

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY-ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

*The information in this document is not a contractual agreement, but to provide information on program requirements. **The applicant is responsible for the knowledge of and compliance with all information, procedures, and guidelines contained herein.** Applicants must satisfy ALL screening requirements and criteria in effect for the semester for which they are screening. **Requirements are subject to change.** Nursing classes are only available at the Grayslake Campus.*

**Nursing Education Office
Room D 208, Grayslake Campus
847-543-2043**

Screening deadlines:

All materials for screening must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office B 101 in Grayslake by the close of business on the screening deadline day.

Screening Deadlines are the First Wednesdays in February and September. **Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for screening.**

Steps to Getting Started

Submit an application to the college (there is no charge to apply to the college)

- If you are a new student, this should be your first step
- If you attended the college in the past, but have not actively taken classes at CLC for two (2) years or longer, update your application to the college.
- Applications are available at any of the campus locations OR the “How to Get Started” link www.clcillinois.edu.

Meet the Language Proficiency and Algebra Readiness requirements

- A complete list of how to meet the requirements is available at: <http://www.clcillinois.edu/credit/register/prereqs.asp>
- If you have specific questions contact Academic Advising (847-543-2067) or the Counseling Center (847-543-2060)

Attend a General Information Meeting

- Meetings are conducted on the First Tuesday of each month at the Grayslake campus. Meetings are at 10:00 am during the odd numbered months and at 5:30 pm during the even numbered months. For a complete list of meetings go to the nursing web page www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur

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Submit “Official” transcripts to CLC Office of Admissions and Records (B101)

- Submit **Official (in a sealed envelope) high school** transcripts OR **Official** GED results to the Admissions and Records Office.(GED scores must be requested even if completed at CLC)
- Final high school transcripts must have the **graduation date posted** and be from the last high school attended.
- Foreign high school transcripts need to be evaluated by Education Credential Evaluators (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org. The completed evaluation will indicate that the equivalent of a US Secondary education was met. In order to satisfy the chemistry requirement, request a CLC catalog match (for college CHM) and course-by- course (for high school CHM) evaluation. ECE provides this service.
- Submit **Official (in a sealed envelope) College** transcripts for all colleges attended to the Admission and Records office.
- If a degree was completed, college transcripts must have the degree awarded and the date of the awarding. If college courses were completed but no degree was awarded, transcripts can still be reviewed for any transferable courses.
- In order for college transcripts to be evaluated, a “credit evaluation” form needs to be completed and submitted. The form is linked on the nursing web page www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur.
- Allow four to six (4-6) weeks for an evaluation to be completed by the Admissions and Records office.
- Foreign college transcripts need to be evaluated by Education Credential Evaluators (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org. When submitting the transcripts, request a catalog match to CLC. ECE provides this service.
- Forms for ECE and WES evaluations are available in the Admissions and Records office (B 101).
- *All transcripts must be received in the Admissions and Records office by the screening deadline to be considered for screening purposes.*

Nursing Screening Requirements

1. Chemistry: CHM 120 at CLC or an equivalent course from another accredited college **OR** two (2) semesters of high school chemistry with a grade of “C” or better for both semesters.
2. Biology: BIO 123 with a grade of “C” or better at CLC or an equivalent course from another college.
3. Biology: BIO 244 (Anatomy & Physiology I) with a grade of “C” or better or an equivalent course from another college. BIO 124 (Anatomy & Physiology) with a grade of “C” or better will be accepted for screening until September 2014.
4. Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) active on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry. For ways to meet the CNA requirement go to the nursing web page www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur and select “Ways to meet the CNA requirement”

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5. NLN Pre-RN Exam (PAX) with the minimum acceptable percentile scores. Applicants must satisfy each of the following minimum percentile scores to be considered for admission:
- Composite: 60%
 - Verbal: 50%
 - Math: 50%
 - Science: 50%

Scores from an NLN PAX test completed more than three (3) years prior to the screening deadline will not be accepted. **There must be a minimum of six months between test dates.** PAX registration is online. Go to the nursing web page www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur to view the registration procedure, the test dates and test registration deadlines.

6. General Information meeting for Nursing

Students may not screen while taking a prerequisite course. All prerequisites must be completed with the acceptable grade prior to the screening deadline in order to be considered for admission.

Process for Screening

- Complete an application for admission to the college and receive a student ID number.
- Demonstrate college level language proficiency and algebra readiness.
- Provide **OFFICIAL** copies of all relevant transcripts (high school and/or other colleges, or GED) to the Admissions and Record office.
- Complete a credit evaluation form for college transcripts and submit the form to Admissions and Records.
- Attend the General information meeting for nursing-**valid for 2 years from the date of the meeting to the date of screening.**
- Complete the NLN PAX exam and have the exam results on file in the Admissions and Records Office-valid for 3 years from the date of the exam to the date of screening. Exam scores must meet the minimum acceptable percentile of 50th percentile in each test component (verbal, math, science) **AND** a composite at or above the 60th percentile.
- Complete the prerequisite courses (BIO 123, BIO 244, CHM 120) with a grade of “C” or better.
- Current CNA on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above for any credit courses completed at CLC.
- File a “Request for Screening” at the Admissions and Records Office B 101 Grayslake.

In order to be eligible for admission to the Nursing program **all documents** must be in the Admissions and Records Office by the screening deadlines of the first Wednesday’s in February and September.

Students with incomplete files or documents that do not meet the minimum criteria will not be considered for screening.

Program Admission

1. All transcripts, NLN test scores and the screening request forms are on file in the Admissions and Records Office by the screening deadline.
2. In-District qualified candidates are ranked by the NLN composite percentile score.
3. Proceeding from the highest ranked score, student will be offered a seat until all seats are filled.

Residency Status

- Students who meet the minimum requirements for the program will be selected based upon residency.
- All qualified In-District residents will receive priority for admission. In-District residency is defined as someone who resides in the College of Lake County district (532) for reasons other than to attend the college.
- Working in the district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment program selection.
- Residency is determined by the Admissions and Records Office.

Academic Standing

- A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for entrance and continued progression in the nursing program.
- All science courses from CLC or other colleges require a minimum grade of “C” or better to qualify.
- Additional nursing support courses require a minimum of a “C” grade or better to be accepted for the nursing program BIO 245, BIO 246, PSY 220).

General Education Requirements (See catalog for course descriptions)

- ENG 121
- PSY 121-prerequisite for PSY 220
- CMM 121 **OR** 123 **OR** 128
- Humanities or Fine Arts Elective

Additional Required Coursework (See catalog for course descriptions)

- CMM 127 **OR** ANT 221 **OR** ANT 228
- BIO 245-Prerequisite for NUR 134
- BIO 246 (formerly BIO125)-Prerequisite for NUR 134
- PSY 220-Prerequisite for NUR 233
- General Elective

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Nursing Courses (See catalog for course descriptions)

- 1st semester NUR 132 and NUR 133
- 2nd semester NUR 134
- 3rd semester NUR 232 and NUR 233
- 4th Semester NUR 234

There is a significant time commitment once enrolled in the nursing courses. Nursing courses include classroom lecture, skills labs and clinicals at local health care facilities. Preparation includes independent practice time in the lab as well as clinical preparation time. The total time commitment ranges from 24-54 hours per week depending upon the course. Please make sure that you are prepared to make this commitment when you enter the nursing program.

Additional Nursing Program Information

- All correspondence regarding acceptance to the nursing program will be mailed to your address on record at CLC. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the address information in the Admissions and Records Office is correct.
- **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met and all documentation is on file in the Admissions and Records Office by the screening deadline.**
- Math 102 is a prerequisite for BIO 123 and CHM 120. The Math requirement can be met by completing Math 102, scoring 26 or greater on the College Math Placement Test or a Math ACT of 22 or greater.
- If BIO 244 & 245 (A&P 1&2) **AND** BIO 246 (Microbiology) are transferred from another accredited college, BIO 123 will be waived. Otherwise, BIO 123 is required for screening.
- There are currently no time limits on accepted courses at CLC including high school chemistry and science courses (with the exception of BIO 124 which will not be accepted after September 2014). Students are expected to have the knowledge from these courses to be successful in the nursing program.
- Qualified students not selected will be placed on a temporary wait list. Once the new nursing student orientation takes place, the wait list is dissolved. Students must reapply by submitting a new screening request form to the Admissions and Records office. NLN scores and the General Information meeting must be within the accepted time frame.
- During the screening process, if there are multiple qualified students with the same NLN composite percentile score a lottery system will be used to establish seating order among the equally qualified students.
- Screening is conducted a semester in advance. September screening is for the following spring (January) semester and February screening is for the following fall (August) semester.
- The nursing program screens students into the program every semester. Seats are limited to 60 students each semester. 40 seats are slated for daytime students and 20 seats are

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slated for evening students. Registration for daytime or evening selections is first come first serve during registration.

- Valid CPR (Healthcare provider) and major medical health insurance are required for all students to attend the nursing clinical courses.
- Upon acceptance into the nursing program, all health requirements including a physical exam, urinalysis, and titers (Blood levels) for several contagious diseases are required. Contact the Health Center (847-543-2064) for an appointment. The cost of the requirement will vary based upon individual student needs. Students are responsible for the cost of their health requirements. For additional information regarding the requirements and costs go to www.clcillinois.edu/depts/hlth.asp .
- All students in the nursing program must meet the physical and emotional ability standards. The standards can be viewed on the nursing web page at www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur.
- All students accepted into the nursing program will undergo a criminal background check and urine drug screen prior to beginning the program and yearly during the nursing program.
- Students who complete the Nursing degree are not guaranteed the right to work upon graduation. It is the student's responsibility to determine work requirements of the state in which they wish to work. Employers will require that prospective employees prove that they are legally eligible to work. The College is not responsible for the time, cost and effort expended by students who complete a program of study but are ineligible for employment upon graduation.
- LPNs are welcome to apply to the nursing program. LPNs must meet all of the screening prerequisites except CNA, and be formally accepted into the program. Following acceptance, an appointment with the program director is necessary to plan course placement. Syllabi from your LPN program are required for advanced placement.

Estimated Expenses

- Variable tuition is in effect for the nursing courses and is slightly higher than the other courses at CLC. Student will pay \$40.00 more per credit hour for nursing courses only.
- Approximate cost of tuition and fees for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$109.00 per credit hour for non-nursing courses and \$149.00 per credit hour for nursing courses.
- Approximate cost of textbooks is \$1100.00
- Approximate cost of uniforms is \$45.00
- Graduation expenses (NCLEX testing) \$450.00
- Additional costs are dependent upon the individual needs of the student (stethoscope, CPR course, health insurance, health requirements, etc.).

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Financial Aid

- A wide variety of financial assistance is available in the form of grants, loans, and scholarships. Students should see a financial aid counselor regarding their individual needs and eligibility. (847) 543-2062
- All student loans must be repaid according to the terms of the loan. Students are responsible for this financial obligation. Default on a loan could adversely affect licensure eligibility.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The College of Lake County provides information, guidance and support to students with disabilities through a variety of services as well as state-of-the-art equipment. Services are provided after meeting with a trained staff member from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Students must complete a request for services form prior to accommodations being offered. The OSD office is located in L 112 or can be contacted at 847-543-2055.

All students are responsible for meeting the screening requirements for the semester for which they are seeking admissions. Up to date information for screening requirements is available on the nursing web page www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur, or by calling the Nursing Education Office, or counseling or advising offices.

College of Lake County Resources

Office	Location	Phone Number
Admissions and Records	B101	(847) 543-2061
Financial Aid	B 114	(847) 543-2062
Advising Center	B 113	(847) 543-2067
Counseling Center	C110	(847) 543-2060
Testing Center	First floor Library	(847) 543-2076
Business Services and Finance	A101	(847) 543-2626
Office for Students with Disabilities	L112	(847) 543-2055

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Interpreting the NLN Entrance Examination Report


Students applying for College of Lake County’s Nursing Education Program must meet the following minimum scores on the NLN Entrance Examination in order to submit a limited enrollment application.

Composite: 60th percentile **AND**
 Verbal: 50th percentile **AND**
 Math: 50th percentile **AND**
 Science: 50th percentile

- Applicants who do not meet the minimum scores will not be considered for screening.
- NLN test scores are good for three years; please refer to your program Admission Requirements for details.
- There must be a minimum of six months between test dates.
- Study Guides are available at the CLC bookstore or most bookstores.
- Verbal, Math and Science sample tests are available at

www.learnatest.com/LEL/index.cfm/learningcenter/jobsCareers. *This site must be accessed from within the college.*

The sample below highlights how to interpret your score report in order to determine if you have met the required test score minimums:



Individual Performance Report PRE-ADMISSION RN FORM 53C

Summary				DI	AD	ALL
Examinee:	Percentile Rank:			48	47	47
Composite Score: 97						

Test	Raw Score	Percentiles		
		DI	AD	ALL
VERBAL	29 of 60	38	27	27
MATH	15 of 40	29	18	18
SCIENCE	35 of 60	78	69	68

A) Composite Test Score Minimum 60 th Percentile	B) Verbal Test Score Minimum 50 th Percentile	C) Math Test Score Minimum 50 th Percentile	D) Science Test Score Minimum 50 th Percentile
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Refer to the scores in the column labeled “AD” (Associate Degree) highlighted by the arrows in the sample above. The student in this example:

- A) Did **NOT** meet the minimum 60th percentile requirement for the Composite sub-score.
- B) Did **NOT** meet the minimum 50th percentile requirement for in the Verbal portion of the exam.
- C) Did **NOT** meet the minimum 50th percentile requirement for in the Math portion of the exam.
- D) Did meet the minimum 50th percentile requirement in the science portion of the exam.
- E) Would **NOT** be considered for admission because **all** of the minimum scores have not been satisfied.

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