Nursing Information Session

Pre-Nursing Certification

Practical Nursing

Associate of Science in Nursing

This session is intended to provide an overview of the Nursing Programs at Ivy Tech Community College.

All prospective students are responsible for accessing the Nursing Student Handbook for detailed information on program and admission requirements

IvyTech.edu/Nursing

Communications Regarding Nursing Program Applications

▶ All communications regarding nursing program application offers will be sent to applicants using their Ivy Tech email address.

▶ Nursing program applicants who have not attended Ivy Tech Community College in the past two years will need contact the office of Express Enrollment or Admissions to reapply. Advisors are available to assist with this process, but applicants will need to work with Express Enrollment or Admissions to reactivate their accounts.

▶ It is also recommended that students not change names from the time they submit their application until after section of applicants is completed to ensure ability to receive email messages generated by the application system.

Nursing Program Offerings at Ivy Tech Community College Campuses

▶ **Pre-Nursing Certification (CT)**—Completion of this certification allows students interested in earning a nursing credential at Ivy Tech to complete all pre-requisite courses while receiving financial aid, if eligible. The Pre-Nursing CT also includes a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Preparation course.*

  ▶ Contains two pathways:
    ▶ Practical Nursing (PN) Program Interest
    ▶ Associate of Science in Nursing Program Interest

▶ **Practical Nursing (PN) program** – Leads to a Technical Certificate (TC) and eligibility to apply to the Indiana State Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX-PN® licensure examination for Practical Nurses.

*Completion of this CT does not guarantee admission to the nursing programs

Nursing Programs Offered at Ivy Tech

▶ **Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program** – Leads to an Associate of Science degree (AS) in Nursing and eligibility to apply to the Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) to take the NCLEX-RN® licensure examination for Registered Nurses. The following ASN program and tracks are available:

  ▶ **AS in Nursing Traditional Program**

  ▶ **AS in Nursing LPN to ASN Transition Track**

  ▶ **AS in Nursing Medical Assistant to ASN Transition Track***

  ▶ **AS in Nursing Military Medic to ASN Transition Track***

  ▶ **AS in Nursing Paramedic to ASN Transition Track***

*Not offered at every campus

<u>Ivy Tech Community College Accreditation:</u>
Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
230 S. LaSalle St., Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411
Phone: 312-263-0456
www.ncahlc.org

<u>School of Nursing</u>
<u>Associate of Science Degree & Practical Nursing Program Accreditation:</u>
Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN)
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
402 W. Washington Street, Room W072
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 317-234-2043
www.in.gov/pla/

National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA)
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C., 20037
Phone: 1-800-669-1656
www.nln.org/accreditation-services

A successful nursing student and practicing nurse requires the use of:

o Critical thinking

o Highly developed communication skills

o Competence in nursing skills

o Professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning

o Ethical and legal accountability as a healthcare professional

o Ability to work in intense, variable, and sometimes stressful situations

o Attention to detail

o Self-direction, time management, and organization skills

o Compassion, patience, and the ability to deliver culturally competent care to diverse populations

Important Considerations Before Applying

Mandatory Drug Testing and Criminal Background Screening

▶ All nursing program clinical affiliates require mandatory drug testing and criminal background screening before allowing students to participate in clinical courses at their facilities.

▶ Results of these tests could impact your ability to complete nursing clinical courses and therefore, your ability to meet nursing program requirements for completion.

▶ Requiring criminal background and drug screenings ensures students meet the same standards as health care facility employees.

▶ Annual criminal background and drug screenings are required for all nursing students.

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Eligibility for Licensure

▶ Successful completion of the ASN program, as described in the Admission, Progression, and Graduation policy, provides eligibility for a student to apply to a state board of nursing to take the licensure examination, NCLEX-RN.

▶ Successful completion of the PN program, as described in the Admission, Progression, and Graduation policy, provides eligibility for a student to apply to a state board of nursing to take the licensure examination, NCLEX-PN.

▶ The Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) application for licensure includes questions about criminal history, substance abuse problems, malpractice judgments, and disciplinary action on previous licenses and certifications.

▶ Students are encouraged to review the questions asked by the Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) located on the ISBN application for examination. Similar questions are found on other state board of nursing applications.

▶ If an applicant answers yes to any of the questions located on the ISBN application for examination they will be required to submit a sworn affidavit. It is possible that an applicant would not be eligible for licensure or face license restrictions after completing the nursing program.

▶ Questions can be found on the applications on the following link: http://www.in.gov/pla/2493.htm

Eligibility for Licensure

▶ All candidates taking the NCLEX® exam are required to have a U.S. social security number per Indiana Code. This is a mandatory Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) requirement and applications to test cannot be processed without it.

▶ The United States Immigration and Nationality Act identifies that all candidates applying to take the NCLEX exam are required to be a U.S. citizen or be identified as a "Qualified Alien." The U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act is found in the Federal Regulation 8 of the U.S.C.; Section 1641. In response to this federal legislation, Indiana Senate Bill SB419 became law in 2018 and provides for potential licensing of DACA and F1 in the state of Indiana.

▶ Students should seek their own legal counsel for concerns regarding these matters.

▶ Please see the following websites for more information:
  ▶ http://www.in.gov/pla/3724.htm
  ▶ 8 US Code Section 1641

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Nursing Program Student Requirements

The following are required for participation in clinical activities:

- ▶ annual criminal background and sex offender registry screening

- ▶ annual drug screening

- ▶ annual flu vaccination

- ▶ up-to-date immunizations including Hepatitis B series; Tetanus must be updated every 10 years

- ▶ annual TB skin testing or other documentation for positive tests per CDC guidelines (http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/default.htm)

- ▶ **documentation of current CPR Certification** in Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers (from AHA or American Red Cross)

- ▶ proof of ongoing unencumbered Indiana licenses or certifications for LPN to ASN, Medical Assistant, and Paramedic to ASN students

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Essential Functions of Nursing Students

▶ All students admitted to a nursing program are required to submit a recent Vaccination and Physical Examination Form. The physical examination needs to be completed after admission to the program and before the first day of class.

▶ The form includes sections for immunizations and a signature page for the physician regarding the ability to meet the Essential Functions of Nursing Students.

   o Students with disabilities are required to contact the college Disabilities Support Staff at the campus of interest for assistance in requesting accommodations (if applicable).

▶ Students interested in applying for admission to a nursing program should begin locating childhood immunization records early to ensure complete vaccination and physicals are submitted by established deadlines.

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Attendance

▶ **Students are expected to attend all class meetings**, or other activities assigned as a part of a course of instruction. Attendance is necessary to maximize student-learning opportunities. Students who are absent are responsible for missed material.

▶ Clinical courses require that the student be present to effectively evaluate successful achievement of clinical course objectives and concepts, as clinical course objectives cannot be accomplished or evaluated outside the clinical setting.

▶ **There are no make-up sessions for missed clinical hours.** Therefore, regular clinical attendance is mandatory for successful clinical course and program completion.

▶ The online application system allows students to apply to any nursing program and any location within the statewide system. **Students are to carefully consider the implications of being accepted to a campus requiring extended driving distances.**

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Nursing Program Admission Requirements

General Program Admission Requirements

▶ Applicants to the School of Nursing must first complete requirements for admission to the College.

▶ Applicants to the School of Nursing must complete the Knowledge Assessment if they do not have previous college credit, ACT, SAT, or PSAT scores on file in the Registrar's Office.

  ▶ Students must complete all required remedial courses (OXX) and any required co-requisites to those courses, prior to admission to the program (the first semester of NRSG courses).

▶ Applicants must score at the **PROFICIENT level or higher** on the Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI) Academic Preparedness Category of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) to be considered for admission to the ASN or PN programs.

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Practical Nursing and Associate of Science in Nursing Program Prerequisite Requirements

▶ Complete prerequisite general education courses:
- APHY 101 Anatomy and Physiology I
- ENGL 111 English Composition
- PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology

▶ In order for prerequisite general education courses to **count toward program admission selection points,** the courses must be completed by the specific deadlines listed below:
  - ▶ Fall admission - completed by the end of previous spring semester
  - ▶ Spring admission - completed by the end of the previous summer semester
  - ▶ Summer admission - completed by the end of the previous fall semester.

▶ The highest grade of the first three attempts for any pre-requisite course will be considered for points toward the admission decision score. This includes grades of D, F, FW, and W.

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Transfer Credit for Prerequisite Courses

▶ Prerequisite courses completed at colleges other than Ivy Tech will only be considered <u>for general education selection points</u> if transfer credit has been awarded and courses appear on the Ivy Tech transcript prior to the application deadline.

  ▶ TR grades are not recognized by the online application.

▶ **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that transfer credit has been awarded and that TR grades are updated to transfer letter grades** (TA, TB, TC) on their Ivy Tech transcript.

▶ It is recommended that college transcripts be submitted to the Registrar's office for evaluation and transfer credit at <u>least 4 weeks prior</u> to the program application deadline to ensure adequate time for processing.

High School Transcript Requirements

▶ Per Indiana State Board of Nursing regulations, the applicants must submit a copy of their high school transcript or High School Equivalency Exam (GED or TASC). High school transcripts **must include date of graduation**.

▶ Current high school students who will be graduating after the close of applications, but before the start of classes, are allowed to apply without a high school transcript.

   ▶ Current high school students are requested to submit a letter to the application link for the high school transcript.

   ▶ The letter should include:

      ▶ Anticipated graduation date

      ▶ Acknowledgement that the student will submit their high school transcript to the campus nursing dean by the indicated deadline.

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High School Transcript Requirements

▶ International students will need to provide official credential evaluation from a NACES (https://naces.org) approved organization showing the equivalence of a U.S. high school diploma.

▶ Official evaluation must be sent directly from the credential evaluator to the campus registrar. A copy of the original high school transcript and the NACES evaluation must be submitted with the nursing program admission application.

▶ **The NACES process takes some time and includes an associated fee, so please contact NACES early.**

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ATI TEAS Entrance Test

▶ The ATI TEAS may be taken up to **two (2) times in a two-year period** regardless of the testing location.

▶ There must be **at least thirty (30) calendar days between the test dates** for the ATI TEAS.

▶ Applicants must pay the approved testing fee with each attempt.

▶ TEAS testing must be completed and results must be submitted through ATI by the TEAS Test Deadline which is published in the Nursing and Health Sciences Online Application webpage.

▶ ATI TEAS Test scores will be valid for two (2) years from the date of the initial ATI TEAS test for all nursing program tracks and **must be valid through the application deadline date.**

  ▶ ATI TEAS tests that expire prior to the application deadline will be ineligible for consideration towards program admission, even if the student applies prior to the application deadline.

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▶ The ATI TEAS test must include all four test components to be considered valid: Reading, English, Math, and Science. Partial tests will not be accepted.

▶ Applicants who take the ATI TEAS at schools other than Ivy Tech must contact Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) to have an official copy electronically submitted directly to Ivy Tech.

▶ Applicants must score at the **PROFICIENT** level or higher to be considered for admission.

▶ ATI TEAS sub-category scores will be used in the selection point system.

ATI TEAS: Important Notes

▶ When creating an ATI account to take your ATI TEAS test, please use something you will remember as a user name and password.

▶ If admitted, ATI testing will be used throughout your nursing program and you will need the same user name and password for access to the ATI tests.

▶ It may take up to **3 days** for ATI TEAS scores to be sent and processed in our system. **If your scores do not upload to the application system after 3 days, submit a case (help ticket) via the online application system.**

▶ To provide for timely processing of ATI TEAS scores, it is recommended that applicants take the ATI TEAS exam as early as possible prior to the ATI TEAS test deadline.

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Online Application Information

Online Nursing and Health Sciences Limited Enrollment Program Application

▶ Students seeking admission need to complete the online application available within the Nursing and Health Sciences Community Page. The online application will be available beginning March 15, 2021.

▶ **Interested students are also encouraged to visit the** FAQ **(Frequently Asked Questions) document.**

▶ Required application documents will be uploaded directly to the application site by each applicant.

▶ During the application process students may select up to three programs of interest and three campuses of interest.

 ▶ Program availability and the number of students admitted during each admission cycle varies by campus and is subject to change.

▶ Incomplete application submissions will not be considered.

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Online Nursing Application Deadlines

Nursing Program Admission Semester	Online Application Available	ATI TEAS Test Deadline	Application Deadline
Fall	March 15	April 30	May 15
Spring	TBD	TBD	TBD
Summer	December 1	January 18	February 1

Note: Application open dates and deadlines may vary depending on the College academic calendar. Please check the Nursing and Health Sciences Limited Enrollment Online Application website for the most current online application information.

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LPN to ASN Transition Track Applicants

LPN to ASN Transition students must maintain a current, active, unencumbered Indiana Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license throughout the duration of the LPN to ASN program.

Documentation verifying current, active, unencumbered Indiana Practical Nursing licensure must be provided with the online nursing application and with each licensure renewal period.

Verification of LPN License

Documentation verifying current, active, unencumbered Indiana Practical Nursing licensure must be provided with the online nursing application and <u>after each licensure renewal period</u>.

Step 1: Go to

https://mylicense.in.gov/everification/Search.aspx

Step 2: Enter your first and last name, then click "search."

Step 3: Click on your name to go to the next screen.

Step 4: Screen shot or copy the full license profile that appears on the screen below, then post it in the online application.

Note: The license status **must be listed as ACTIVE**. Licensees with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing program. "Valid to practice pending review" is not considered an active license.

Verification of Paramedic Certification

Paramedic to ASN Transition **students must maintain** a current, active, unencumbered Paramedic certification or registration throughout the duration of the program.

Documentation verifying current, active, unencumbered paramedic certification or registration must be provided with the online nursing application and after each certification renewal.

Step 1: Go to: https://acadisportal.in.gov/acadisviewer/CertificationLookup/default.aspx

Step 2: Enter the last name and PSID into the required fields, as well as the recipient and requestor email addresses; then click the submit request button.

Only the email address entered into the "Recipient's Email Address" field will receive the requested information. The same email address can be entered into both fields.

Request Copy of Certifications

Submit the following information to request a copy of certifications for an individual be sent to a specified email address.

Certified Individual   List certifications for

* Last Name   Johnson

* PSID   5555-5555

* Recipient's Email Address   MyOrgsEmail@email.com

* My Email Address   YourEmail@example.com

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* Required Information   Cancel   Submit Request

Verification of Paramedic Certification

Step 3: If all information was entered correctly in the request form, you will receive an email like the one below.
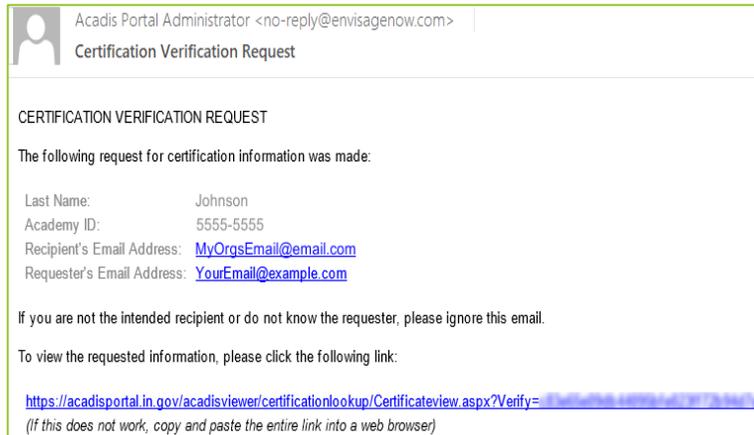
Step 4: Click on the link at the bottom of the email, or copy and paste the link into your web browser.

Step 5: This will complete your request. The link will take you to a web page with information that looks similar to the information shown here.

Medical Assistant to ASN Transition Track Applicants

▶ Medical Assistant to ASN Transition track applicants must provide documentation verifying possession of a current, active, unencumbered CMA-AAMA certification, which must be submitted with the online nursing application.

▶ Medical Assistant to ASN Transition track applicants must maintain a current unencumbered CMA-AAMA certification through the program. The same selection decision scoring process and rank ordering of candidates utilized currently for all nursing program applicants will also be utilized in selecting eligible candidates for this program track.

Verification of CMA (AAMA) Certification

Step 1: Go to https://www.aama-ntl.org/cma-aama-exam/verify-cma-status/verify-cma-status-request-form

Step 2: Enter your information in the Verify CMA (AAMA) Request Form, then click "submit"

Step 3: Once verification is received, upload your verification to the online application in the location indicated.

Note: The certification status must be listed as active and remain active throughout the nursing program. Applicants with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing programs.

Military Medic to ASN Transition Track Applicants

Military Medic/Hospital Corpsman to ASN Transition students must submit proof of past or present status as having HM3, NER-HM-004, Army 91 WM6 or USAF4NO status.

In addition, applicants will be required to submit verification of employment for two years within the past five years as a military medic/hospital corpsman. If discharged, must have proof of honorable discharge within the past five years as well.

Required documentation will be uploaded to the online nursing application site for review prior to the beginning of the selection process.

Admission to the nursing programs is highly competitive

A weighted point system will be used to determine points for the General Education Course component and the ATI TEAS component of the selection score points.

Point totals for applicants receiving admission offers will vary between campuses and application periods. Point totals are not shared.

Admission Selection

- **Total Points Possible:** 160 + 5 optional CNA Certification points

  - **General Education Course Points:** Points awarded based on pre-requisite course grade (60 points possible)

  - **ATI TEAS points:** Total of weighted sub-test point calculations (100 points possible)

  - **CNA Certification points:** Optional points added for CNA certification (5 points possible – with approved documentation) for applicants to traditional ASN and PN programs. Accepting verifications for active certifications in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Michigan only.

- **Tie Breaker Points:**

  - ATI TEAS Adjusted Individual Total Score

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General Education Weighted Point System

- When multiple course attempts are reported on applicant transcripts (including transcripts from other colleges and universities), the highest earned grade of the first three attempts will be used for the selection decision score through the application period ending February 1, 2022.

- Points for courses transferred from other institutions will be awarded from the grade recorded on the transcript from the other institution provided transfer credit appears on the Ivy Tech transcript.

- Points for verified credit (V) or college credit awarded through High School Advanced Placement, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) International Baccalaureate (IB) and Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST), will be awarded as indicated below.

Course	A	B	C	D/F	Verified Credit
APHY 101	30	20	10	0	N/A
ENGL 111	15	10	5	0	10
PSYC 101	15	10	5	0	10
Total General Education Points Possible = 60					

ATI TEAS Weighted Point System

ATI TEAS COMPONENT	WEIGHTED SUB-TEST POINT CALCULATION	MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE
English & Language Usage	Subsection % score X 0.20	20
Reading	Subsection % score X 0.30	30
Math	Subsection % score X 0.20	20
Science	Subsection % score X 0.30	30
	Total ATI TEAS points possible = 100	

CNA Certification points
Verification of C.N.A. Certification Indiana Registry

**Step 1:** Go to https://mylicense.in.gov/everification/Search.aspx
Step 2: Enter your first and last name, then click "search" (see highlights below).
Step 3: Click on your name in the "Sort Name" box to go to the next screen.
Step 4: Screenshot or copy the full certification profile that appears on the screen below, then post it in the online application.
Note: The certification status **must be listed as ACTIVE**. Applicants with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing programs. Pending certifications are not considered active.
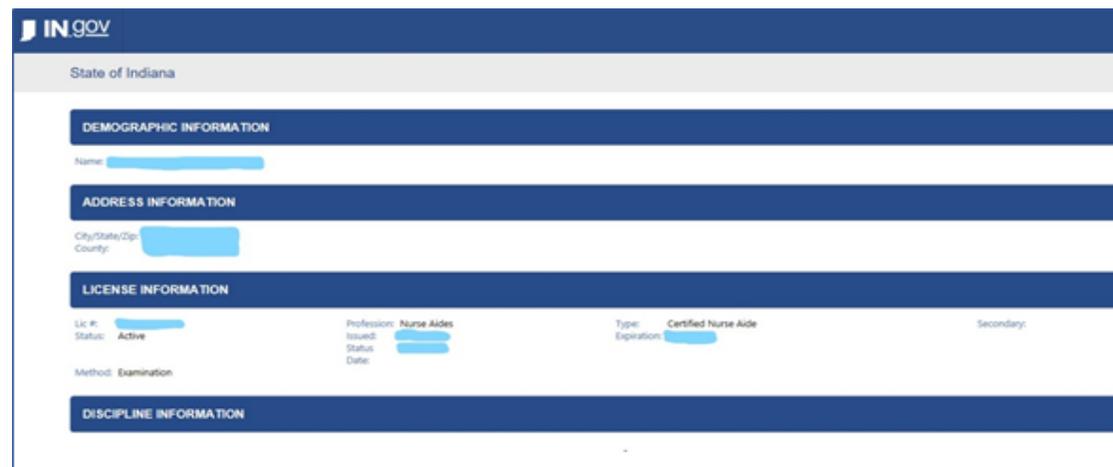
CNA Certification points
Verification of C.N.A. Certification Ohio Registry

Step 1: Go to https://odhgateway.odh.ohio.gov/nar/nar_registry_search.aspx

Step 2: Enter your registry number or enter your first and last name or the last four digits of your SSN, then click "search."

Step 3: Click on your name in the "Sort Name" box to go to the next screen.

Step 4: Screenshot or copy the full certification profile that appears on the screen below, then post it in the online application.

Note: The certification status **must be listed as ACTIVE**. Applicants with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing programs.

CNA Certification points
Verification of C.N.A. Certification Kentucky Registry

Step 1: Go to https://secure.kentucky.gov/kbn/bulkvalidation/basic.aspx
Step 2: Enter your identifier number or search by first and last name.
Step 3: Check the box next to your name and click "Validate Selected"
Step 4: Screenshot or copy the full certification profile that appears on the screen below, then post it in the online application.
Note: The certification status **must be listed as ACTIVE**. Applicants with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing programs.
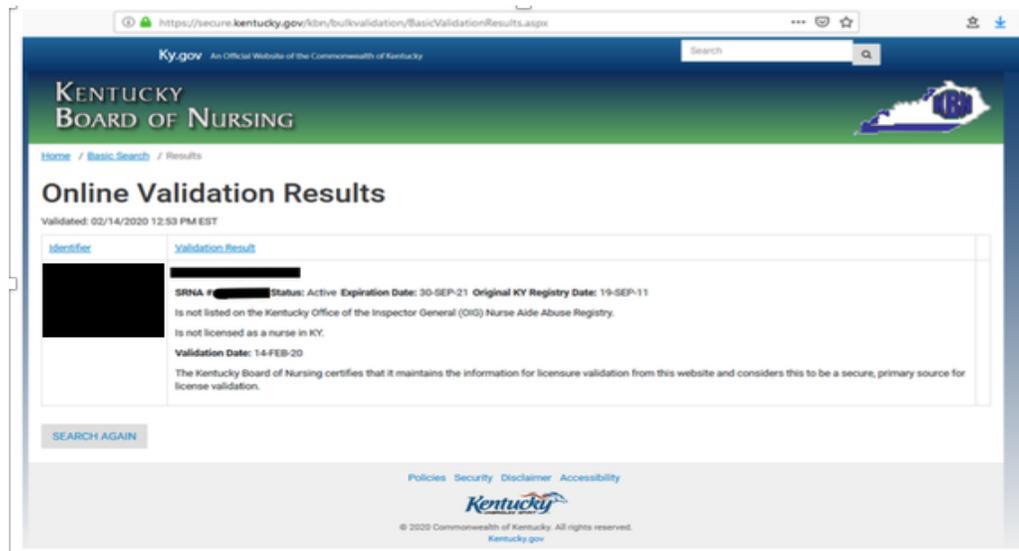
CNA Certification points
Verification of C.N.A. Certification Illinois Registry

Step 1: Go to https://hcwrpub.dph.illinois.gov/Search.aspx
Step 2: Enter your first and last name, then click "search."
Step 3: Screenshot or copy the full certification profile that appears on the screen below, then post it in the online application.
Note: The certification status **must be listed as ACTIVE**. Applicants with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing programs.

CNA Certification points
Verification of C.N.A. Certification Michigan Registry

Step 1: Go to https://registry.prometric.com/publicMI?capctaVisible=Visible&employerId=

Step 2: Complete the security check

Step 3: In the Nurse Aid Search area, enter your certificate number or search by first and last name.

Step 4: Click on your name in the search results to open the full certificate screen

Step 5: Screenshot or copy the full certification profile that appears on the screen below, then post it in the online application.

Note: The certification status **must be listed as ACTIVE**. Applicants with current discipline such as suspension or probation are not eligible for admission into the nursing programs.

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State of Michigan Nurse Aide Registry

State of Michigan Verification Report

Email Print

Registry Inquiry Results For:
Name:
Verification Date: 05/15/2020 02:58 PM
Inquiry Status: Found
Requested By: Public User

Demographic
Name :
Gender : F

Certification
Certification # :
Certification Route : New
Original Certification Date : 01/14/1993
Expiration Date : 02/28/2022
Status : Active
Negative Findings : N

Last Reported Employment
Employer :
Hire Date :
Termination Date :

Examination
Training Program : UNKNOWN
Training Date :
Exam Pass Date : 01/14/1993

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Selection for Admission

Application Details

Students will be able to select up to 3 programs and 3 campuses each.

Student applications are assigned points on the following criteria: Grades, Pre-admission testing, and Certifications as applicable to the program.

Multiple Attempt Policy (ASOM 3.2) - Only the higher of the first three attempts will be used in calculation of points.

Students meeting the stated application deadline are ranked utilizing this point system at the end of the application period.

Depending on their rank and offers, students could potentially receive multiple offers.

Once a student accepts 1 offer, then they are immediately withdrawn from all other offers.

A student does have the option to withdraw his/her application entirely from the system. In this case, the student will not be placed back into the application pool for this application cycle.

Offers of Admission

▶ Offers of admission to the program will be emailed via Ivy Tech email addresses beginning within 1 week of the application close date and continue until program capacity is met or one week before the start of fall classes.

▶ There will be 8 Rounds of Auto-Select and 6 Rounds of Manual Selection.

▶ Each round will begin at 6am and applicants will have until 11:59pm the following day to either accept or reject an offer. If a student fails to respond, then the offer will expire.

▶ If a student rejects an offer three (3) times, then they will be removed entirely from the autoselection application pool.

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Auto-Selection: May 21st – June 5th

- Round 1 – May 21st - Offers Released   May 22nd – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 2 – May 23rd – Offers Released   May 24th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 3 – May 25th – Offers Released   May 26th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 4 – May 27th – Offers Released   May 28th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 5 – May 29th – Offers Released   May 30th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 6 – May 31st – Offers Released   June 1st – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 7 – June 2nd – Offers Released   June 3rd – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 8 – June 5th – Offers Released   June 6th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

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Manual-Selection: June 7th - June 26th
(May extend beyond the published timeframe)

- Round 1 – June 7th – Offers Released June 8th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 2 – June 10th – Offers Released June 11th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 3 – Jun 14th – Offers Released June 15th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 4 – June 17th – Offers Released June 18th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 5 – June 21st – Offers Released June 22nd – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

- Round 6 – June 24th – Offers Released June 25th – Offer Expires at 11:59pm

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Transfer Between Campuses

▶ It is anticipated that students will finish their nursing programs at the campus in which programming was accepted.

▶ While the Ivy Tech system allows for transfer between campuses after the first semester of enrollment, there is no guarantee of transfer.

▶ The ability to transfer between campuses is dependent on currently available and future available clinical space for remaining program completion and requires approval from both the nursing program dean or designee of original acceptance and the nursing program dean or designee where the student wishes to transfer.

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Time Commitment

- The ASN and PN programs require a **major commitment of time and energy**.
  - Contact hours (based on 8-week courses)
    - Lecture classes: 2 classroom contact hours per credit hour
    - Lab classes: 4 lab contact hours per credit hour
    - Clinical courses: 6 clinical contact hours per credit hour
  - Nursing courses are typically scheduled over 3-4 days per week; students may also need to schedule additional general education courses as needed each semester.
  - It is essential that you plan for the same amount of study time as class time per week
  - Individual Work Schedules
    - Nursing course schedules and assignment due dates will not be adjusted to accommodate individual work schedules.

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Nursing Curricula

▶ The Curriculum of Record for ASN, PN and Pre-Nursing programming as well as specific course requirements are available through links on the Ivy Tech Nursing webpage located at IvyTech.edu/Nursing.

▶ Per Indiana State Board of Nursing rules and regulations, ALL nursing program courses in the nursing curriculum, including required general education courses, must be passed with a grade of "C" or higher. (Note: IVYT 1XX is a college requirement)

▶ ASN and PN program applicants must complete all required general education prerequisite courses to be eligible for admission into first semester NRSG (nursing) courses.

▶ Students are advised to not take general education co-requisite courses prior to admission if they need to be full time throughout the nursing program. Taking additional science electives, communications, the Humanities elective, and PSYC 2XX or sociology prior to admission will leave the students with some semesters below 12 credit hours.

Pre-Nursing Certification (CT)

▶ Total of 18 Credit hours
  - 12 General Education course credits which includes the following prerequisite courses:
    - APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
    - ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
    - PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology   3 credit hours
    - 1 Elective Course—Select from:
      - HLHS 101—Medical Terminology (Recommended for PN Interest Students)
      - MATH 123—Quantitative Reasoning (Recommended for ASN Interest Students)
  - 1 College Success Credit (College Requirement)
  - 5 Credits: HLHS 107—CNA Preparation
▶ The Pre-Nursing CT may be completed in one or two semesters

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Practical Nursing Program

▶ Total of 45 Credit hours
  o 12 General Education course credits which includes the following prerequisite courses:
    ▪ APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
    ▪ ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
    ▪ PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology 3 credit hours
  o 1 College Success Credit (College Requirement)
  o 32 Nursing Credits

▶ Total of 45 Credit hours

▶ Prerequisites may be completed in one semester

▶ Nursing courses may be included in three semesters (includes additional, required general education courses)

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Associate of Science in Nursing

- **AS in Nursing – Transfer as a Junior (TSAP):** for students with no previous nursing education/licensure is also known as the Traditional ASN Track.

- ASN Transition Tracks (pathways)

  - **LPN to ASN track:** for students who are Licensed Practical Nurses seeking mobility to the RN level

  - **Medical Assistant to ASN Track:** for students who are CMA(AAMA) certified seeking mobility to the RN level

  - **Military Medic/Hospital Corpsman Track:** for active duty or honorably discharged military medics and corpsmen seeking mobility to the RN Level

  - **Paramedic to ASN track:** for students who are certified/registered Paramedics and seeking a degree in nursing

NOTE: Program availability varies by location and not all program tracks are offered at each campus/location. Please go to IvyTech.edu/Nursing for information on specific program offerings by campus and semester.

Associate of Science in Nursing Traditional, Transfer as a Junior (TSAP)

▶ The **ASN Traditional program** is designated as a Transfer as a Junior (TSAP) program.

- TSAP refers to "Transfer Single Articulation Pathway"

- This designation assists in transferability to state-funded RN to BSN programs

- Graduates transfer into RN to BSN programs as juniors

- To be eligible, applicants transferring to an RN to BSN program must meet the 4-year institution/nursing program's admission criteria

▶ More information on Transfer as a Junior (TSAP) can be found at: IvyTech.edu/Transfer

Associate of Science in Nursing, Transfer as a Junior (TSAP)

▶ The ASN Traditional program is for individuals who have no previous nursing education/licensure

▶ Total of 68-71 credit hours:

- o 30-33 General Education Course Credits, which includes the following prerequisite courses:
    - ▪ APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
    - ▪ ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
    - ▪ PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology   3 credit hours
- o 37 Nursing Course Credits
- o 1 Student Success Credit (College Requirement)

▶ Program prerequisites may be completed in 1 semester

▶ The program may be completed in 4 semesters after admission

▶ Course substitutions are not allowed for Transfer as a Junior programs such as the Nursing TSAP.

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LPN to ASN Transition Track

▶ The LPN to ASN track is for LPNs interested in progressing to the RN level

▶ Total of 75-79 credit hours :

- General Education course credits, which includes the following prerequisite courses:
  - APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
  - ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
  - PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology   3 credit hours

- College Requirement: 1 college success course credit

- 30-33 General Education co-requisite course credits

- 44 Nursing Course Credits
  - 24-25 credits from enrolled nursing courses
  - 19 credits from verified credit once NRSG 122/NRSG 125 completed

▶ Prerequisites may be completed in 1 semester

▶ The program may be completed in 4 semesters once admitted according to program plan

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LPN to ASN Transition Track

▶ ***Note:** The number of required ASN nursing course credits will vary depending on whether the applicant is an Ivy Tech PN graduate and date of PN program completion.

▶ LPNs who **graduated within two years* from an Ivy Tech Practical Nursing program:**
   o <u>Are not</u> required to take NRSG 122 Introduction to ASN Transition (5 credits)
   o <u>Are</u> required to take NRSG 125 LPN to ASN Transition Lab (1 Credit)

* Two years from the time of cohort start

Medical Assistant to ASN Transition Track

▶ The Medical Assistant to ASN Transition track is for medical assistants with current, active, unencumbered CMA-AAMA certification who are seeking mobility to an ASN degree.

▶ Total of 76-79 credit hours:

- 30-33 General Education Course Credits, which includes the following prerequisite courses:
  - APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
  - ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
  - PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology   3 credit hours

- 1 College Success Course Credit (College Requirement)

- 45 Nursing Course Credits
  - 26 credits from enrolled nursing courses
  - 19 credits from verified credit once NRSG 122/NRSG 125 completed

▶ Prerequisites may be completed in 1 semester
▶ The program may be completed in 3 semesters once admitted

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Military Medic to ASN Transition Track

▶ The Military Medic to ASN Transition track is for active duty or honorably discharged military medic personnel who are seeking mobility to an ASN degree.

▶ Total of 76-79 credit hours:

  ○ 30-33 General Education Course Credits, which includes the following prerequisite courses:

    ▪ APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
    ▪ ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
    ▪ PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology   3 credit hours

  ○ 1 College Success Course Credit (College Requirement)
  ○ 45 Nursing Course Credits

    ▪ 26 credits from enrolled nursing courses

    ▪ 19 credits from verified credit once NRSG 122/NRSG 125 completed

▶ Prerequisites may be completed in 1 semester
▶ The program may be completed in 3 semesters once admitted

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Paramedic to ASN Transition Track

▶ The Paramedic to ASN Transition track is for certified Paramedics who are seeking mobility to an ASN degree.

▶ Total of 76-79 credit hours:

- o 30-33 General Education Course Credits, which includes the following prerequisite courses:
  - ▪ APHY 101   Anatomy and Physiology I   3 credit hours
  - ▪ ENGL 111   English Composition   3 credit hours
  - ▪ PSYC 101   Introduction to Psychology   3 credit hours
- o 1 College Success Course Credit (College Requirement)
- o 45 Nursing Course Credits
  - ▪ 26 credits from enrolled nursing courses
  - ▪ 19 credits from verified credit once NRSG 122/NRSG 125 completed

▶ Prerequisites may be completed in 1 semester
▶ The program may be completed in 3 semesters once admitted

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Thank you for your interest in Ivy Tech Nursing!

Campus nursing program contact information

can be found at

IvyTech.edu/Nursing

Frequently Asked Questions

Scroll through the following pages to see our FAQ list for Nursing

Pre-Requisite Course Questions

▶ Q.   What courses do students need to complete before being accepted into the nursing program of choice?

▶ A.   Completion of the following required prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher are required for admission to the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs:

  ▶ APHY 101 Anatomy and Physiology I

  ▶ ENGL 111 English Composition

  ▶ PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology

Please review the Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

More Pre-Requisite Course Questions

▶ Q. When do pre-requisite courses have to be completed?

▶ A. In order for prerequisite general education courses to count towards the program admission decision score, the courses must be completed and course grades posted to Banner by the time the application site closes and auto selection begins.

▶ Q. Can course credits from prerequisite courses taken several years ago still be used when applying to the nursing program?

▶ A. There is not an expiration date for course credits that were earned in previous years from Ivy Tech Community College. However, students are responsible for any material in the course, so they may choose to repeat the course, or review the course material. Students should discuss plans to retake any courses with a financial aid representative prior to registering as this may affect their financial aid status.

Please review the Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

Pre-Requisite Course Questions, ctd.

▶ Q: When should a student take the ATI TEAS test?

▶ A: The ATI TEAS test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) should be taken after review of high school content and completion of at least a portion of the pre-requisite courses for nursing. A good time for a high school student to take the ATI TEAS test is during the last semester of high school or upon graduation. If an interested student graduated from high school a year or more ago, a more thorough review of high school content should be completed prior to testing.

Completed TEAS testing must be completed prior to the TEAS test deadline identified by the Testing Center. Due to processing time for the ATI TEAS to appear in the student's application, it is recommended that testing times be scheduled allowing two to four weeks prior to the posted TEAS test Deadline date. **ATI TEAS scores not available by the published deadlines will not be considered.**

▶ Please review the Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

Allied Health TEAS TEST

▶ Q: If a student takes the ATI Allied Health TEAS test, do they need to take the ATI Nursing TEAS test once they determine that they will apply to the nursing program?

▶ A: The ATI Allied Health and ATI Nursing TEAS tests are the same test; they are just scored differently. Taking the Allied Health TEAS will count the same as taking the ATI nursing TEAS test. When the ATI Allied Health TEAS test scores are present on the ATI transcript, the applicant will need to contact ATI to request reporting of Nursing TEAS test scores. There may be an associated fee for requests such as these.

Points for CNA Certification

▶ Q: How are optional CNA certification points considered?

▶ A: Five (5) optional points may be added to the total admission decision score for applicants of the ASN Traditional or PN programs, with approved documentation of **current, active Certified Nurse Aide certification.** Documentation verifying a current, active Certified Nurse Aide certification must be uploaded to the online nursing application for consideration. Once approved, five (5) points will be added to the total admission decision score for an ASN Traditional or PN application.

▶ Please review the Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

High School or GED Transcript

▶ Q: Why do nursing applicants have to submit their high school transcript or High School Equivalency exam results when applying to the nursing programs (especially if the transcript of exam results have been submitted previously)?

▶ A: Consistent with Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) requirements, a copy of the student's completed high school transcript from a state-approved high school or its equivalent, or individual and total GED test scores must be submitted with the online nursing application and will be maintained on file. International students will need to provide official credential evaluation from a NACES (naces.org) approved organization showing the equivalence of a U.S. high school diploma. Official evaluation must be sent directly from the credential evaluator to the campus/service area Ivy Tech Campus registrar. A copy must also be submitted with the nursing program admission application.

Selective Admission for Nursing

- Q: Since students have already been accepted to Ivy Tech, why do they need to submit another application for the nursing programs?

- A: The nursing programs at Ivy Tech have more specific admission criteria than the College as a whole. While admission to the college does not ensure acceptance to a nursing program, the student can be working on pre-requisite courses for nursing after admission to the College and prior to application to the nursing program of choice. In addition, selective admission processes are needed because there are more people interested in taking courses in the nursing programs than there are seats available.

- Please review the Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

Nursing Waitlist?

- Q: Is there a waitlist for nursing?

- A: No, there is not a waitlist. Applicants who are not accepted to the nursing program of their choice are invited to apply during future application periods or consider other programs within the School of Health Sciences.

Social Security Number

▶ Q.   Can a student apply without a social security number?

▶ A.   International and undocumented students may apply without a current social security number. However, the state of Indiana will not authorize a graduate to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) exam without a social security number. A flag will alert the student that the social security number field is blank, but leaving that field blank will not prevent the student from completing the online application.

▶ Q: Are there any other requirements for immigrants to the United States to be aware of?

▶ A: All candidates applying to take the NCLEX exam are required to have a U.S. social security number per Indiana code. Further, the United States Immigration and Nationality Act identifies that all candidates applying to take the NCLEX exam are required to be a U.S. citizen or identified as a "Qualified Alien."

What if you are not admitted to nursing?

- ▶ Q: What should a student do if they are not admitted to a nursing program?

- ▶ A: It is recommended that non-admitted applicants meet with their advisor. Advisors can assist students in exploring other programs of interest in Ivy Tech's School of Health Sciences if they have applied several times and have not been accepted into the nursing programs.