



Information for DSLCC Pre-Nursing Students

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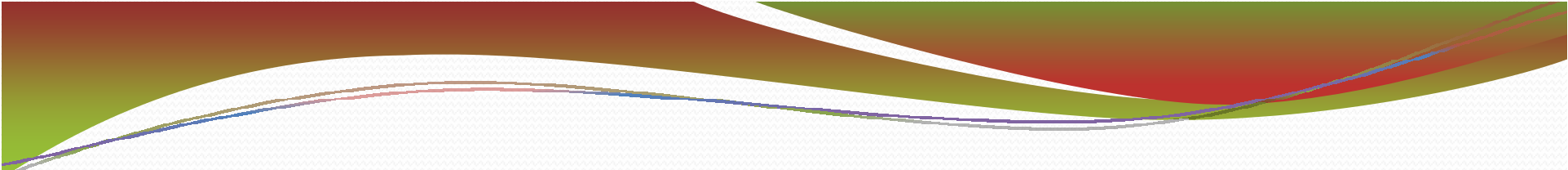
“I want to apply to the nursing program.
What do I do next?”





Frequently asked questions from students applying to the nursing program

- What is a placement test?
- Do I need to take the placement test?
- What prerequisite classes do I need before I can apply to the nursing program?
- Which classes can I take prior to admission to the nursing program?
- Will classes from another college transfer to the nursing program?
- Is there a time limit on transfer credits?

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- Will classes from a hospital-based diploma program transfer to the nursing program?
 - Does DSLCC accept AP or CLEP credit?
 - Can I test-out of any classes?
 - When should I take the nursing entrance exam?
 - How is my GPA calculated for entrance to the nursing program?
 - When will I know if have been admitted to the nursing program?
 - What happens if I drop out after I am admitted to the nursing program?
 - Are classes offered at nights?
 - Can I work while I am in the nursing program?



I. Prerequisites

1. Graduation from high school or GED - Students must have either graduated from high school or have completed their GED. High school seniors may apply for admission to the program and may be admitted pending their graduation.

2. Transcripts

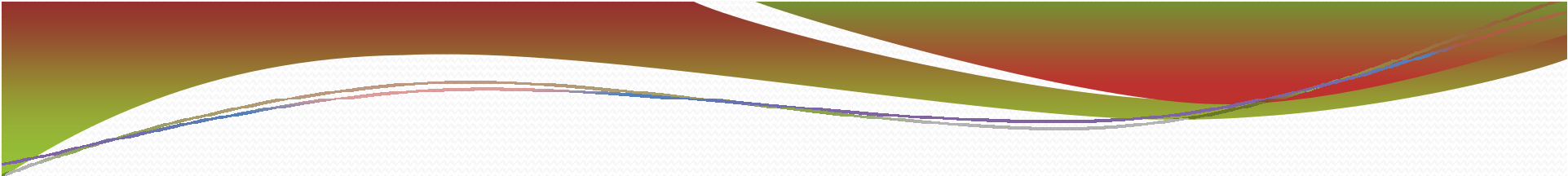
You must provide **official** transcripts from your high school and from any other colleges that you have attended. You will need to contact these schools and ask that an **official** copy of your transcript be sent to the DSLCC Nursing office. The address is:

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Attention: Nursing Office

P. O. Box 1000

Clifton Forge, VA 24422-1000



3. Admission to the College - you must be admitted to DSLCC before you can be considered for admission to the nursing program.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM.



4. High School Courses

In order to be admitted to the nursing program, you must have at least a “C” average in high school. If you have completed 10 or more college credits, your college grades will be considered rather than your high school grades. There are also three courses that you will need to have completed with at least a “C.” These courses may be taken either in high school or at DSLCC.

<u>HIGH SCHOOL COURSE</u>	<u>DSLCC EQUIVALENT</u>
Biology	BIO 20*
Algebra	MTH 03
Chemistry	NAS 05

*The requirement for BIO 20 may be waived if the applicant has successfully completed BIO 141 and BIO 142 prior to admission to the nursing program.



5. Academic Placement Test Scores

- You will need to take placement tests to determine if you need any remedial work. If remedial work is required, it must be completed before you will be considered for admission to the nursing program.
- If you have taken the SAT's or ACT's in the last 2 years, the placement test may be waived if your score meets the requirements.
- If it has been more than 2 years since you have taken SAT's or ACT's, or 5 years since you have taken the placement test, YOU MUST take the reading and math portions of the placement test. This applies regardless of the English or math classes you have taken at the college level.



What is the Placement Test?

- The placement test is a basic reading, writing, basic math and algebra assessment.
- It is multiple choice and can be taken on the computer or by paper and pencil.
- There are links to sample tests and practice questions on the DSLCC webpage, www.dslcc.edu under Student Services - Placement Testing.
- There is no charge for the placement test.
- You can schedule a time to take the placement test by calling Student Services at (540) 863-2815 or the Rockbridge Regional Center (RRC) at (540) 261-1211 (option #3).

Test Score Requirements

PLACEMENT TEST REQUIRED SCORE

Compass Reading Test	89 or higher
Compass Writing Test	78 or higher
Compass Pre-Algebra Test	30 or higher
Compass Algebra Test	35 or higher
Asset Reading Test	44 or higher
Asset Writing Test	44 or higher
Asset Pre-Algebra Test	41 or higher
Asset Algebra Test	35 or higher

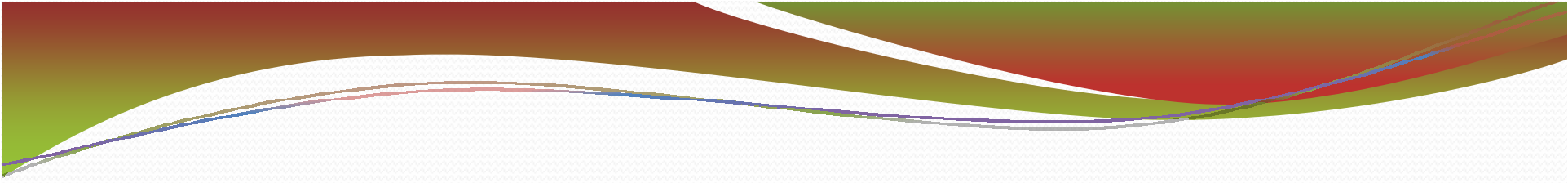
SAT/ACT REQUIRED SCORE

SAT Critical Reading Score	480 or higher
SAT Math Score	440 or higher
ACT English Score	20 or higher
ACT Reading Score	20 or higher
ACT Math Score	18 or higher



6. Nursing Entrance Exam

- Upon completion of all academic placement testing and remedial requirements, the nursing assessment test must be passed successfully before admission is considered.
- The exam is a comprehensive assessment of reading, writing, basic math, algebra, and basic science knowledge.

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- The exam is given on the last Saturday of the month in September – June, except in November (3rd Saturday) & December (not given).
 - The exam starts at 9:30 am and generally takes 6 hours including 2 breaks.
 - Students are allowed to bring drinks & snacks with them on exam day.
 - Students are able to check their exam results within 3-4 days.
 - Students must register for the exam in Student Services or at the RRC. Contact Student Services at 863-2815 for additional information.

II. LPN Curriculum

- **SDV 100 College Success Skills 1 cr**
- **BIO 141 and BIO 142 Anatomy & Physiology I & II 8 cr**
- **ENG 111 and ENG 112 College Composition I & II 6 cr**
- **HLT 138 Principles of Nutrition 1 cr**
- PNE 161 Nursing in Health Changes I 6 cr
- NUR 105 Nursing Skills 2 cr
- **NUR 135 Drug Dosage and Calculations 1 cr**
- **PSY 230 Developmental Psychology 3 cr**
- PNE 162 Nursing in Health Changes II 11 cr
- **BIO 149 Microbiology for Allied Health* 1 cr**
- PNE 188 Nursing Concepts III 6 cr
- PNE 143 Applied Nursing Skills 1 cr

*Students who plan to continue their education and ultimately get their baccalaureate degree may wish to substitute BIO 150: Introductory Microbiology (4 credits) in place of BIO 149.

III. RN Curriculum

- _____ **Humanities Elective 3 cr**
- NUR 205 Introduction to Second Level Nursing 6 cr
- NUR 226 Health Assessment 2 cr
- _____ **Social Science Elective 3 cr**
- **ITE 115 Basic Computer Literacy 3 cr**
- NUR 208 Acute Medical Surgical Nursing 6 cr
- NUR 254 Dimensions of Professional Nursing 1 cr



Humanities and Social Sciences

- Humanities electives include classes such as Art, Humanities, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Ethics, Languages, and Film Appreciation classes.
- Social Science electives include classes such as Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.



IV. Transfer Credits

- Students may transfer non-nursing classes from other accredited colleges and universities by submitting official transcripts.
- Students who have taken AP exams and achieved a score of 3 or above may receive transfer credit by submitting official score reports to the Registrar.
- Students may take CLEP exams for non-nursing courses. A list of CLEP exams can be obtained from an academic advisor.

V. Testing out of classes

- Credits from hospital-based programs will not transfer into the DSLCC Nursing program but students may be able to test out of some courses.
- Credits-by-exam are available to LPNs for BIO 141, BIO 142, BIO 149, PSY 230, HLT 138, and NUR 135, at no charge. If you are interested in testing out of any of these courses, please contact the nursing secretary, Julia Carter at (540) 863-2838.
- Students may also test out of ITE 115 by contacting Sam Benke, the program head for IST, at (540) 863-2896.

VI. Calculating your GPA for Nursing

- Convert grades to numeric values.
- A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0
- Remedial courses and prerequisites with course numbers below 100 (ie, ENG 03 or NAS 05) are not used in this calculation.
- Multiply the numeric grade for each class by the number of credits for that class.
- Example: ENG 111, 3 credits, grade B =
 $3 \times 3 = 9$ points.
- Total your points and divide that sum by the total credits for all classes.
- Each attempt at a course must be added in to the total.
- College grades more than 5 years old may be forgiven.



Courses Used for GPA in Nursing

- SDV 100
- ENG 111
- ENG 112
- BIO 141
- BIO 142
- BIO 149/150
- PSY 230
- Humanities Elective
- Social Science Elective
- ITE 115
- HCT 110
- HLT 138
- HLT 250
- HLT 106
- HLT 121
- HLT 143
- HLT 144
- HLT 145
- NUR 135
- Other Nursing Courses

GPA Calculation Example

- ENG 111, 3 credits x B (3) = 9 points
- ENG 112, 3 credits x A (4) = 12 points
- ITE 115, 3 credits x B (3) = 9 points
- BIO 141, 4 credits x B (3) = 12 points
- BIO 142, 4 credits x A (4) = 16 points
- HLT 138, 1 credit x C (2) = 2 points
- Total = 60 points divided by 18 credits
- GPA = 3.33



VII. How Does the Point System Work?

- The point system is used to rank students for admission by the courses they have completed and by their grades. Students with twelve or more points are admitted earlier according to the schedule described below.
- Applications for admission to the nursing program will be accepted beginning January 2 of each year from students who have met all other prerequisite requirements.
- **ALL WAITING LISTS WILL BE ELIMINATED WHEN FALL CLASSES COMMENCE.** Students wishing to be considered the following fall must reapply.

Points for Admission

<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	<u>POINTS EARNED</u>
3.6 or higher	9	
3.2 – 3.599	7	7
2.8 – 3.199	4	
2.5 – 2.799	2	
2.0 – 2.499	1	
<u>Courses Taken</u>	<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	<u>POINTS EARNED</u>
Earned Baccalaureate degree	5	
All Support Courses Completed (or enrolled in)	5	
All PN Support Crs Completed (or enrolled in)	4	
9 crs + 2 Biology's + Nutrition	3	3
15 Crs in the Nursing Curr.	2	
10 Crs in the Nursing Curr.	1	

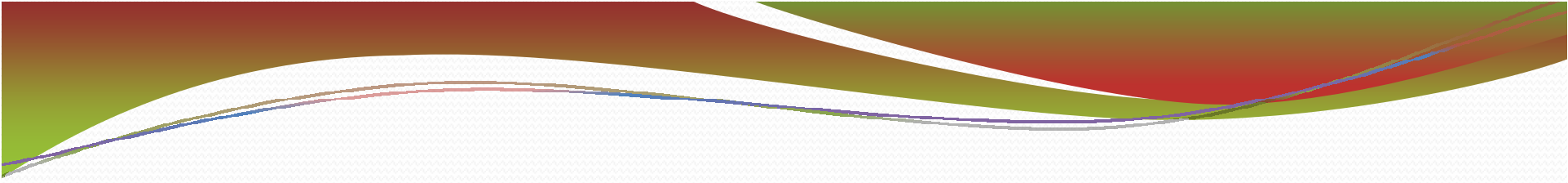
Points for Admission (cont.)

<u>Course Grades</u>	<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	<u>POINTS EARNED</u>
BIO 141 "B"	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	2
BIO 142 "A"	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	3
BIO 149 (or 150)	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	
HLT 138 "C"	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	1
NUR 135	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	
HLT 250	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	
<u>High School Seniors</u>	<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	<u>POINTS EARNED</u>
H.S. Advanced Courses & Ranked in Upper 10% of Class	3	
	TOTAL POINTS	16



VIII. Calendar for Admission

- **January 2**, students from the service region with **at least 12 of the 25 points** and a **minimum GPA of 3.0** will be admitted on a first come-first served basis.
- Beginning **February 1**, students with at least **12 of the 25** possible points and a **minimum GPA of 3.0** will continue to be admitted on a first come-first served basis. (Virginia, 10 West Virginia, 5 out-of-state)
- After **March 1**, service area will not be a factor for admission.

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- After **June 1 (or Feb. 1 for LPN Bridge)**, students will be accepted based on the highest number of points. A **minimum GPA of 2.7** and **minimum points of 10** will be required.
 - After **August 1 (or Feb. 15 for LPN Bridge)**, students will be accepted based on the highest number of points. A **minimum GPA of 2.5** and **minimum points of 10** will be required.
 - After **August 15 (or 1st day of LPN Bridge)**, faculty will review the qualifications of students with **less than 10 points** and a **GPA of less than of 2.5** and rank them for possible admission.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A grade of C or better is required for all nursing classes.
- Students who drop out of the nursing program must reapply for the next academic year.
- LPN students are encouraged to keep outside employment at or below 20 hours per week.
- DSLCC LPN's may be eligible to move directly into the RN program the year after graduation.
- After 1 year DSLCC LPN's must apply to the 3 credit Spring Bridge program.
- LPN's from non-DSLCC programs must fulfill the admissions requirements from the DSLCC LPN program and complete the 3 credit Summer Bridge program for admission to the RN program.

X. Conclusion

- Students who wish to apply to the nursing programs should call Student Services to schedule an appointment with an academic advisor.

In Clifton Forge: (540) 863-2815

In Buena Vista: (540) 261-1211 (option 3)