



Dear LPN:

Thank you for your interest in the Advanced Standing LPN-RN Fast Track Program at Dyersburg State Community College. This program is for LPNs with a current license and working as an LPN. Classes will be held during the summer semester each year on the Dyersburg campus.

To be considered for the LPN-RN Fast Track Program, you must first apply for admission to the College or readmission if you have previously taken courses at DSCC, and you must meet the nursing division requirements. In preparation for admission, please read the Admission Requirements carefully and complete prerequisites as required. Candidates who have not met the requirements for admission to the College and/or the Nursing program will not be considered for admission.

Beginning with the summer 2024 admission, there will be two changes in the admission policy.

- 1. MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics course will be added as a pre-requisite for admission to the LPN-RN Fast Track Nursing Program track.**
- 2. If an applicant has successfully completed the LPN Program at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) and holds a current LPN licensure, the LPN exit exam score can be used as the LPN-RN Fast Track entrance exam if the exam was taken within 3 years of the application deadline.**

The College application can be downloaded from the DSCC homepage (www.dsc.edu). If you have previous college course work from other colleges or universities, you must request transcripts be sent to DSCC along with your transcript from high school. College/University transcripts are to be submitted to the Division of Nursing also. (nursing@dsc.edu)

The application deadline for the LPN-RN Fast Track Program is December 31 and the class will begin the following May of each year.

For general information concerning DSCC, or the Nursing Program, refer to the DSCC website or call the One Stop Center at 731-286-3350, or the Division of Nursing 731-286-3390.

Division of Nursing

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Requirements for Admission to the Advanced Standing LPN to RN Program

The Dyersburg State Community College AAS degree with a Major in Nursing is a program of study designed to prepare individuals to be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The **LPN to RN** Nursing Fast Track is offered on the Dyersburg Campus. The Dyersburg State Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Website: www.acenursing.org/
Address: 3390 Peachtree Road NE
Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
Telephone: 404-975-5000
Fax: 404-975-5020

The DSCC Nursing Program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

Website: www.TNBoardofNursing.gov
Address: Tennessee Board of Nursing
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243
Telephone: 1-800-778-4123
615-532-5166

To be considered for admission to the Nursing Program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The **LPN** applicant must be accepted to DSCC as a regular admission student. Refer to [*Requirements for Regular Admission*](#) in this catalog section.
2. The applicant must submit a completed Application for the **LPN to RN Program** to the Division of Nursing by the deadline specified:
 - December 31st
 - This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
 - Applicant must submit evidence of a current active LPN license.
3. Applicants with prior college credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for all courses comprising the nursing curriculum and a minimum grade of "C" in each course in the nursing curriculum.
 - For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used in the calculation of the nursing grade point average.
 - By the application deadline for the Nursing Program, official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and/or universities must be submitted to the Office of Records and to the Division of Nursing for evaluation. Failure to provide documentation as requested will result in the rejection of the student's application.
 - At any time after a student has been admitted to the Nursing Program, if the student failed to submit all high school and/or college transcripts for review for admission, he/she will be dismissed from the Nursing Program at the point of discovery.

4. Each applicant is required to have on file his/her test results from the required preadmission examination: Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) for Registered Nurses. Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) graduates with LPN licensure who have graduated within the past 3 years and have successfully passed the TCAT specific exit exam are not required to take the TEAS. The student must submit their TCAT specific exit exam score in place of the TEAS for inclusion in the point system calculation.
 - Details regarding the dates, times, place and cost of the test are available from the Testing Office or at www.dsc.edu.
 - Test fees are non-refundable.
 - The Test score will remain in the applicant's file for three years from the testing date: if the student reapplies after three years, he/she must retake the preadmission examination again.
 - TEAS can be taken as many times as needed with the highest grade being used. There is a required six-month wait period between retesting.
5. A criminal background check and drug screen are required by clinical facilities for assurance of patient safety. These will be required if accepted into the program.
 - Based on the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow a student's presence at their facility. This will result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program.
 - Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for registered nurse licensure even though they successfully complete the Nursing Program. Detailed instructions regarding the background check will be given during nursing orientation.
 - The student will assume the cost of the physical examination, drug screens, and background checks. To obtain more information, please contact the Division of Nursing.
6. If accepted, the applicant must submit proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition, current immunizations including Tdap and Varicella and a negative TB skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated. TB skin tests and flu immunizations are required yearly. COVID-19 immunizations may be required based on a clinical site requirement. Students expected to have patient contact must present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact. The applicant must submit a valid Basic Life Support (American Heart Association) CPR card to the Division of Nursing.
7. Transfer requests from other colleges will be considered upon an individual basis and upon availability of space. Transfer requests should be directed to the Dean of Nursing.
8. Applicants may be interviewed by the Nursing faculty as part of the admission process.
9. Admission into the Nursing Program will be based on a point system.
 - The point system will be based upon the Preadmission Examination test score or TCAT specific exit exam score; GPA; and BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, ENGL 1010 Composition I, and MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics taken with a grade of "B" or above.
 - In the event an applicant has taken these courses more than once, the most recent grade will be calculated in the point system.
 - Science courses must have been completed within five years prior to the admission date and prior to the qualifying application deadline date to be included in the admission points.
 - The five-year science requirement may be waived if the applicant successfully completed the science course(s), has a current health care license.

10. Required Learning Support courses, if needed, must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline date. *BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, ENGL 1010 Composition I, MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics, and PSYC 1030 Introduction to Psychology* must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” prior to the qualifying application deadline.
11. Students who have made a “D” or “F” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses at DSCC (*unless an Academic Fresh Start has been granted; refer to [Academic Fresh Start](#) in [Academic Affairs and Regulations](#) section of this catalog*) or any other college or university will not be considered for admission, readmission or transfer to the DSCC Nursing Program.
 - If a “D”, “F”, or a withdrawal is made from two or more nursing courses in the same semester at DSCC or any other college or university, the attempt may be counted as one unsuccessful attempt.
 - Students who have made a “D”, “F” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses prior to completion of LPN licensure may be considered on an individual basis for admission to the DSCC Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track.
 - NURX CLEP exams given by Excelsior will not be considered an unsuccessful attempt if the student scored a “D” or “F.” Credit for courses will be given on a case by case basis as reviewed by the Nursing Admissions and Retention Committee
12. Students admitted to the DSCC Nursing Program will be required to comply with the Nursing Program retention and progression policies. Details of these policies are published in the *Division of Nursing Program Student Handbook*.
13. Each semester students will be required to pass a Math Dosage Validation Examination.
14. Students who apply but are not accepted for the Program must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following class. Applications will not be considered from previous semesters.
15. If accepted into the **LPN to RN Fast Track**:
 - Basic nursing skills competency/validation is required prior to beginning clinical rotation in NRSB 1700 and NRSB 1340.
 - After successfully completing NRSB 1700, the student will be awarded 7 credit hours for NRSB 1710 on the basis of their prior LPN educational program The student must successfully complete NRSB 1700 to receive the 7 credit hours.
 - The applicant who does not successfully complete NRSB 1700 and NRSB 1340, may seek admission as a regular student (see requirements for Admission to the Nursing Program).

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Advanced Standing LPN to RN Program
Major and Concentration

The Nursing Program graduate possesses the competencies necessary to assume the role of a beginning practitioner in a structured healthcare setting such as a hospital or extended care facility. The graduate is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

To facilitate success in this program, all students should enroll in ORN 1010: Orientation, Learning to Succeed during their first semester at DSCC.

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
ENGL 1010	English Composition I*	3
PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology*	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective**	3
	Guided Elective***	3
MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics*	3
BIOL 2010	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
BIOL 2020	Human Anatomy and Physiology II****	4
BIOL 2230	Microbiology	4
NRSNG 1700	Transition to Professional Practice	7
NRSNG 1710	Fundamentals of Nursing *****	7 (credit)
NRSNG 1340	Mental Health Nursing	3
NRSNG 2730	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	7
NRSNG 1320	Women's Health and Childbearing Family	3
NRSNG 2740	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	7
NRSNG 1330	Pediatric Nursing	3
NRSNG 2240	Professional Practice in Nursing	2
Total		66

* Learning Support Courses, PSYC 1030, ENGL 1010, BIOL 2010 and MATH 1530 are prerequisite courses and must be completed with a C or better to be considered for admission.

** The Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (one course) must be completed from the following: ART 1035, ART 2000, ART 2020, ENGL 2110, ENGL 2120, ENGL 2210, ENGL 2220, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320, ENGL 2055, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2200 or THEA 1030.

*** The Guided Elective (one course) must be completed from the following: ENGL 1020, COMM 2025, PSYC 2130 or HPED 220.

**** BIOL 2020 is a pre-requisite course for the second semester in the Nursing Program.

***** After successfully completing NRSNG 1700, the student will be awarded 7 credit hours for NRSNG 1710 on the basis of their prior LPN educational program. The student must successfully complete NRSNG 1700 to receive the 7 credit hours.

Nursing Courses must be taken in sequence.

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Point Calculations for Admission

	<u>Your Score</u>	<u>Maximum Possible</u>
Entrance Exam score	_____	<u>10</u>
* For complete details regarding entrance exam options, please see the Entrance Exam link at www.dsc.edu/LPN-RN		
HESI – divided by 100		
ATI – divided by 10		
Kaplan – divided by 10		
TEAS – divided by 10		
<i>(For TEAS – Average of Math and Reading sections only.)</i>		
GPA	_____	<u>4.0</u>
<i>(GPA is based upon nursing curriculum general education courses only.)</i>		
 EXTRA POINT COURSES – 1 point for a grade of B or above		
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	_____	<u>1.0</u>
English Composition I	_____	<u>1.0</u>
Introductory Statistics	_____	<u>1.0</u>
Total		_____