



Black Hawk College Practical Nursing 2018-2019 Admission Requirements

Prerequisites and Requirements

- MATH 080 (Basic Mathematical Skills) or MATH 078 (Pre-Algebra) or Appropriate Assessment test score **AND**
 - COMM 100 (Communication Skills) or ENG 101* (English Composition I) or **AND**
 - PN110* (Anatomy and Physiology) OR BIOL 145* (Anatomy and Physiology I) completed within the past 5 years **AND**
 - Cumulative Black Hawk College GPA of 2.0 or higher
- If your BHC cumulative GPA is below 2.0 at the time that you apply to the LPN program, you are required to meet with an advisor to complete a plan showing the grades needed to raise your GPA to a 2.0 or above. This document will need to be turned in with your LPN application with the **“For Advisor Use ONLY”** section at the bottom completed. It is the applicant’s responsibility to have this completed by an advisor and include it in their application packet. To graduate from Black Hawk College you must have a 2.0 Cumulative GPA at Black Hawk College. If you do not have a 2.0 after completing the LPN coursework, you will not be allowed to take the NCLEX test, which is required in order to be licensed.

*Additional prerequisites may be needed based on Assessment Scores. Discuss options with your advisor.

Process for Admission (Applications are accepted ONCE a year for Fall Admission)

- **Applications are available February 1 and are due the last day of February.**
- Application packets are available at www.bhc.edu/nursing. Students need to complete a Practical Nursing program application packet.
- Students must take the Nursing entrance exam before application due date (see *back page*)

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

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 Practical Nursing Program. **Ranking will be based on TEAS Test scores and required courses.**

Admission into the Practical Nursing 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.

Semester _____ Year _____			Semester _____ Year _____			Semester _____ Year _____		
Courses	Cr. Hr.	Grade needed *	Courses	Cr. Hr.	Grade Needed*	Courses	Cr. Hr.	Grade Needed*
Semester _____ Year _____			IF ADMITTED, ENROLLMENT IN ALL 17 CREDIT HOURS EACH SEMESTER IS REQUIRED.					
Semester _____ Year _____			Semester <i>Fall</i> Year _____			Semester <i>Spring</i> Year _____		
Courses	Cr. Hr.	Grade Needed*	Courses	Cr. Hr.	Grade Needed*	Courses	Cr. Hr.	Grade Needed*
			PN 111 Foundations of Practical Nursing	8		PN 106 Pharmacology of Practical Nursing II	1	
			PN 105 Pharmacology of Practical Nursing 1	1		PN 114 Intergenerational Nursing	8	
			PN 112 Older Adult Nursing	8		PN 113 Adult Health Nursing	8	

FOR ADVISOR USE ONLY: For students applying to the LPN program who have a GPA below a 2.0 at time of application please complete the plan above. Indicate what grades would be needed to raise their GPA to a 2.0 by the time they complete all the courses needed for the LPN.

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT ID #: _____ DATE OF PLAN: _____

ADVISOR’S SIGNATURE: _____ ADVISOR’S PRINTED NAME: _____

Nursing Entrance Exam – TEAS Version VI

Test of Essential Academic Skills

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. **Benchmark score requirements can be found at www.bhc.edu/nursing.**

Before the test

Prepare for the test. You can purchase a study guide at the Hawk's Nest Bookstore or <http://www.atitesting.com/>. The name of the book is "*TEAS VI Study Manual*." A copy is available in the library, but may not be checked out. There are also practice tests you can purchase from the ATI site.

On the day of the exam

- Bring the following: photo identification, pen or pencil, \$65 cash (exact change) or check payable to Black Hawk College.
- Arrive 15 minutes early

Where to take the test

Quad City Campus – Go to the Testing Center, located below the library at the Quad City Campus. Though they do not take appointments, the test needs to be started by **3:30pm** Monday through Thursday.

Phone number is 309-796-5170. Hours for Computerized Testing Center within the ILC are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To have enough time to take the test you must be there to begin the test no later than 3:30 pm, Monday-Thursday, and no later than 11:00 am on Friday.

Additional information

- If you took the test at another school and it was within the past year, we can use those scores. Submit score report with the Practical Nursing Admissions application.
- Complete the acknowledgement of testing form and give to the testing monitor.
- A four-function calculator is allowed during the test. There is a four-function calculator embedded within the program that can be used.
- A 10-minute break can be taken between exams.
- 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 that nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry-level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.

Content Area	# of items	Time Limit
Reading	54	64 minutes
Mathematics	36	54 minutes
Science	53	63 minutes
English and Language Usage	28	28 minutes
Total	171	209 minutes

- **If a TEAS test was taken over a year ago from the application due date, the test must be retaken.**
- **Retests are allowed once but there must be a 3-week gap between the first test and the retake.**

If you are unsuccessful in achieving the required score of 50 in two attempts, you will need to meet with Kathy Dusthimer Practical Nursing Coordinator dusthimerk@bhc.edu to request permission to take the TEAS exam any additional times within the current application period.