NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

Ivy Tech Community College
School of Nursing
Associate of Science and Practical Nursing Programs
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 Overview and Application Process Booklet for detailed information on program and admission requirements.

http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing/ (ASN)
http://www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing/ (PN)
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING PROGRAMS

The following are general requirements for admission into the nursing programs:

- Complete a face-to-face (on campus) Information Session or an online Nursing Information Session (www.ivytech.edu/nursing or www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing).
- Meet with your nursing academic advisor every semester.
- Complete all nursing admission pre-requisite courses, and if possible, do so before completing other required general education courses.
- Complete all application requirements by the published deadlines.
NURSING PROGRAMS AT IVY TECH

- **Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program** – Leads to an Associate of Science degree (AS) and eligibility to apply to the Indiana State Board of Nursing and take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination for Registered Nurses.

- **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.
COLLEGE AND NURSING PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Ivy Tech Community College Accreditation:
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

School of Nursing
Associate of Science Degree & Practical Nursing Program Accreditation:
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/

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: 404-975-5000
Fax: 404-975-5020
www.acenursing.org
NURSING CURRICULA

The ASN and PN Curricula of Record and specific course requirements are available at the main Ivy Tech webpage [www.ivytech.edu](http://www.ivytech.edu) or on the ASN webpage at [www.ivytech.edu/nursing/](http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing/), or the PN webpage, [www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing](http://www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing).

Per the ISBN rules and regulations, ALL courses in the nursing curriculum, including required general education courses, must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher. This includes any prerequisite or other required general education courses as well as all nursing program courses required in the curriculum.
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ASN) PROGRAM

There are three (3) ASN program track 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 a degree in nursing

NOTE: Program options at each campus vary by location and not all programs are offered at each campus: please go to [www.ivytech.edu/nursing/](http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing/) to determine which options are offered at your campus of interest

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ASN PROGRAM – TRADITIONAL TRACK

- Total of 65 credit hours
  - 28 General Education Course Credits (including prerequisite courses)
  - 37 Nursing Course Credits
- 4 nursing course semesters plus a required general education prerequisite course semester
- This track is for individuals who have no previous nursing education/licensure
ASN PROGRAM – LPN TO ASN TRANSITION TRACK

➢ Total of 55 credit hours
   ➢ 28 General Education Course Credits (including prerequisite courses)
   ➢ 27 Nursing Course Credits*

➢ 3 nursing course semesters plus one (1) required general education prerequisite course semester

➢ This track is for LPNs interested in progressing to the RN level

*Number of nursing course credits will vary depending on when and where the applicant completed their LPN program and completion of a nursing pharmacology course

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ASN PROGRAM – LPN TO ASN TRANSITIONAL TRACK

LPN to ASN applicants must complete all required general education prerequisite courses to be eligible for admission to ASN program.

Ivy Tech LPN students who graduated within the last two (2) years on the current PN curriculum:

Will have completed most 100-level nursing and ASN prerequisite general education courses (except MATH 123) as part of the PN program requirements.

Upon admission to the ASN program students must complete three (3) semesters of ASN coursework and additional, required general education courses.

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PNs who graduated over two (2) years prior to application to the ASN program, OR those who graduated on a previous Ivy Tech PN curriculum, OR those who graduated from an external PN program must complete three (3) semesters of nursing coursework including the following:

- NRSG 122 Introduction to ASN Transition (5 cr)
- NRSG 125 LPN to ASN Transition Lab (1 cr)
- NRSG 106 Pharmacology (3 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 higher, verified credit will be awarded at no cost for most 100 level NRSG courses.

Students must complete all remaining ASN nursing and additional, required general education courses.
LPN TO ASN TRANSITION STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN A CURRENT, UNENCUMBERED INDIANA LPN LICENSE THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM.

A COPY MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE NURSING PROGRAM WITH THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND AFTER EACH LICENSURE RENEWAL PERIOD.
ASN – PARAMEDIC TO ASN TRANSITIONAL TRACK

- Total of 57 credit hours
  - 28 General Education Course Credits (including prerequisite courses)
  - 29 Nursing Course Credits

- 3 nursing course semesters plus one (1) required general education prerequisite course semester

- This track is for certified Paramedics who are seeking a degree in nursing

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ASN – PARAMEDIC TO ASN TRANSITIONAL TRACK

- Students must complete three (3) semesters of nursing coursework, including two transition courses:
  - NRSG 122 Introduction to ASN Transition (5 cr)
  - NRSG 123 Paramedic to ASN Transition Lab/Clinical (3 cr)
  - Upon successful completion of these courses with a grade of C or higher, verified credit will be awarded at no cost for some 100 level NRSG courses

- Students must complete all remaining ASN nursing and additional, required general education courses.

- Paramedic to ASN is only offered at select campuses. Please visit www.ivytech.edu/nursing for more information.

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

PARAMEDIC TO ASN TRANSITION STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN A CURRENT, UNENCUMBERED INDIANA PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM.

A COPY MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE NURSING PROGRAM WITH THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND AFTER EACH CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION RENEWAL PERIOD.
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

- 45 Credit hours
  - 13 General Education Credits (including prerequisites)
  - 32 Nursing Credits

- 3 nursing semesters plus one (1) required prerequisite general education course semester

- LPNs work under the supervision of an RN, physician, or other licensed healthcare provider(s)
SELECTIVE ADMISSION

➢ Admission to any ASN or LPN 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 or following admission to the nursing program.
  ➢ Completion of general education courses does not guarantee admission to a nursing program.
IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE APPLYING TO THE ASN OR PN NURSING PROGRAMS
MANDATORY DRUG TESTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

- All nursing program clinical affiliates require mandatory drug testing and criminal background checks before allowing students to participate in clinical courses.

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

- Many health care employers now require negative results from drug testing and criminal background checks before employment.

- Clinical affiliate institutions require a criminal background check and drug screening of our students just as they do for their employees before participation in patient care. The student is responsible for correction of errors identified on any drug screen or criminal background check report.
State Boards of Nursing have questions on their licensure application which may include information about 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 answer “yes” to any of these questions, it is possible that you will not be eligible for licensure after completing the nursing program. The Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) now requires additional criminal background checks on all applicants for the NCLEX licensure examination.
ISBN QUESTIONS

➢ Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit 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?
Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,

- Have you ever been arrested;
- Have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state;
- Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state;
- Have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or
- Have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state?
ISBN QUESTIONS

➢ 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?

➢ Do you have any condition or impairment (including a history of alcohol or substance abuse) that currently interferes, or if left untreated may interfere, with your ability to practice in a competent and professional manner?

Note: The ISBN will not provide any judgment as to licensure eligibility until you have completed the program and submitted your application to take the licensure exam.
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NURSING STUDENTS AND HEALTH RECORDS

The following are required for participation in clinical activities:

- Students admitted to the nursing program 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.
- Annual Flu vaccinations are required when they become available.
- 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 the Essential Functions of Nursing Students.
  - Students with disabilities must contact the college Disabilities Support Staff at the campus of interest for assistance in requesting accommodations.

- Those interested in applying for admission to a nursing program should begin locating childhood immunization records early to avoid delay in admission to the nursing programs.

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THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NURSING STUDENTS ARE LISTED IN THE NURSING PROGRAMS OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION PROCESS BOOKLET AT

WWW.IVYTECH.EDU/NURSING/ (ASN)
OR
WWW.IVYTECH.EDU/PRACTICAL-NURSING (PN)
CLINICAL ABSENCES RELATED TO HEALTH CONDITIONS

- Participation in the nursing program for those with physical conditions is a decision between the student and his/her physician.

- Students are responsible for tracking their own clinical course absences/tardiness times. Illness, family deaths, accidents, emergencies etc. will not be treated as exceptions. Students are encouraged to avoid absences in any nursing course as unforeseen personal or family issues may arise with subsequent absences negatively impacting the course grade.

- Students who develop illnesses or conditions involving limited activity must provide a physician’s written statement that they are physically and mentally capable of undertaking the Essential Functions of Nursing Students prior to resuming clinical activities. Students will not be permitted to participate in clinical without a written physician’s statement.
TIME COMMITMENT

- ASN and PN programs require a major commitment of time and energy
  - Contact hours (based on 16-week courses)
    - Lecture classes: 1 classroom contact hour per credit hour each week
    - Lab classes: 2 lab contact hours per credit hour each week
    - Clinical courses: 3 clinical contact hours per credit hour each week
    - Course work will require 3-4 days per week or more
    - It is essential that you plan for the same amount of study time as class time per week

- Working during the program
  - Course schedules and assignment due dates will not be adjusted to accommodate work schedules
APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP ONE

Complete the application process for Ivy Tech, including:

- Completion of any required Academic Skills Advancement Courses indicated by your ACCUPLACER placement exam.
- Submit official transcripts to the Registrar from any College/University for transfer credit you are seeking.
- College transcripts should be submitted to the Registrars office for review at least 6 to 8 weeks prior to the program application deadline.

Meet with an academic advisor early to discuss program requirements and plan for admission to nursing.

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APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP ONE

- Complete prerequisite general education courses:
  - ENGL 111 English Composition
  - APHY 101 Anatomy and Physiology I
  - MATH 123 or Higher (Quantitative Reasoning) for ASN
  - PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
  - IVYT 112 Student Success in HealthCare
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- The School of Nursing, per Indiana State Board of Nursing regulations, requires submission of a high school transcript or its equivalent for admission to the nursing programs.

- International students who do not possess a U.S. high school diploma must have their high school transcript evaluated through NACES.

- International applicants must submit official credential evaluation from a NACES (http://naces.org/) approved organization showing the equivalence of a U.S. high school diploma.

- The NACES process takes some time and does have an associated fee attached, so please contact NACES early.
MATH REQUIREMENTS

- ASN Program:
  - MATH 123 (or higher) must be completed as a prerequisite for admission to the ASN Program

- PN Program:
  - The PN program has no college-level math requirement; however, a math course may be indicated due to prerequisite requirements of some general education courses.
STEP TWO – APPLY TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

You must carefully read through the Nursing Overview and Application Process Booklet prior to considering application to the Nursing Program(s)
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 all components of the Test of Essential Academic Skills – version V (TEAS V) test

➢ Previous versions of the TEAS test will not be considered toward application for admission to any nursing program.

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APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP TWO

- Students are encouraged to complete any required Academic Skills Advancement courses prior to taking the TEAS V test.

- Students should plan to take the TEAS V test 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 V test at www.ivytech.edu/nursing or www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing

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APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP TWO

TEAS continued

➢ The TEAS V test may be taken two (2) times in a two-year period, with 30 days between tests (this includes any TEAS V attempts taken outside Ivy Tech).

➢ Taking the TEAS V more often than allowed will result in scores being excluded from the points for program admission.

➢ TEAS V scores are valid for a period of two years.

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

- When creating an ATI account to take your TEAS V test, please use something you will remember for user name and password.
  - Examples: use your Ivy Tech 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 program and you will need the same user name and password for access to the ATI tests.

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APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP TWO

- TEAS V Test Continued
  - You must complete all four TEAS V Test components for the test to be considered valid which include:
    - 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 nursing program admission.
  - TEAS V sub-test scores will be used in the selection process.

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TEAS V TEST PREPARATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ATI

For more information on the TEAS V, please visit: www.atitesting.com
APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP TWO

- Refer to the nursing program website at www.ivytech.edu/nursing/ OR www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing to download an application or click on the program site’s drop-down menu for instructions on where to get application packets.
- Be sure to click on the program site’s drop-down menu for instructions on where to turn in your completed application packet.
- Carefully read the directions on the application form(s) and be sure that your packet is complete, signed and has all required documentation attached.
- Incomplete application packets will not be considered for program admission.
# Application Deadlines

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APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP TWO

- Be sure to read, understand, and sign the application acknowledgement page in the application packet.

- 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 ISBN requirements.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline Dates and Notification of Admission:

- Completed nursing application packets are due at the nursing office by 4 PM on the deadline date.
- If the application date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application will be due the Monday (or next business day) immediately following the application date listed.
- Not all program tracks are offered every semester or at each campus.
- Please refer to the nursing webpages for region/campus information on program admission cycles.
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 FOR ADMISSION: RANK ORDER OF APPLICANTS

- Rank Order of Applicants: General Education points and TEAS V points will be summed for a total selection decision score.
  - Applicants will be rank-ordered by total selection decision score.
  - Applicants having the highest scores will be offered admission to the program according to the number of clinical spots available.
  - If two or more students have identical decision scores, the tiebreaker points will be applied in the order listed above until a difference in decision score occurs.
  - The number of students admitted is determined by availability of clinical resources and may be adjusted without advance notice.
SELECTION FOR ADMISSION – RANK ORDER BY DECISION SCORE

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

- **TEAS V points**: Total of weighted sub-test point calculations (100 points possible)
  - **Total Points Possible**: 160

- **Tie Breaker Points**: (applied in the order listed below)
  - TEAS V Adjusted Individual Total Score
  - TEAS V Science sub-score to the tenths place
  - TEAS V Reading sub-score to the tenths place
  - TEAS V English sub-score to the tenths place
  - Prerequisite courses completed at Ivy Tech
  - Cumulative GPA from the most recent transcript
A weighted point system will be used to determine points for the General Education Course component of the selection score points.

When multiple course attempts are reported on the transcript(s), the highest earned grade will be used for the selection decision score. This includes courses appearing on transcripts from other schools.

Points for courses transferred in from other institutions will be awarded from the grade recorded on the transcript from the other institution.

**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.**

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**Total General Education Points Possible = 60**
**TEAS V WEIGHTED POINT SYSTEM**

- **TEAS V Points**: Once it has been determined that the applicant has met the minimum eligibility requirement, the following weighted system will be used to determine the TEAS V component of the selection score points.
- Student must score at the **Proficient level or higher** to have TEAS V scores considered for admission into nursing programs.

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**Total TEAS points possible = 100**
FINAL CONSIDERATIONS
NURSING REQUIRES:

- Critical thinking
- Highly developed communication skills
- Competence in nursing skills
- Professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning
- Ethical and legal accountability as a healthcare professional
- Ability to work in intense, variable and sometimes stressful situations
- Self-direction, time management, and organization skills
- Compassion, patience, and the ability to deliver culturally competent care to diverse populations
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN IVY TECH NURSING!

Regional nursing program contact information can be found at [www.ivytech.edu/nursing/](http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing/) or [www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing/](http://www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing/)