

## College of Lake County

### Associate Degree Program in Nursing Prospective Student Information

## Accreditation and Approval



- The Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
- The Nursing Program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

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The Associate Degree Nursing Program at the College of Lake County meets the state education requirements for a Registered Professional Nurse nursing license in the state of Illinois. The College of Lake County has not determined if the Associate Degree Nursing Program at the College of Lake County meets the state requirements in any other state, any U.S. Territory, or the District of Columbia.

## Program Administrator

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## Nursing Education Information Nursing Website

<http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur>

### Nursing Education Office

Location: D208, Grayslake Campus  
Phone: 847-543-2043  
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Email: [nuroffice@clcillinois.edu](mailto:nuroffice@clcillinois.edu)  
Office hours: 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday

## Nursing Screening Requirements

### ➤ Complete a Student Information Form

- Student Admission Form
  - for students new to CLC
  - <http://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/new>
- Current students may update their information at:
  - <http://www.clcillinois.edu/student-services/student-records/student-records-forms>



## ➤ Meet College Reading and Writing and Algebra Readiness

- All applicants who plan to enroll in credit classes need to provide evidence of
  - College Reading and Writing Readiness
  - Basic Algebra Readiness
- Readiness can be met in a variety of ways – see the Prerequisite link on the Admissions web page for details. Submit proof to the Welcome and One Stop Center prior to enrolling in credit classes.

## ➤ Submit **OFFICIAL** transcripts

- Submit US Official High School and College transcripts with graduation date to the Welcome and One Stop Center
  - A transcript evaluation form must be submitted to transfer credits from another college
  - College transcripts must be evaluated prior to making an advising appointment
  - For LPNs only: If you have graduated from a non-state approved nursing program, you may not be granted course transfer credit.
- Admissions 847-543-2061
- Counseling 847-543-2060

OFFICIAL  
TRANSCRIPT

## International Transcript Evaluations

International transcripts will not be evaluated by the College, you must contact a NACES approved evaluator for evaluation for foreign coursework, and have the official evaluation sent to the Registrar and Records department. The evaluation must be a **Catalog Match** evaluation in order to be considered for transfer credit.

The following companies offer catalog match evaluation services:

**Educational Perspectives, nfp.**

<http://www.edperspective.org/>

**International Academic Credential Evaluators, Inc.**

<http://www.iacei.net/>

## ➤ Attend a Nursing Education Information Session

### Be sure to verify your attendance at an information session:

- Submit verification of Attendance form including attendance code (given at the end of this presentation)
- Form can be found on the website:
- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur>
- If you do not submit this form, you will not get credit for attending!
- Must attend within the 2 years prior to applying to the program

## ➤ Complete Required Courses

- Chemistry: CHM 120 *Chemical Concepts* at CLC or an equivalent chemistry course with a “C” or better grade
- Biology: BIO 123 *Principles of Biology* AND BIO 244 *Anatomy & Physiology I* at CLC or equivalent courses with a “C” or better grade
  - BIO 123 is a prerequisite for BIO 244

Note: BIO 123 and CHM 120 have a Math prerequisite which may be met in a variety of ways. Discuss the options with an academic advisor.



## Transferring in courses from another college:

- Official transcripts from each college sent to the Office of Records
- Complete Transfer Credit Evaluation Request form:
  - <http://dept.clcillinois.edu/adr/EvaluRequest.pdf>
- Allow 4-6 weeks for transcript to be evaluated
- Meet with the Academic Success Advisor (ASA)

➤ Be a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry

- May be obtained by taking NUR 110
- Prerequisites for enrolling in NUR 110:
  - Submit Background Check Authorization Form to the Nursing Education office
  - Submit receipt for fingerprinting to the Nursing Education office
  - Satisfy the drug screening requirement
  - Satisfy the Nurse Assisting program's health requirements
  - Satisfy Reading requirement

(See Nurse Assisting Fact Sheet)

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/nur/NAFactSheet.pdf>

Note: Illinois Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) also satisfies the Nurse Assistant requirement

➤ Take the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)

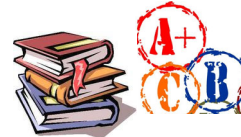
- Meet minimum acceptable scores:
  - Composite RN Percentile Rank of **60**
  - RN Percentile Rank of **50** in **each** category:  
Math, Science, Verbal



## NLN PAX

- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs-and-classes/academic-divisions/biodv/nln>
- NLN PAX results must not be older than 3 years at the time of screening
- To retake the exam, you must wait a minimum of 90 days between exams
- NLN scores will be accepted from exams that are taken up to and including the date of the screening deadline.
- Information: [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org); testing services

➤ Have a cumulative CLC GPA of 2.0 or higher



➤ Be at least 18 years of age



➤ Submit a "Request for Screening" to the Welcome and One Stop Center  
➤ (may be faxed or emailed)

[http://dept.clcillinois.edu/adr/NUR\\_ScreeningForm.pdf](http://dept.clcillinois.edu/adr/NUR_ScreeningForm.pdf)

- All documents must be in the Welcome and One Stop Center by the end of business hours on the screening deadline day.
- **Screening Deadlines are the fourth Wednesday in February and fourth Wednesday in September each year.**

## Screening Notes



- Students **may not** screen while taking a requirement course.
- All transcripts and the screening request form need to be on file in the Welcome and One Stop Center by the deadline.
- All requirements must be completed with the acceptable grade prior to the screening deadline to be considered for admission to the nursing program.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met, and all documents are on file in the Admissions and Recruitment office.
- Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for screening.

## Program Admission



- All qualified candidates are ranked by the PAX composite RN percentile score. Preference will be given to residents of Community College District 532.
- Students are offered a seat proceeding from the highest ranked scores
- 45 students are accepted each semester
- First semester (NUR133) registration is on a first come, first served basis
- Day and evening options are available for lecture. Some semesters may require daytime clinicals.

## \*Program Notification\*

Students will be sent a pending notification of admission status via CLC Student Email three to six weeks after the screening deadline.

The student will be directed on next steps in the email communication.

## \*Program Notification\*

### What If an Applicant Does Not Get In?

Students not admitted for the current semester will need to complete a new screening form for the next screening deadline. There is **NO WAITING LIST** for the nursing program.

Or consider a career in another Health Science:

- Health Information Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Imaging
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Surgical Technology

## Program Requirements

- All General Education requirements must also be met before graduation
- Several courses are prerequisites for nursing courses and should be completed as early as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts (i.e. BIO 245 and 246 before NUR 134)
- Completion of the Nursing Program takes a minimum of 2 years



## Additional Program Information

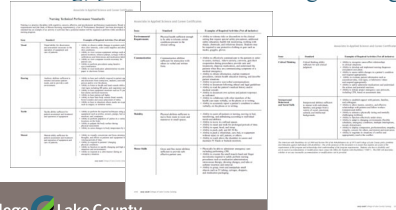
- Health requirements need to be met once you are accepted into the nursing program.
- Review the nursing web page for specific health requirements.
- Contact the CLC Health Center (room C176) for additional information: [healthcenter@clcillinois.edu](mailto:healthcenter@clcillinois.edu)



## Additional Program Requirements

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/pub/catalog/career/nur.pdf>

- Students accepted into the program must meet the Technical Performance Standards (Sensory, mobility, communication, behavior and critical thinking) [Listed in current college catalog]



## Additional Program Requirements

- All students will undergo a criminal background check and urine drug screen upon acceptance into the nursing program and yearly thereafter
- Some clinical agencies may require the student to sign consent forms to release the outcome of their drug screen and background check

## Nursing Program Time Commitment

- There is a significant time commitment once enrolled in the nursing courses.
- Nursing courses include classroom lecture, skills labs, and clinical 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.



## Time Commitment

- Example NUR 133 (8 credits)
  - 5 class hours/week
  - 9 lab hours (includes on campus labs and clinical sites)/week
- 14 hours total/week
- 2-3 Prep hours for each hour in class
- Total approximately 24-36 hours per week, plus travel



## Estimated Program Expenses

- Variable tuition is in effect for nursing courses and is slightly higher than other courses at CLC. Student will pay \$55.00 more per credit hour for nursing courses only (35 credits).
- 2022-2023 Tuition \$128 + \$22 comprehensive fee = \$150 per credit hour for non-nursing courses
  - Plus \$55 per credit hour variable tuition = \$205 per credit hour for all nursing courses.



\*Subject to change each school year

### Nursing Courses

1<sup>st</sup> Semester – NUR133 *Foundational Concepts of Nursing Practice*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester – NUR134 *Medical Surgical Nursing*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester – NUR232 *Mental Health Nursing* and NUR233 *Family-Centered Nursing Care*  
 4<sup>th</sup> Semester – NUR234 *Complex Medical, Surgical and Leadership Nursing*

**General Education Requirements**  
 CLC 120 *College Success Seminar*  
 ENG 121 *English Composition I*  
 PSY 121 *Introduction to Psychology* – prerequisite for PSY 220  
 CMM 121 *Fundamentals of Speech*  
 or 123 *Dynamics of Small Groups Discussion*  
 or 128 *Interviewing Practices*  
 Humanities or Fine Arts Elective

**Additional Required Coursework**  
 CMM 127 *Intercultural Communication*  
 or ANT 221 *Cultural Anthropology*  
 or ANT 228 *Cross-Cultural Relationships*  
 BIO 245 *Anatomy & Physiology II* – prerequisite for NUR 134  
 BIO 246 *Microbiology* – prerequisite for NUR 134  
 PSY 220 *Lifespan Development* – prerequisite for NUR 233  
 BIO 123, BIO 244, CHM 120 – required for acceptance into the program

## End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Provides quality, safe, patient-centered care through evidence-based practice.
2. Participates in collaborative relationships with members of the interdisciplinary team to provide and improve patient care.
3. Analyzes patient situations and applies critical thinking skills and strategies to provide quality patient care.
4. Provides leadership in a variety of healthcare settings for diverse patient populations.
5. Uses information technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
6. Functions as a competent nurse assimilating all professional, ethical, and legal principles.

## Additional Program Information

Students who complete the Nursing degree at CLC are eligible to sit for the NCLEX exam to obtain a nursing license.



## Nursing Program Outcomes

Most recent results show:

- 86% of graduates passed NCLEX on the first attempt (2020)
- 84% of graduates passed NCLEX on the first attempt (2021)
- 81% of students complete the program within 4 semesters
- 89% of students complete the program within 6 semesters

## Additional Program Information (Disclaimer)

- Students 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.

## Additional Program Information (Disclaimer)

- Certain **Criminal History Records** may prevent a student from qualifying for the RN license.
- Visit the following website for more information:  
<https://www.idfpr.com/FAQ/DPR/2019%20Nursing%20CC%20FAQs.pdf>

## Additional Program Information

**Financial Aid** – 847/543-2062

**Scholarships** –CLC Foundation – 847/543-2091

<http://www.clcillinois.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/clc-foundation-scholarships>

**Students with Disabilities** - Office for Students with Disabilities for accommodations – 847/543-2474

CLC Partnership with Illinois State University/Mennonite College of Nursing offers dual enrollment

- ISU courses are offered online
- Students can choose:
  - Dual Enrollment: Take classes towards Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) during Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program – students enrolled at CLC and Illinois State University
  - Pathways: Take classes towards BSN after ADN degree is awarded (up to 2 years)



## RN to BSN Completion


- Multiple schools offer opportunities for Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion:
- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/student-services/transfer-planning/transfer-partnerships/guaranteed-admission>
- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/student-services/transfer-planning/transfer-guides/>

## U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Registered Nurses

- Top occupation in terms of job growth through 2029
- 2019: RN workforce 3 million RNs
- Projected 2029: 3.3 million RNs
- Increase 10%

### Employment Opportunities

1. Acute care: critical care; emergency; trauma; orthopedic
2. Case Management
3. Community Health
4. Family; maternity and pediatrics
5. Palliative Care
6. Mental Health; Substance Abuse
7. Surgical, Perioperative
8. Tele-health

**ILLINOIS NURSING WORKFORCE CENTER**  **IDFPR**  
**Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**  
**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Survey Results (2020)**

### Demographics:

- Number of Registered Nurses in Illinois = ~206,000
- Number of Registered Nurses in Cook County= ~64,000
- Number of Registered Nurses in Lake County= 8,020

### Salary:

In Illinois the average staff nurse salary ranges from \$55,000-\$85,000

### Employment settings:

- 52% of RNs practice in a hospital/acute care setting
- 11% of RNs practice in an ambulatory care setting
- 9% of RNs practice in a nursing home/extended care/assisted living setting
- 4% of RNs are school nurses

## Prospective Nursing Student Information Packet

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/nur/ProspectiveNursingStudentInfoPacket.pdf>

## Questions



Make sure you complete the Verification of Attendance at the Virtual Nursing Program Information Meeting and remember to fill-in the meeting code.

Please email the completed form to the Nursing Education Office at:

[nuroffice@clcillinois.edu](mailto:nuroffice@clcillinois.edu)