Thank you for your interest in the Advanced Standing RN Fast Track Program at Dyersburg State Community College. This Program is a consolidation of the LPN-RN Fast Track and the Paramedic-RN Nursing Programs. It is for LPNs and Paramedics with a current licensure who wish to advance their education.

To be considered for the Advanced Standing RN Fast Track Program, you must first apply for admission to the College or readmission if you have previously taken courses at DSCC. Nursing admission requirements must also be met. In preparation for admission, please read the admission requirements carefully and complete any prerequisites required. Applicants who have not met the requirements for admission to the College and/or the Nursing Program will not be considered for admission.

Dyersburg Campus Admission
The Dyersburg campus will admit every other spring semester beginning spring 2025. Students will attend spring, fall and spring. Nursing courses will not be offered during the summer semester.
Application deadline – September 15

JNC at Tipton County Admission
The JNC campus will admit every other fall semester beginning fall 2025. Students will attend fall, spring and fall. Nursing courses will not be offered during the summer semester.
Application deadline – March 15

The College application may be accessed from the DSCC homepage (www.dscc.edu). If an applicant has previous college course work from other colleges/universities, the applicant must request transcripts be sent to DSCC Admissions and Records. As a Nursing admissions policy requirement, applicants must also submit official college/university transcripts to the Department of Nursing. This can be completed through a transcript clearing house and sent electronically to nursing@dscc.edu.

A nursing career provides many wonderful opportunities. If you need further assistance, please call the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3200, the Department of Nursing at 731-286-3390 or the Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington at 901-475-3100, or the Department of Nursing at 901-475-3182.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christy Hamilton, RN

Director of Nursing
Dyersburg State Community College

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Dyersburg State Community College
Department of Nursing
Requirements for Admission to the Advanced Standing RN Fast Track

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 **Advanced Standing RN Fast Track** is offered on the Dyersburg Campus and at the Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington. 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 or Paramedic** 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 **Advanced Standing RN Fast Track** to the Department of Nursing by the deadline specified:
   o March 15th for Fall admission at the Jimmy Naifeh Center
   o September 15th for Spring admission at Dyersburg
   o This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
   o The applicant must submit evidence of a current active LPN or Paramedic 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.
   o For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used in the calculation of the nursing grade-point average.
   o 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 Department of Nursing for evaluation. Failure to provide documentation as requested will result in the rejection of the student's application.
   o 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. Applicants with a Paramedic licensure and LPNs who have been licensed for more than 3 years will take the TEAS as the admission exam. 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.
   o Details regarding the dates, times, place and cost of the test are available from the Testing Office or at www.dscc.edu.
   o Test fees are non-refundable.
   o 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.
   o 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.
   o Students must reapply for each class to be considered; the Department of Nursing does not keep a waiting list of applicants.
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.
   o 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.
   o 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.
   o The student will assume the cost of the physical examination, drug screens, and background checks. To obtain more information, please contact the Department 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 Department of Nursing.
7. Transfer requests from other colleges will be considered on an individual basis and upon availability of space. Transfer requests should be directed to the Director 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.
   o 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 English Composition I, and MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics courses completed with a grade of "B" or above.
   o In the event an applicant has taken these courses more than once, the most recent grade will be calculated in the point system.
   o 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.

- o The five-year science requirement may be waived if the applicant successfully completed the science course(s) and 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 English 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," "F," or have withdrawn from two nursing courses at DSCC (*unless an Academic Fresh Start has been granted; refer to Academic Fresh Start* in the *[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.
    - o If a "D," "F," or 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.
    - o Students who have made a "D," "F," or have withdrawn from two nursing courses prior to completion of LPN or Paramedic licensure may be considered on an individual basis for admission to the DSCC Advanced Standing Fast Track.
    - o 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 *Department 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 **Advanced Standing RN Fast Track**:
    - o Basic nursing skills competency/validation is required prior to beginning clinical rotation in NRSG 1700 and NRSG 1340.
    - o After successfully completing NRSG 1700, the student will be awarded 7 credit hours for NRSG 1710 on the basis of their prior LPN or Paramedic educational program. The student must successfully complete NRSG 1700 to receive the 7 credit hours.
    - o The applicant who does not successfully complete NRSG 1700 and NRSG 1340 may seek admission as a regular student (see requirements for *[Admission to the Nursing Program](#)*).

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Advanced Standing RN Fast Track Nursing 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
NRSG 1700	Transition to Professional Practice	7
NRSG 1710	Fundamentals of Nursing *****	7 (credit)
NRSG 1340	Mental Health Nursing	3
NRSG 2730	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	7
NRSG 1320	Women's Health and Childbearing Family	3
NRSG 2740	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	7
NRSG 1330	Pediatric Nursing	3
NRSG 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 NRSG 1700, the student will be awarded 7 credit hours for NRSG 1710 on the basis of their prior LPN educational program The student must successfully complete NRSG 1700 to receive the 7 credit hours.

Nursing Courses must be taken in sequence.

Dyersburg State Community College
Department of Nursing
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Advanced Standing RN Fast Track Nursing Program

Point Calculations for Admission

	Your Score	Maximum Possible
Entrance Exam score	_____	10

        * For complete details regarding entrance exam options,
          please see the LPN Entrance Exam link.
            HESI –   divided by 100
            ATI –   divided by 10
            Kaplan –   divided by 10
            TEAS –   divided by 10
              (For TEAS – Average of Math and Reading sections only.)

	Your Score	Maximum Possible
GPA	_____	4.0

  (GPA is based upon nursing curriculum general education courses only.)

EXTRA POINT COURSES – *1 point for a grade of B or above*

	Your Score	Maximum Possible
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	_____	1.0
English Composition I	_____	1.0
Introductory Statistics	_____	1.0

Total_____