerequisites for BIOL 145 as determined by Assessment Testing
		Math (completed with a C or better)
		Eligible to enroll in Basic Algebra or MATH 070 with C or higher or previous completion of MATH 080 or MATH 078)
		Reading (completed with a C or better)
		REA 103 (Advanced Academic Reading)
		English (completed with a C or better)
		ENG 091 (Writing Fundamentals II – 3 credits) or ENG 100 (Academic Writing Conventions) or ENG 051/ENG 101C
		Science (Placement test is available by request) Must demonstrate college-level competency in Biology and Chemistry concepts. To find information online go to http://www.bhc.edu/admissions/placementtesting/ . To schedule test call 309-796-5352 or 309-796-5101.
		CHEM 110 or 101 (Intro to Chemistry or General Chemistry – 4 credits) (completed with a C or better) or successful completion of the Chemistry Placement test
		BIOL 100, 101, or 105 (Intro to Biology, General Human Biology, or General Biology I – 4 credit minimum) (completed with a C or better) or successful completion of the Biology Placement Test
		Additional Associate Degree Nursing Admission Prerequisites – Can be currently enrolled in at time of application and can be accepted pending successful completion.
		BIOL 145 (Anatomy and Physiology I – 4 credits) grade of B required
		PHIL 100, MATH 108 or MATH 060/MATH 108C, 110 or MATH 061/MATH 110C or 112 or 116 or 118 (choose one)

Program Requirements

General Education*	Nursing Courses	Nursing Program Level
<i>*Completing the required general education courses before applying to the program increases ranking at time of application.</i>	(Requires admission to the nursing program)	Each Level = 1 semester
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 146 (Anatomy Physiology II – 4 credits) Grade of "B" required	NURS 112 (10 credits) NURS 138 (1 credit)	1 (In theory BIOL 146 could be taken with NURS 112 and 138. However, the BIOL 146 schedule usually conflicts with the NURS 112 schedule. Plan on taking BIOL 146 prior to the 1 st semester of the Nursing program.)
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 200 (3 credits) Note: Prerequisite to PSYC 200 is either NURS 112 or PSYC 101 with a C or higher.	NURS 122A (5 credits) NURS 122B (5 credits)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 261 (Microbiology – 4 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 101 or ENG 051/ENG 101C (English Composition - 3 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"/> SOC 264 (SOC 101 will be accepted if taken prior to FALL 2014) Students applying to start the ADN program SPRING 2021 will be required to have SOC 264 regardless of the date they took SOC 101	NURS 216 (10 credits)	3
	NURS 226 (10 credits) NURS 230 (1 credit)	4

You DO NOT need to have all the general education program requirements done before applying.

- General Education courses must be complete prior to or at the level they are listed.
- For example, PSYC 200 must be completed prior to or while in Level 2 before proceeding to Level 3.

Transcripts from other institutions MUST be submitted OFFICIALLY to ENROLLMENT SERVICES and be evaluated to count towards a degree at Black Hawk College.

Nursing Entrance Exam - HESI -Admission Assessment Examination

The test may be taken in the Testing Center at the Quad City Campus. We suggest that you take the test 1-2 months before you apply to allow extra time if the minimum overall score of 70 is not reached. Retests are allowed once but there must be a 3-week gap between the 1st test and the retake. It is suggested that students take the nurse entrance exam after completing some of the general education courses, particularly the science courses.

Before the test

Prepare for the test. You can purchase a study guide at the Hawk's Nest Bookstore. The name of the book is "*HESI Admission Assessment Review, 5th Edition.*" A copy is available in the library, but may not be checked out. If you wish to purchase the study guide elsewhere, the ISBN is 978-0-323-58226-1. Alternately, students may use the following online resource: www.evolve.elsevier.com (USE YOUR @mymail.bhc.edu email when creating your login, you will use www.evolve.elsevier.com when you are admitted to the ADN program). The best advice for studying for this exam is to expose yourself to as many questions as possible in the different content areas. Once you have done that, go back and study the content that you need to brush up on.

*We do not test all on content areas that are covered in the study guide or that are covered in the online study tools. **Focus on studying only the content areas that we test on.**

*Content Area	# of Items	Recommended Time
Learning Styles	14	15 minutes
Anatomy and Physiology	30	30 minutes
Critical Thinking	30	30 minutes
Math	55	50 minutes
Reading Comprehension	55	60 minutes
Vocabulary	55	50 minutes
Grammar	55	50 minutes
Total Time (not including any 10-minute breaks taken between content areas)		285 minutes (4 hours and 45 minutes)

Sign-up for the test

Quad City Campus Testing Center - Located below the library (Park in big parking lot off of 70th Street and enter through doors of Building 1). To schedule an appointment for the test, call 309-796-5170. Visit <https://www.bhc.edu/student-resources/student-support/testing-center/gc-campus-testing-center/> to see the hours that computerized testing is available. You must start the test 4.5 hours before closing time to allow yourself adequate time to take the test.

On the day of the exam

Bring the following: photo identification, pen or pencil, \$65 cash (exact change) or a check payable to Black Hawk College.

Additional HESI information

- If the test was taken at another school within the past year, those scores may be used. Submit the score report with the Associate Degree Nursing Admissions application.
- Complete the acknowledgement of testing form (Pink for ADN program or blue for LPN program) and give to the testing monitor.
- There is a four function calculator embedded within the test that can be used. If preferred, a four function calculator is allowed during the test.
- A 10-minute break can be taken between content area exam. The exam as a whole is not timed, just the individual content areas. See bottom of page for time allowed per content area. *
- An overall score of 70 is required to be considered for the program. If the overall minimum score is not achieved, students should study using the above resources and test again. Questions should be directed to instructor Ian Hutto at huttoi@bhc.edu or Trudy Starr at starrt@bhc.edu.
- This is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge outlined in the table below. The objectives assessed on the HESI exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.
- **If a HESI test was taken over a year ago from the application due date, the test must be retaken. The next bullet would apply as well.**
- **Retests are allowed once but there must be a 3-week gap between the 1st test and the retake.**