

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY-ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS



The information in this document is not a contractual agreement, but is intended to provide information on program requirements. The applicant is responsible for the knowledge of and compliance with all information, procedures, and guidelines contained herein. Students are required to meet the screening requirements in effect at time of application. Students who screen and are accepted into a limited enrollment program will be required to complete the curriculum that is in place at the time of entrance into the program. If students who screen are not granted admission, they must rescreen and satisfy all screening and curriculum requirements in place for a future program start.

**Nursing Education Office
Room D 208, Grayslake Campus
847-543-2043**

Screening deadlines:

All materials for screening must be submitted to the Admissions and Recruitment Office in the Welcome and One Stop Center at the Grayslake campus (B114) by the close of business on the screening deadline day. Screening Deadlines are the Fourth Wednesdays in February and September. **Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for screening.**

Steps to Getting Started

Submit an application to the college (there is no charge to apply to the college)

- If you are a new student, this should be your first step.
- If you attended the college in the past, but have not actively taken classes at CLC for two (2) years or longer, update your application to the college.
- Applications are available on the CLC website at <https://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student>.

Meet the College Reading and Writing Readiness and Algebra Readiness requirements

- A complete list of how to meet the requirements is available on **page 12** of the catalog at: http://dept.clcillinois.edu/pub/catalog/archive/2021-22_Catalog.pdf.
- Visit the website <https://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/steps/basic-proficiencies>.

Attend a Nursing Program Information Session

- Sessions will be conducted approximately once per month for those who wish to attend. An information session schedule is available through the [website](#). It is a requirement for screening that you attend an information session within 24 months **prior** to screening deadline.

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Submit “Official” transcripts to CLC Office of Admissions and Recruitment

- Submit **Official (in a sealed envelope) high school** transcripts OR **Official** GED results to the Admissions and Recruitment Office. (GED scores must be requested even if completed at CLC).
- Final high school transcripts must have the **graduation date posted** and be from the last high school attended.
- Foreign high school transcripts need to be evaluated by a NACES approved agency (if applicable). The completed evaluation will indicate that the equivalent of a US Secondary education was met. Forms available in the Admissions and Recruitment Office at the Welcome and One Stop Center – Grayslake Campus, B114.
- Submit **Official (in a sealed envelope) College** transcripts for all colleges attended to the Admission and Recruitment office.
- If a degree was completed, college transcripts must have the degree awarded and the date of the awarding. If college courses were completed but no degree was awarded, transcripts can still be reviewed for any transferable courses.
- In order for college transcripts to be evaluated, a “Transcript Evaluation” form needs to be completed and submitted. The form is linked on the nursing web page <http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur/links>.
- Allow four to six (4-6) weeks for an evaluation to be completed by the Admissions and Recruitment office.
- Foreign college transcripts need to be evaluated by NACES approved agency (if applicable). When submitting the transcripts, request a catalog match to CLC.
- Forms are available in the Admissions and Recruitment Office at the Welcome and One Stop Center – Grayslake Campus, B114.
- ***All transcripts must be received in the Admissions and Recruitment office by the screening deadline to be considered for screening purposes.***

Nursing Screening Requirements

- Attend a Nursing Program Information Session within 24 months prior to screening deadline. Attendance at a nursing program information session is **mandatory**.
- Chemistry: CHM 120 (Chemical Concepts) with a grade of “C” or better at CLC or an equivalent course from another accredited college with a grade of “C” or better.
- Biology: BIO 123 (Principles of Biology) at CLC with a grade of “C” or better or an equivalent course from another college.
- Biology: BIO 244 (Anatomy & Physiology I) with a grade of “C” or better or an equivalent course from another college.
- Have successfully completed a state nurse aid certified exam as evidenced by being listed as a CNA on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry. For ways to meet the CNA requirement go to the nursing web page <http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur/options/cna>.
- NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX) with the minimum acceptable percentile scores.
 - Applicants must satisfy each of the following minimum percentile scores to be considered for admission (*see page 7 of this document for a sample report*):
 - **Composite RN Percentile Rank:** 60
 - Verbal RN Percentile Rank: 50
 - Math RN Percentile Rank: 50
 - Science RN Percentile Rank: 50

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NLN PAX Exam Information

Scores from an NLN PAX test completed more than three (3) years prior to the screening deadline will not be accepted. **There must be a minimum of ninety (90) days between test dates.** PAX registration is online. The link below can assist to calculate ninety (90) days for the NLN test.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/date/duration.html>

See the NLN Exam Information page on our website for the current exam enrollment procedures and instructions. <https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs-and-classes/academic-divisions/biodv/nln>

Test Prep Options

- The Professional Development department offers an NLN Pre-Entrance Exam Prep course. <https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs-and-classes/training-for-professionals-and-businesses/cpd/healthcare/nln-test-prep>
- NLN offers test preparation materials if you choose to study for the exam on your own.
 - See the “How to Purchase NLN Study Materials and Practice Exams” section at <https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs-and-classes/academic-divisions/biodv/nln>

Students may not screen while taking a prerequisite course. All prerequisites must be completed with the acceptable grade prior to the screening deadline in order to be considered for admission. Students must be on the Illinois Health Care Worker registry for CNA at the time of screening.

Process for Screening

- Complete an application for admission to the college and receive a student ID number.
- Demonstrate college level algebra readiness and reading and writing readiness.
- Provide **OFFICIAL** copies of all relevant transcripts (high school and/or other colleges, or GED) to the Admissions and Recruitment Office. Proof of High School Graduation must be submitted.
- Complete a credit evaluation form for college transcripts and submit the form to Admissions and Recruitment.
- Attend a Nursing Program Information Session (*within 2 years prior to current screening deadline*).
- Complete the NLN PAX exam and have the exam results on file in the Admissions and Recruitment Office - valid for 3 years from the date of the exam to the date of screening. Exam scores must meet the minimum acceptable percentile of 50th percentile in each test component (verbal, math, science) **AND** a composite at or above the 60th percentile.
- Complete the prerequisite courses (BIO 123, BIO 244, CHM 120) with a grade of “C” or better.
- Have successfully completed a state nurse aid certified exam as evidenced by being listed as a CNA on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above for any credit courses completed at CLC.
- File a “Request for Screening” at the Admissions and Recruitment Office at the Grayslake campus. Screening forms may be emailed or faxed. For additional information go to: <http://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/steps/limited-enrollment>
Scroll to the bottom of the page for the forms for the Nursing program.

In order to be eligible for admission to the Nursing program **all documents** must be in the Admissions and Recruitment Office by the close of business on the screening deadlines of the fourth Wednesdays in February and September. ***Students with incomplete files or documents that do not meet the minimum criteria will not be considered for screening.***

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Program Admission

1. All transcripts, NLN test scores and the screening request forms are on file in the Admissions and Recruitment Office by the screening deadline.
2. In-District qualified candidates are ranked by the NLN composite percentile score.
3. Proceeding from the highest ranked NLN score, students will be offered a seat until all seats are filled.

Residency Status

- All qualified In-District residents will receive priority for admission. In-District residency is defined as someone who resides in the College of Lake County district (532) for reasons other than to attend the college.
- Working in the district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment program selection.
- Residency is determined by the Admissions and Recruitment Office and evidence will need to be provided upon acceptance into the program.

Academic Standing

- A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for entrance and continued progression in the nursing program.
- All science courses from CLC or other colleges require a minimum grade of “C” or better to qualify.
- Additional nursing support courses require a minimum of a “C” grade or better to be accepted for the nursing program (PSY 220).

General Education Requirements (See catalog for course descriptions)

- ENG 121
- PSY 121-prerequisite for PSY 220
- CMM 121 **OR** 123 **OR** 128
- Humanities or Fine Arts Elective

Additional Required Coursework (See catalog for course descriptions)

- CMM 127 **OR** ANT 221 **OR** ANT 228
- BIO 245-Prerequisite for NUR 134 (2nd nursing semester)
- BIO 246 (formerly BIO125)-Prerequisite for NUR 134 (2nd nursing semester)
- PSY 220-Prerequisite for NUR 233(3rd nursing semester)

Nursing Courses (See catalog for course descriptions)

- 1st semester NUR 133
- 2nd semester NUR 134
- 3rd semester NUR 232 and NUR 233
- 4th semester NUR 234

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.

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Additional Nursing Program Information

- All correspondence regarding acceptance to the nursing program will be sent to your CLC email address. If not accepted, a detailed explanation is then mailed to your address of record at CLC. ***It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the address is up-to-date (through Admissions and Recruitment Office), and to review CLC email correspondence.***
- **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met and all documentation is on file in the Admissions and Recruitment Office by the screening deadline. Applicants will not be notified of incomplete files.**
- Math 102 is a prerequisite for BIO 123 and CHM 120. The Math requirement can be met by completing Math 102, scoring 26 or greater on the College Math Placement Test or a Math ACT of 22 or greater.
- If BIO 244 (A&P 1) **AND** BIO 246 (Microbiology) are transferred from another accredited college, BIO 123 will be waived **for screening purposes only**. Otherwise, BIO 123 is required for screening.
- Qualified students not selected will be placed on a temporary pending list. The pending list is dissolved about 1 month prior to the beginning of classes. Students must reapply by submitting a new screening request form to the Admissions and Recruitment office. NLN scores must be within the accepted time frame.
- During the screening process, if there are multiple qualified students with the same NLN composite percentile score a lottery system will be used to establish seating order among the equally qualified students.
- Screening is conducted a semester in advance. September screening is for the following spring (January) semester and February screening is for the following fall (August) semester.
- The nursing program screens students into the program every semester. Seats are limited to 45 students each semester.
- Valid CPR (AHA for Healthcare Provider) and major medical health insurance are required for all students to attend the nursing clinical courses.
- Upon acceptance into the nursing program, all health requirements including a physical exam, urinalysis, and titers (Blood levels) for several contagious diseases are required. Contact the Health Center (847-543-2064) for an appointment. The cost of the requirement will vary based upon individual student needs. Students are responsible for the cost of their health requirements. For additional information regarding the requirements and costs go to <http://www.elcillinois.edu/student-services/additional-services/health-center>.
- All students in the nursing program must meet the Technical Performance Standards. The standards can be viewed on the nursing web page at <http://www.elcillinois.edu/programs/nur/options/adn>.
- All students accepted into the nursing program will undergo a criminal background check and urine drug screen prior to beginning the program and yearly during the nursing program.
- If a drug screen is positive without a physician's documentation of medical necessity or if a student refuses to complete the drug screen, the student may be subject to disciplinary sanctions outlined in the College's Safe and Drug-Free Policy, which may include not being allowed to continue in the nursing or other health career program during the semester in which the violation occurs. The state of Illinois decriminalized the recreational use of cannabis in private places and now regulates cannabis use under the *Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act*, 410 ILCS 705/1-1, *et seq.* Nonetheless, even for cases in which the College determines discipline is not warranted, the College's clinical partners still may choose not to allow students who have a positive drug screen test, including for cannabis, to participate in clinical rotations.

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The College encourages students to abstain from the use of drugs to ensure that a positive drug screen test does not impact their clinical site placement, which could delay their completion of the requirements for clinical experience, and to avoid potential violations of the Safe and Drug-Free Policy.

- Students who complete the Nursing degree 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.
- LPNs are welcome to apply to the nursing program. LPNs must meet all of the screening prerequisites except CNA, and be formally accepted into the program. Following acceptance, an appointment with the Director of Nursing Education is necessary to plan course placement. Syllabi from your LPN program are required for advanced placement. Please note: If you have graduated from a non-state approved LPN program, course transfer credit may not be granted.

Estimated Expenses

- Variable tuition is in effect for the nursing courses and is slightly higher than the other courses at CLC. Student will pay \$55.00 more per credit hour for nursing courses only.
- Approximate cost of tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year: Tuition \$125.00 + comprehensive fees \$22.00 per credit hour equaling \$147.00 for non-nursing courses and \$202.00 per credit hour for nursing courses.
- Approximate cost of textbooks is \$1,500.00
- Approximate cost of uniforms is \$45.00
- Graduation expenses (Including NCLEX testing) \$450.00
- Additional costs are dependent upon the individual needs of the student (stethoscope, CPR course, health insurance, health requirements, etc.).

Financial Aid

- A wide variety of financial assistance is available in the form of grants, loans, and scholarships. Students should see a financial aid counselor regarding their individual needs and eligibility. (847) 543-2062
- All student loans must be repaid according to the terms of the loan. Students are responsible for this financial obligation. Default on a loan could adversely affect licensure eligibility.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The College of Lake County provides information, guidance and support to students with disabilities through a variety of services as well as state-of-the-art equipment. Services are provided after meeting with a trained staff member from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Students must complete a request for services form prior to accommodations being offered. The OSD office is located in B171 or can be contacted at 847-543-2055.

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How to read your NLN PAX Score Report:

ADN Program

Pre-Admission Examination Score Report

Name: _____
 ID: 026542F8173841DD8115BC4D929E991F
 School: College of Lake County
 Date: 2016-09-15

RN Program Applicants

Composite Score	RN SEM	Percentile Rank
134	±6.6	91

This score must be at least 60.

Ability	# of Questions	% Correct	SEM	Percentile Rank
Verbal	60	75%	±6%	87
Math	40	78%	±6%	66
Science	60	70%	±6%	98

Each of these must be at least 50.

PN Program Applicants

Composite Score	PN SEM	Percentile Rank
134	±6.6	94

Ability	# of Questions	% Correct	SEM	Percentile Rank
Verbal	60	75%	±6%	84
Math	40	78%	±7%	76
Science	60	70%	±6%	99

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Up to date information for screening requirements is available on the nursing web page <http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/nur>, or by calling the Nursing Education Office, or counseling or advising offices.

College of Lake County Resources

Office	Location	Phone Number
Admissions and Recruitment	B114 – Welcome & One Stop Ctr. (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2061
Financial Aid	B114 – Welcome & One Stop Ctr. (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2062
Nursing Education Office	D208 (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2043
Counseling, Advising & Transfer Center	A124 (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2060
Testing Center, Grayslake	B150 (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2076
Testing Center, Lakeshore	N203 (Lakeshore)	(847) 543-2121
Testing Center, Southlake	V212 (Southlake)	(847) 543-6543
Finance (Cashier's Office)	B114 – Welcome & One Stop Ctr. (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2626
Health Center	C176 (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2064
Office for Students with Disabilities	B171 (Grayslake)	(847) 543-2055

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