





Nursing Information Session

Ivy Tech Community College
Practical Nursing and Associate of
Science in Nursing Programs



This session is intended to provide an overview of the Nursing Programs At Ivy Tech.

All prospective students are responsible for accessing the Overview and Application Process Booklet (available at www.ivytech.edu) for detailed information on program requirements and the selective admission process.



It is important that you understand there are additional admission requirements that you must meet in order to become a nursing student.

It is critically important that you do the following:

- **Meet with your academic advisor every semester.**
- **Read and thoroughly understand the information contained in this booklet.**
- **Complete the on-line Nursing Information Session or attend a face to face Information Session at your home campus.**
- **Work toward completing nursing pre-requisite courses before completing other required general education courses.**
- **Complete all application requirements by the published deadlines.**



Nursing Programs at Ivy Tech

- Practical Nursing –Leads to a Technical Certificate and eligibility to apply to the State Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX-PN to become a licensed practical nurse
- Associate of Science in Nursing – Leads to A.S. Degree and eligibility to apply to the State Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX-RN to become a registered nurse



ACCREDITATION

- The College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Both programs are approved by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. Contact information is included in the Overview and Application Process Booklet.



Nursing Curricula

- Please refer to the Curricula of Record available at www.ivytech.edu for course requirements. Click on Academics, School of Nursing to access the nursing curricula.
- Indiana State Board Rules and Regulations mandate that all courses in the curriculum, including general education courses, must be passed with a grade of "C" or better.



Practical Nursing Program

- 48-50 Credit hours
 - 13-15 General Education Credits (including prerequisites)
 - 35 Nursing Credits
- 3 semesters plus prerequisites
- LPNs work under the supervision of RN, physician, or other licensed healthcare providers

Associate of Science in Nursing Program

- Three Options
 - **Traditional track** for students with no previous nursing education/licensure
 - **LPN to ASN track** for students who are Licensed Practical Nurses seeking mobility to the RN level
 - **Paramedic to ASN track** for students who are certified paramedics and seeking nursing education
- Not all campuses offer all options: please go to www.ivytech.edu academics to determine which options are offered at your campus of interest.

Associate of Science in Nursing Program – Traditional Track


- 69-71 credit hours
 - 28-32 General Education Credits (including prerequisite courses)
 - 40 Nursing Credits
- 4 semesters plus prerequisites
- This track is for individuals who have no previous nursing education/licensure

ASN Program – LPN to ASN Transitional Track

- Transition students must complete prerequisite courses and apply to the ASN program.
- Students who have graduated within 2 years from Ivy Tech Community College on the current Practical Nursing (PN) curriculum
 - Will have completed most 100 level nursing courses and the prerequisite general education courses as part of the PN program requirements
 - Upon admission to the ASN program students must complete two (2) semesters of ASN coursework, plus additional general education courses

ASN Program – LPN to ASN Transitional Track


- Students >2 years since PN graduation, graduated on a previous Ivy Tech PN curriculum, or graduated from an external PN program must complete three additional semesters of nursing coursework:
 - NRSG 122 Introduction to ASN Transition(5 cr) and NRSG 125 LPN to ASN Transition Lab (1 cr)
 - NRSG 107 Pharmacology (2 cr) if there was no separate, distinct pharmacology course in the student's PN program
 - Upon completion of these courses with a grade of C or better, verified credit will be awarded at no cost for some 100 level NRSG courses.
 - Students must complete all remaining NRSG courses and additional general education courses



Please note: LPN to ASN
Transition students must provide
evidence of a current,
unencumbered Indiana LPN
license for admission and
continued enrollment in the ASN
Program.

ASN Program – Paramedic to ASN Transitional Track

- Must complete three semesters of additional coursework, including two transition courses:
 - NRSNG 122 Introduction to ASN Transition to (5 cr)
 - NRSNG 123 Paramedic to ASN Transition Lab/Clinical (3 cr)
- Upon successful completion of these courses with a grade of C or better, verified credit will be awarded at no cost for some 100 level NRSNG courses.
- Students must complete all remaining NRSNG courses and additional general education courses.
- Paramedic to ASN is only offered at select campuses.



Please note: Paramedic to ASN Transition students must provide evidence of a current, unencumbered Indiana Paramedic Certification for admission and continued enrollment in the ASN Program.



Selective Admission

- Admission to both nursing programs is limited and includes additional requirements over and above admission to Ivy Tech Community College.
- Nursing courses may not be taken until admitted to the program.
- Prerequisite general education courses must be completed prior to admission.
- Other general education courses may be taken prior to admission to the nursing programs, but completion does not guarantee admission to a nursing program.



**IMPORTANT
CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE
APPLYING TO EITHER OF THE
NURSING PROGRAMS.**



Drug Testing and Criminal Background Checks Are Required for Clinical Courses

- Results of this testing could impact your ability to complete nursing clinical courses and therefore your ability to complete your program requirements.
- Many health care employers now require negative results from drug testing and criminal background checks before employment.
- Clinical affiliate institutions may require that students also meet that requirement before participating in patient care or observation of patient care.
- It is the student's responsibility to review the results of these screens and work with the company that provides the screen to correct any errors on the reports.



Eligibility for Licensure

- All Boards of Nursing have questions on the licensure application which may include criminal history, substance abuse problems, malpractice judgments, and disciplinary action on previous licenses and certifications.
- The questions on the following slides appear on the Indiana State Board of Nursing application.
- If you must answer yes to any of these questions, it is possible that you will not be eligible for licensure after completing your program. You may want to consider another education pursuit.



ISBN Questions

- Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit that you hold or have held in any state or country?
- Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice as a nurse or any regulated health occupation in any state or country?
- Are there charges pending against you regarding a violation of any Federal, State or local law relating to the use, manufacturing, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, alcohol or other drugs?

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ISBN Questions (cont)

- Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to:
 - A. A violation of any Federal, State or local law relating to the use, manufacturing, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, alcohol or other drugs?
 - B. To any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state? (Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines.)

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ISBN Questions (cont)

- Have you ever been terminated, reprimanded, disciplined or demoted in the scope of your practice as a nurse or as another health care professional?
- Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?
- Are you now being or have you ever been treated for a drug abuse or alcohol problem?

The ISBN will not provide any judgment as to licensure eligibility until such time that you have completed the program and are applying for licensure.



Essential Functions for Nursing Students and Health Records


- The following are required by clinical affiliating agencies for participation in clinical activities:
 - Students admitted to Nursing must be physically and mentally capable of performing the Essential Functions of Nursing Students.
 - Students will be required to provide documentation of a physical exam, TB testing and immunization records prior to the start of classes.
 - Students **SHOULD NOT** submit any health forms until after they are formally admitted to the nursing program.

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Essential Functions for Nursing Students and Health Records

- Physical exam forms contain no personal health information other than immunization records, TB test results, and the physician's statement that the student is capable of performing essential functions of nursing students.
 - Students with disabilities must contact the Disabilities Support Staff at the campus of interest for assistance in requesting accommodations.
- If you know you will have difficulty locating childhood immunization records, you may want to begin to work on locating them early.



**The Essential Functions for
Nursing Students are listed in
the Nursing Programs Overview
and Application Process
Booklet**



Pregnancy

- Does not preclude participation in the program; this is a decision between the student and her physician.
- Students must discuss potential hazards in the healthcare environment with their physicians.
- Pregnant students are discouraged from taking nursing courses during the semester of their due date, because clinical attendance policies are not waived.



Caring for Clients with Infectious Diseases

- Students must be willing to care for clients with infectious diseases, such as hepatitis or HIV.
- Students will be taught standard precautions to avoid exposure to these pathogens.
- Responsibility for following standard precautions belongs to the student.
- If you are unwilling to care for such clients, please see an advisor for alternate career counseling.



Time Commitment

- ❖ **Both programs require a major commitment of time and energy**
 - ❖ Contact hours (based on 16 wk courses)
 - Lecture classes meet 1 hr per credit hr per week
 - Lab classes meet 2 hrs per credit hr per week
 - Clinical courses meet 3 hrs per credit hr per week
 - Course work will require 3-4 days per week or more
- ❖ **Working during the program**
 - ❖ Course schedules and assignment due dates will not be adjusted to accommodate work schedules.



Application Process – Step One

1. Complete application process for Ivy Tech, including:
 - Completion of any required Academic Skills Advancement Courses indicated by your COMPASS placement exam
 - Submit official transcripts to the Registrar from any College/University for any transfer credit you are seeking
2. Meet with an academic advisor early to discuss program requirements and plan for admission to nursing.

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Application Process – Step One Continued

Complete prerequisite general education courses:

APHY 101

APHY 102

ENGL 111

PSYC 101

MATH **

**The math course requirement varies depending upon the Nursing Program that you are applying to. Please see a nursing advisor for details



ACADEMIC SKILLS ADVANCEMENT MATH REQUIREMENTS

MATH 035 or MATH 043 must be completed as a prerequisite for admission to the PN Program. Students whose COMPASS placement scores indicate readiness for placement into entry-level college coursework or for whom a COMPASS waiver for Algebra has been granted meet this prerequisite requirement.

MATH 13X must be completed as a prerequisite for admission to the ASN Program.



Multiple Course Attempts

- When multiple course attempts are reported on the transcript(s), the highest earned grade of the first two attempts will be used for the selection decision score, including withdraw attempts.
- The student may request in writing, and include in the application packet, an exclusion of initial course attempts older than five years.



STEP TWO – Apply to the Nursing Program

You must carefully read through the Nursing Overview and Application Process Booklet prior to considering application to nursing.



Important Note:

Students Must be in Good Academic Standing (cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher) to be Eligible for Admission to the Nursing Programs



Application Process – Step Two

Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills – version V (TEAS V)

Previous versions of the TEAS will no longer be considered for the application process beginning September 2, 2010.



Application Process – Step Two

- Students are encouraged to complete any required Academic Skills Advancement courses prior to taking the TEAS.
- Students should plan to take the TEAS during or soon after completing the prerequisite general education courses.
- Please refer to each specific campus for directions on registering for and taking the TEAS.

Application Process – Step Two

TEAS continued

- The TEAS may be taken 2 times in a two-year period, with 30 days between tests (this includes any TEAS attempts taken outside Ivy Tech). Taking the TEAS more often than allowed will result in scores being excluded.
- TEAS scores are valid for a period of 2 years.

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Important Note:

- When creating an ATI account to take your TEAS, please use something you will remember for user name and password. Examples: use your student ID number (otherwise known as your C number) as your user name and your mother's maiden name for your password.
- If admitted, ATI testing will be used throughout your nursing courses and you will need to be able to remember the user name and password you created when you took the TEAS.

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Application Process – Step Two

1. TEAS Test Continued
 - You must complete all four test components of the TEAS for the test to be considered valid: English, Reading, Math and Science. Partial tests will not be accepted.
 - Applicants must score at the Proficient, Advanced or Exemplary Level to be considered for admission.
 - TEAS sub-test scores will be used in the selection process.

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TEAS Preparation Materials Are Available at ATI:

For more information on the TEAS V,
please visit: www.atitesting.com



Application Process – Step Two

2. Submit a completed application packet to each program at each campus to which you wish to apply.
 - Refer to each campus for specific directions on where to get application packets and where to return completed packets.
 - Carefully read the directions on the application forms and be sure that your packet is complete. Incomplete application packets will not be considered for the selection process.



Application Process – Step Two

- Make sure that you read, understand, and sign the application acknowledgement page of the application. If you have questions, please contact the nursing dean/chair prior to submitting your application.
- **Important Note:** You must submit a copy of your high school transcript or GED scores in your nursing application packet regardless of whether you have previously submitted these to the College. The programs must have these on file to meet Indiana State Board of Nursing requirements.



Application Deadlines

For Fall Admission – April 1

For Spring Admission September 1

For Summer Admission – February 1

Not all programs/tracks are admitted every semester at every campus.

Please refer to each campus to determine admission times for each program/track.



Cohort Size

- The number of students admitted during each admission process varies from campus to campus and is subject to change from semester to semester.



Admission to the Nursing Programs is Highly Competitive

A point system is used to determine who is selected for admission to the programs.

Selection Policy – Rank Order by Decision Score

- **General Education Course Points:** Points awarded based on course and on grade
- **TEAS points:** Total of weighted sub-test point calculations
- **Total Points Possible:** 190
- **Tie Breaker Points:** Composite TEAS score, TEAS science sub-score to the tenths place, TEAS reading sub-score to the tenth place, TEAS English sub-score to the tenth place, Prerequisite courses completed at Ivy Tech, Cumulative GPA from the most recent transcript

90 Total General Education Points Possible

Course	A	B	C	D/F	V
APHY 101	30	20	10	0	N/A
APHY 102	30	20	10	0	N/A
ENGL 111	15	10	5	0	15
PSYC 101	15	10	5	0	15
					V= Verified Credit

TEAS Weighted Point System

TEAS COMPONENT	WEIGHTED SUB-TEST POINT CALCULATION	MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE
English	Subsection % score X 0.25	25
Reading	Subsection % score X 0.25	25
Math	Subsection % score X 0.20	20
Science	Subsection % score X 0.30	30
	Total TEAS points possible	100



Final Considerations

Is Nursing Right for You?



Commitment to the Profession

- **If you are:**
 - Squeamish or easily nauseated by blood, vomit, or bad odors
 - Easily flustered or easily angered
 - Afraid of responsibility
 - Judgmental or impatient with others
 - Unorganized or dependent on others for direction

- **Nursing may not be the right career choice for you!**



NURSING REQUIRES

- Critical thinking
- Highly developed communication skills
- Competence in nursing skills
- A broad knowledge base & lifelong learning
- Ethical and legal accountability to the patient
- Ability to work in intense & highly stressful situation skills
- Self-direction, time management, and organization skills
- Compassion, patience, and the ability to accept people as they are without judging them
- A very strong stomach and nerves of steel



DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOU?

If the answer is yes, then we wish you luck in your application process.

Please contact your nursing advisor if you need any assistance along the way.