

Getting into the Practical Nursing Vocational Certificate Program (LPN)

Applying to Daytona State College (DSC)

1. Submit an application to the College or readmit with Admissions or an Enrollment Services Advisor if it has been two major semesters or longer since you last attended DSC. **Select Pre-Practical Nursing – 1195 as your program code.**
2. Have official transcripts sent to DSC (high school, GED, college).
3. Apply to Financial Aid if desired.
4. All new and readmitted students will be required to complete the college Orientation. Students can complete the orientation online.
5. Take the vocational placement test (TABE) unless you have credit for College Composition (ENC1101) & Intermediate Algebra (MAT1033) with a "C" or better grade or have current CPT, SAT or ACT results that meet minimum scores for placement in College Composition (ENC1101) & Intermediate Algebra (MAT1033).
6. Meet with an Academic Advisor to review CPT results for English and Math placement.

If you do not meet minimum TABE scores, you can complete Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) through the Academic Support Center to improve your TABE scores. There is a 21 day wait period between retests. If you choose not to take the VPI courses, you must wait the 21 days. If you take the VPI courses, the Academic Support Center may grant permission to re-test sooner than the 21 days. Only the Academic Support Center can refer for retest prior to the 21 days.

Meeting requirements to apply to the Practical Nursing Program (LPN)

Nursing applications are only accepted twice a year – May and September. You apply in May for a program that begins in Fall or apply in September for a program that starts in January.

There are three minimum qualifications to **APPLY** to the LPN program:

- Minimum scores on the TABE test (11th grade level on all sections);
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Either the high school grade point average, GED score of 2250 the cumulative GPA from a minimum of 6 credits of college credit work can be used, and
- TEAS or NET test results meeting the minimum requirements. (NET was discontinued as of Spring 2009. NET scores are valid 3 years from the test date and will be valid through **December 2012**). Required NET scores minimums are 41st percentile or higher on: *reading comprehension, essential mathematics and the composite scores.*

TEAS Test Information and Testing Process

The TEAS online practice assessment and study guide are available from Assessment Technologies Institute at www.atitesting.com Information about the test format as well as how to prepare for the test is available on the web site. In addition, the TEAS study guide may be utilized at the Academic Support Center on each campus.

Step 1: Obtain an Assessment Services Test Fees form available at Assessment Services.

Step 2: Take the form and \$40.00 test fee to a campus cashier. The test is timed and can take between 3 and 3½ hours to complete. Questions will cover topics of Mathematics, Reading, Science, and English and Language Usage. Use of a calculator is not permitted.

Step 3: Take your receipt to Assessment Services at any campus. Contact Assessment regarding testing hours. Some campuses require appointments.

Step 4: Before leaving Assessment Services, you will receive a print out of your results. Look under the "YOUR SCORE" column in math, reading comprehension, and composite for your score percentile.

- TEAS composite score at the 65th percentile or better
- TEAS score of 60% or better in mathematics
- TEAS score of 60% or better in reading.

If you do not receive a passing score in each category, it is recommended that you go to the Academic Support Center for remediation. The Academic Support Center will determine when you may retest. Retests are allowed after 30 days if no remediation and again require a \$40 fee.

The minimums listed above are just that, minimums. Students are encouraged to complete prerequisite courses for the program to become more competitive. As described in the "SELECTION PROCESS", students who rank higher are those who have all prerequisite courses completed.

Program prerequisites

If accepted into the program, the following courses must be completed prior to starting nursing course work: **Introduction to Health Care (HSC1000)** and **Basic Anatomy and Physiology (BSC1080)** with a grade of "C" or better.

NOTE: Students have the option to take Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BSC1085/BSC1085L) and Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BSC1086/BSC1086L) in the place of BSC1080 if s/he intends to transition to the Registered Nursing (RN) program. Students must complete both courses to substitute. BSC1080 does not count as the required anatomy course for the RN program.

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1. Go to the Nursing website at <http://www.daytonastate.edu/CampusDirectory/deptInfo.jsp?dept=NUR> and download the Nursing Application from the link at the bottom labeled NURSING APPLICATION.
2. During the application periods of May or September, visit an Academic Advisor on any campus and bring the following: *a completed Nursing Application form; a printed unofficial DSC transcript, and a copy of your NET or TEAS scores.*
3. The advisor will check to make sure that you meet minimum qualifications and will record any pre-and co-requisite course work completed. The Advisor will complete a checklist and assemble the materials into a packet for you. On the Daytona campus students will be referred to Melissa Brown, Bldg. 320, Rm. 549 to submit the application; on the other campuses, the applications will be sent via intercampus mail to Melissa Brown unless the student chooses to submit the application in person in Daytona.
4. Decision letters will be sent approximately six weeks following the application period. Applicants not accepted will receive a declination letter and can re-apply during the next application period.

THE PART TIME LPN PROGRAM WAS DISCONTINUED IN FALL 2008

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE (LPN)

The Nursing Department selects students based on the qualifications outlined below. The best candidate falls within "Category 1"; next best candidates fall into "Category 2" and so forth. Generally, students with both prerequisite courses completed with the best GPA are the most competitive.

Submit completed application packet to the Academic Advising Office in May or September

*** Category 1**

Successful completion of ALL the required nursing pre-requisite courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better.

*** Category 2**

Successful completion of ALL the required nursing pre-requisite courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 to 2.99 or better.

*** Category 3**

Students with outstanding pre-requisite courses, in the following order:

- A. Applicants who have completed **Introduction to Healthcare (HSC 1000)**.
- B. Applicants who have completed **Basic Anatomy and Physiology for Health Careers (BSC 1080)**.

Applicants are given priority of admission within each category based upon:

- A. Cumulative GPA.
- B. TEAS reading comprehension score.
- C. TEAS essential mathematics score.
- D. TEAS composite score.

*** PROGRAM PRE- AND CO-REQUISITES AND NURSING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A "C" GRADE OR BETTER.**