



Ivy Tech will be retiring the current Pre-Nursing Studies Certificate in Fall 2024. All students currently enrolled in the Pre-Nursing CT who wish to continue working toward application to the Nursing program are encouraged to move into the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest. Below is a list of common questions and answers.

Q: When will this change go into place?

A: This change will be implemented for the 2024 Fall Semester, which begins August 19.

Q: As a current Pre-Nursing CT student, what program should I change to in order to continue my path of becoming a nurse?

A: Your best option is the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest. This program is designed to effectively prepare you to apply for the Nursing program.

Q: Who should I work with to make this program change?

A: You can schedule an appointment with your advisor to make the change: ivytech.edu/advising

Q: When do I need to make the program change to the Healthcare Technician TC?

A: Before fall classes start August 19, 2024.

Q: Will the pre-requisite courses I've already taken still count or do I need to start over?

A: Any nursing pre-requisite course that you took as part of the Pre-Nursing CT will still count toward the Healthcare Specialist TC.

Q: Will I still earn 5 points toward the Nursing program application by earning the CNA credential when I transition to the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest?

A: Yes. You can still complete the CNA coursework in the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest. Completing the coursework and earning your CNA credential will give you 5 points on your nursing application.

Q: If I go full-time, how long will it take me to complete the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest program?

A: The TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest is 30 credits and typically takes two to three semesters, which equates to one to two years. However, you may be eligible to apply to the Nursing program once you have completed all nursing pre-requisites. If you are accepted into the Nursing program, you do not need to complete the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest, so individual timelines may vary.

Q: Will the TC in Healthcare Specialist - Nursing Interest program be eligible for Financial Aid?

A: Yes

Q: Will I still have to complete the TEAS test?

A: Yes

Q: When should I apply for the Nursing program?

A: Students are eligible to apply to the nursing program of their choice when the pre-requisite requirements are met. You can view the full list at ivytech.edu/nursing.

Q: What if I no longer want to be a nurse? Are there other healthcare programs I could pursue?

A: Yes. Students in the Healthcare Specialist program are able to study a wide variety of certification options including Dementia Care, Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nursing Aide, and more. Some of these short-term certifications are eligible for Next Level Jobs, which means tuition can be free. Meet with your local Career Coach to explore your career options.

Q: What if I no longer want to work in Healthcare?

A: Schedule an appointment with your local Career Coach to explore how your interests align with potential careers and degrees.