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 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

All prospective students are responsible for accessing the Nursing Overview and Application Process Booklet (available at http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing/ for ASN and http://www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing/ for PN) for detailed information on program requirements and the selective admission process.
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING PROGRAMS

The following are essential components for admission into the nursing programs:

- Complete a face-to-face Information Session at your home campus or an online Nursing Information Session.
- Meet with your academic advisor every semester.
- 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 (PN)** – 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 (ASN)** – Leads to an ASN Degree and eligibility to apply to the State Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX-RN to become a Registered Nurse.
Ivy Tech Community College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The PN and ASN programs are approved by the Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) (www.in.gov/pla) and are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) (www.acenursing.org). 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 or www.ivytech.edu/nursing/ for course requirements.

- ISBN rules and regulations require that all courses in the nursing curriculum, including general education courses, must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher.
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

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

- 3 nursing semesters plus required general education course prerequisites

- LPNs work under the supervision of an RN, physician, or other licensed healthcare provider(s)
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/nursing/](http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing/) to determine which options are offered at your campus of interest.
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM – TRADITIONAL TRACK

- 65 credit hours
  - 28 General Education Credits (including prerequisite courses)
  - 37 Nursing Credits

- 4 nursing semesters plus required general education course prerequisites

- This track is for individuals who have no previous nursing education/licensure
ASN PROGRAM – LPN TO ASN TRANSITIONAL TRACK

- Transition students must complete general education prerequisite courses to be eligible for admission to ASN program.

- Students who have graduated within two years from Ivy Tech on the current 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 three (3) semesters of ASN coursework, (which includes NRSG 125), 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 semesters of nursing coursework:
  - NRSG 122 Introduction to ASN Transition (5 cr) and 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 some 100 level NRSG courses.
- Students must complete all remaining NRSG courses and additional general education courses.
IMPORTANT NOTE:

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 PROGRAM – PARAMEDIC TO ASN TRANSITIONAL TRACK

- Must complete three semesters of additional 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 NRSG courses and additional general education courses.

- Paramedic to ASN is only offered at select campuses.
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.
SELECTIVE ADMISSION

- Admission to the ASN and PN 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 or while enrolled in the nursing program.
  
  - Completion does not guarantee admission to a nursing program.
IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE APPLYING TO THE PN OR ASN NURSING PROGRAMS
DRUG TESTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR 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 on any drug screen or criminal background check report.
ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE

- State Boards of Nursing have questions on the 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 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?

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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?

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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?
- 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?

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 AND HEALTH RECORDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

- 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 AND HEALTH RECORDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

- 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.
- Begin locating childhood immunization records early to avoid delay in admission to the nursing programs.
THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NURSING STUDENTS ARE LISTED IN THE NURSING PROGRAMS OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION PROCESS BOOKLET AT
WWW.IVYTECH.EDU/NURSING/
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 absences/tardiness times. Illness, family deaths, accidents, emergencies etc. will not be treated as exceptions. Students are encouraged to conserve absences to cover unforeseen occurrences.

- 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

- The 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 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 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 any transfer credit you are seeking.
- 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:
  - ENGL 111 English Composition
  - APHY 101 Anatomy and Physiology I
  - MATH 123 or Higher (Quantitative Reasoning) for ASN
  - PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

➤ Please visit http://www.ivytech.edu/international-students/ for additional information and requirements.
MATH REQUIREMENTS

- The PN program has no college-level math requirement; however, a math course may be indicated due to requirements of some general education courses.

- MATH 123 (or higher) must be completed as a prerequisite for admission to the ASN Program.
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)
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 all components of the Test of Essential Academic Skills – version V (TEAS V) test

- Previous versions of the TEAS will not be considered for the application process.
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.
- Students should refer to their home campus for directions on registering for and taking the TEAS V test.

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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 PREPARATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT 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/ 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 for the program in which you are applying.

- Carefully read the directions on the application forms and be sure that your packet is complete.

- Incomplete application packets will not be considered for program admission.
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

- Application submission deadlines are as follows:
  - For Fall Admission – April 1
  - For Spring Admission – September 1
  - For Summer Admission – February 1
    - Due by 4pm on the deadline date. If this date falls on a weekend or holiday it is due the following business day by 4pm.

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

- Please refer to the 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 pre-requisite course grades
- **TEAS V points:** Total of weighted sub-test point calculations
- **Total Points Possible:** 160
- **Tie Breaker Points are determined as follows:**
  - Composite TEAS V score; TEAS V science sub-score to the tenths place; TEAS V reading sub-score to the tenth place; TEAS V English sub-score to the tenth place; prerequisite courses completed at Ivy Tech; cumulative GPA from the most recent transcript.
  - For example, Student A has a composite score of 72.3% and Student B has a composite score of 71.2%, the tie is broken at that point. However, if Students A & B had the same composite score, then it would be necessary for the science sub-score to be considered as the next tie breaker and so forth until the tie is broken.
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V= Verified Credit
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FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

Is Nursing Right for You?
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/ or/www.ivytech.edu/practical-nursing/