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Welcome to the exciting world of nursing! As you consider pursuing a degree in this rewarding field, it's important to recognize that nursing is not just a profession—it's a lifelong commitment to learning and growth in an ever-evolving healthcare landscape. Nurses play a vital role in addressing patients' mental, emotional, and physical needs.

To thrive in nursing, you must be a compassionate individual who genuinely cares for others. This profession requires resilience to manage crises, a strong sense of moral and legal accountability, and a deep respect for the diverse backgrounds and beliefs of all individuals you will serve. A successful nurse embraces the responsibility of caring for patients, supervises others, demonstrates initiative, and exercises sound judgment in emergencies.

If you're ready to embark on this journey, please complete the Application for Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program. Enclosed, you'll find a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application, along with the curriculum plan and admission requirements. Remember, all applications are due by **February 27, 2026**, with priority given to those submitted by **February 13, 2026**.

Should you have any questions after reviewing the materials, feel free to reach out to Stephanie at **309-796-5379** or grays@bhc.edu.

We look forward to supporting you on your path to becoming a skilled and compassionate nurse!

Sincerely,

Trudy Starr, MSN, RN

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Nursing Department Chair

**Please read and carefully follow directions.
(The department will only consider complete applications.
Individuals with incomplete applications will receive no further communication.)**

Black Hawk College will make all educational and personnel decisions without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran, except as specifically exempted by law.

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program Checklist

Complete the New Student Checklist: If you are not currently a Black Hawk College student, visit www.bhc.edu/checklist to follow the steps required for new students.

HESI Testing - Complete the HESI Testing in the ILC at the Quad-Cities by February 27, 2026.

- Please schedule your appointment at <https://www.bhc.edu/current-students/testing-center/>
- They will no longer accept walk in appointments.
- You must achieve a minimum overall score of 70. Retests are allowed once per application cycle, but there must be a **3-week gap** between the first and second tests.

Prospective Nursing Student Orientation - Complete the Prospective Nursing Student Orientation by following these steps:

- You must be able to log into MyBHC to access the orientation - www.bhc.edu/mybhc.
- Go to www.bhc.edu/nursingorientation. Log into myBHC when prompted.
- Click the **“Enroll in Course”** button.
- Follow the prompts to complete the Orientation (approximately **1 hour**).

Note: All students applying for the ADN program must complete this orientation each time they apply.

ATTACH the following documentation to the ADN Application:

Unofficial college transcripts:

- Current Black Hawk students can access transcripts at myBHC:
 - Click on the “Order Transcripts” tile
 - Click on “Unofficial Copy of Transcript”
 - Choose “All Levels” and “Web Unofficial”
- If official transcripts from another school have been received by Black Hawk College's Enrollment Services, please indicate this on your application. Verify with Enrollment Services, as your application will not be considered complete without these transcripts. In this case, you do not need to attach the transcripts. (If courses appear on your MyBHC transcript or Degree Audit with a “T” grade, then Enrollment Services has received them.)

Unofficial high school transcript and SAT or ACT Scores only IF:

- you are a current high school student; OR
- you are a student who graduated high school (or earned GED) within the last year and have completed less than 9 credit hours of college courses.

International Students:

- Transcripts must be evaluated by WES or ECE

Completed and Signed ADN Program Application

- Ensure all sections are filled out and the application is signed.

**Please submit all of the above documents by
February 27, 2026 (priority given to applications submitted by February 13, 2026)**

Stephanie Gray, Health Sciences Center, Room 311 or 313
Black Hawk College
6600 34th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered for placement

Admission Requirements

All applicants should review the College catalog for Black Hawk College admission requirements. In addition to meeting Black Hawk College admission requirements, students seeking entry into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Earned a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. A minimum of 2.7 GPA in all prerequisites and general education courses is required. For Advanced Standing, nursing courses are also factored into the GPA. Developmental courses are not included in the GPA calculation.
3. Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher is required, except for Biology 145, which requires a grade of "B" or higher. Priority is given to students who have completed BIOL 146 with a "B" or above. BIOL 145 and BIOL 146 must be completed within the last 5 years, and BIOL 261 within the last 7 years.
4. Completion of all developmental courses determined by college placement test with a grade of "C" or above.
5. Completion of HESI Exam. A minimum overall score of 70 is required on the HESI exam for admission consideration. If HESI exam was taken before July 1, 2024 the exam must be retaken. Retests are permitted once per application cycle, but there must be a 3-week gap between the first and the second test.
6. For applicants who graduated high school within the last year and have completed fewer than 9 credit hours of college coursework, an SAT composite score of 480 or ACT composite score of 20 or higher is required.
7. High school applicants who do not meet GPA, did not graduate within the top 25% of their high school class, and any applicant with no college courses must take nine semester hours of college level courses.
8. Applicants must possess the physical ability to provide client care.
9. Completion of the online Nursing Student Orientation online at www.bhc.edu/nursingorientation (see instructions on the ADN checklist).

Note: *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.

If you do not meet these admission requirements, please contact your assigned advisor. If you do not know who your assigned advisor is, contact the Advising Center at 309-796-5100.

Curriculum Plan

Prerequisites: Some courses require one or more prerequisite courses. Please refer to course descriptions in the Black Hawk College catalog. The following are prerequisites to the ADN program.

- One of the following courses: PHIL 100, MATH 108 (or MATH 060/MATH 108C), MATH 110 (or MATH 061/MATH 110C), MATH 112 (or MATH 062/MATH 112C), MATH 116, or MATH 118
- BIOL 145

*Note: ADN students are no longer required to take PSYC 101 as a prerequisite for PSYC 200.

FIRST YEAR	
<u>First Semester</u>	
Nursing 112	10
• Lecture (8)	
• Clinical (2)	
Nursing 138	1
*Biology 146	4
<hr/> 15 credit hrs.	

FIRST YEAR	
<u>Second Semester</u>	
Nursing 122A	5
Nursing 122B	5
*Psychology 200	3
<hr/> 13 credit hrs.	

Summer	
Biology 261	4
English 101	3
<hr/> 7 credit hrs.	

SECOND YEAR	
<u>First Semester</u>	
Nursing 216	10
• Lecture (6)	
• Clinical (4)	
Sociology 264	3
<hr/> 13 credit hrs.	
<u>Second Semester</u>	
Nursing 226	10
• Lecture (6)	
• Clinical (4)	
Nursing 230	1
<hr/> 11 credit hrs.	

A lecture hour is 50 minutes in length and 16 lecture hours equals one credit hour. Clinical hours are a 3:1 ratio with 3 clinical hours equating to 1 lecture hour.

*Non-nursing courses must be taken prior to or concurrently with the nursing courses with which they are listed in the curriculum pattern unless permission is obtained from the Associate Degree Nursing Department to alter the plan.

**High school students: see Admission Requirements.

BLACK HAWK COLLEGE
ADN Application – Admission for Fall 2026

Instructions to Applicant: Please complete the following information fully and accurately. All information will be kept confidential. If you desire not to answer a question, please indicate your response by writing NO REPLY. Please write legibly.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 BHC Student ID Number or SSN: _____ Email: _____
 Date of Birth: _____

I will complete the online nursing orientation by February 27, 2026. I know I will need to complete this requirement each time I apply.

I will complete the HESI Exam in the Testing Center at the Quad-Cities Campus by February 27, 2026.

Are you planning on taking classes in the summer, if so what classes? _____

I would like to be considered as (please check all that apply):

College student (completed 9 or more college credit hours)
 High school student (graduated within the past year)
 Advanced Standing (successfully completed nursing courses at another institution). If transferring from another nursing school with nursing clinical courses completed you will need to provide a reference from the Director of the previous school. The reference form can be found at www.bhc.edu/ADNreferenceform.

High School Background (check all that apply if you will or have graduated within the past year):

I have earned a high school diploma or the equivalent.
 I am presently a senior in high school.
 I graduated high school/GED or equivalent within the past year. _____ (month/year).
 I am (was) in the top 25% of my class.
 I have taken the SAT test and received a composite score of 480 or ACT test and received a composite score of at least 20.

College Background (check all that apply):

I have attended college. List all colleges attended including Black Hawk College. _____

 BHC Enrollment Services has received my official transcripts from the other colleges I attended.
 I have taken nursing classes at another college. Name of college: _____
 I have obtained a previous degree. Highest degree completed: _____

ALL transcripts and requested documents must be attached to be considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

I believe the information in this application packet to be accurate and accept responsibility for its authenticity. I understand that falsification of this application may result in denial of admission or removal from the Program. I verify I have included all necessary paperwork (transcripts/scores) in order for my application to be reviewed.

I understand that completion of the associate degree nursing program does not automatically guarantee a graduate the right to take the national council licensing examination or to become licensed as a registered nurse.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION TO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, ROOM 311 or 313