



DRAKE STATE
COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Health Sciences Division

LPN Program

Application deadlines

Semester of enrollment	Application deadline
Fall	March 15

Notification of selection will be about 3 months after the application deadline.

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- **Step One – get accepted at Drake State**

The Office of Admissions/ Registrar is the first stop for students who desire to enter the college. All students will need to complete an [Electronic Application](#) for admittance and other necessary documents for acceptance into the college. For a detailed list of steps to complete the enrollment process, visit the [Admission Requirements](#) page.

- **Step Two – Complete general education classes with a grade of A, B or C**

Best practices demonstrate that taking all your general education classes prior to taking nursing classes will increase your chance of success in nursing. You can register for the general education courses at Drake State (see below). If you have taken these courses already, please make sure that your official transcripts are sent to Drake State from the College(s) where you completed those courses.

Note: While a D may be a passing grade in some programs, D is not a passing grade in the nursing program.

Note: SOPHIA credits are not accepted for any courses

ENG101 English Composition	3 CREDIT HOURS
MTH100 College Algebra	3 CREDIT HOURS
BIO201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I with lab	4 CREDIT HOURS
BIO202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II with lab	4 CREDIT HOURS
SPH107 Oral Communication, Speech	3 CREDIT HOURS
PSY210 Human Growth and Development	3 CREDIT HOURS

If you need to take any of the above general education classes to meet your nursing curriculum requirements, we can get you registered for classes. You can email at nur@drakestate.edu, or Rebecca.sims@drakestate.edu or call the Health Sciences Department at 256-551-3156. Looking forward to helping you begin your nursing journey!

- **Step Three – Submit your nursing application**



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Carefully review the information packet, and make sure that you have completed all admission requirements prior to submitting your nursing application.

The nursing application is online, please apply [here](#). Your user name is (your) [A-number@drakestate.edu](#) – example [A9999999@drakestate.edu](#).

Your password is “!Drakemmdyy” (your date of birth, example !Drake053023).



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PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Unconditional admission to the college
- A completed application for admission to nursing program received before published deadline.
- A minimum of **2.5 GPA** for nursing required academic core courses
- A minimum of **2.5 GPA cumulative high school GPA** for students without prior college courses (GED will be used if applicable)
- A minimum of **2.0 GPA cumulative GPA at current, native institution or cumulative 2.0 GPA at institution from which student is transferring**
- Meeting the essential functions for nursing
- Eligibility for ENG 101, MTH 100, and BIO 201

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA

- Points for grades in the following nursing required core general educational courses are as documented:
A = 3 points, B = 2 points, C = 0 point
English Composition I
Intermediate College Algebra
Human Anatomy & Physiology I
Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- Additional 10 points awarded by the institution (see next page for the point distribution)

Note: Not all courses may have been completed at time of admission. Conditional admission may be granted provided the student is completing core courses the semester prior to nursing cohort beginning.

Note: Core general educational courses taken in high school as dual enrollment can be used in GPA calculation.



Nursing Program Selection Points – Practical Nursing Program
All components of the application must be on file by the application deadline

Selection Criterion	Points
Points for grades in core academic courses (MUST MAKE A C OR BETTER TO BE CONSIDERED)	
ENG101 A=3 points; B=2 points; C=0 points; 0-5 points possible	
MTH100 A=3 points; B=2 points; C=0 points; 0-5 points possible	
BIO201 A=3 points; B=2 points; C=0 points; 0-5 points possible	
BIO202 A=3 points; B=2 points; C=0 points; 0-5 points possible	
Other Criteria	
Working in healthcare – 4 points; 0-4 points possible	
GPA for core academic courses (ENG101 <i>and</i> MTH100 <i>and</i> BIO201 <i>and</i> BIO202) 2.5 to 2.99= add 0 points; 3.0 to 3.59= add 1 point; 3.6 -4.0= add 2 points; 0-2 points possible	
Completed ALL general Education courses – ENG101, MTH, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, SPH106/107 – add 1 point; 0-1 point possible	
Completed ALL general Education courses AT DRAKE STATE – ENG101, MTH, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, SPH106/107 – add 4 points; 0-4 points possible	
First time nursing student, never enrolled in a nursing course at any educational institution – add 4 points	
Total Points	



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ESTIMATED COST OF NURSING PROGRAM

Tuition Per Credit Hour: \$201 (subject to change) Total Semester Credit hours: 46

The following fees are required in addition to tuition cost:

- Nursing resources fee totaling \$1120.00 each semester.
- lab kit fee of \$200.00 (First Semester Students only) *Purchased from the bookstore.*
- Physical Examination and immunizations (cost varies from \$200 and up, if no insurance)

NOTE: Immunizations like Hepatitis B, which is required for the program, are generally not covered in a physical exam. You may have to pay an additional charge.

- Textbooks/lab supplies: \$4,000.00 for the entire program. *Purchased from the bookstore.*
- Technology:
 - Laptop Computer with webcam & microphone
 - USB flash/jump/thumb drive (16 gigabytes recommended): \$20 and up.

Notebooks, pencils, pens, office/school supplies etc. have not been included in this estimate.

AFTER GRADUATION:

- Fee for the Licensing (NCLEX) exam: www.pearsonvue.com for most current fees. They are about \$200.00.
- Application for license (Alabama Board of Nursing): Application Fee estimated \$175.00, check www.abn.alabama.gov for most current fee structure.

NOTE: application for licensure and testing is done online, by credit card.

All prices are subject to change. Prices listed are approximate.



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**All uniforms should be purchased at Parkway Scrubs
2006 Memorial Parkway Huntsville, AL 35801
(Phone: 256-536-5367 or 877-835-8316)**

Uniform

Three sets recommended

- Healing Hands Works
 - Color: Galaxy blue (GAB)
 - Ladies:
 - Top: Style #2500
 - \$26.99 – \$32.99
 - Pant: Style #9560 or #9500
 - \$28.99 – \$38.99
 - Men:
 - Top: Style #2590
 - \$28.99 - \$34.99
 - Pant: Style #9590
 - \$33.99- 40.99

Optional:

- Lab coat Healing Hands Works:
 - Ladies Style #5160
 - \$29.99 - \$35.99
 - Men Healing Hands Style #5150
 - \$29.99-\$35.99
- Long sleeve underscrub: solid white ONLY
 - \$21.99+
- Students' lab coat must have a collar, and no knit cuffs. The length of the coat should fall below the bottom of the buttocks, which will allow it to be longer than the scrub top (**Drake State logo will be required to be Monogrammed on the left upper chest area of all lab coats. Price approximately \$10 each**)
- If you choose not to monogram, you must apply the patch to the left upper sleeve of the lab coat and use the name plate. *Patches must be purchased from the bookstore*
- Long sleeve white t-shirts/thermals are allowed to be worn underneath blue uniform. No other colors are allowed

No deviations in style or color are permitted.

Shoes/footwear

- Nursing shoes/Tennis shoes must be full shoes with a back (no clogs). No holes in the shoes are permitted. Shoes can be solid white or solid black; no other color allowed.



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- Socks: You need to wear socks or support hose/stockings the same color as the shoes. No sports or ankle socks are allowed.

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Sample Course Enrollment Plan PN

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3 <u>After selection into nursing program</u>	SEMESTER 4	SEMESTER 5
ORI 101	BIO 202	NUR 112	NUR 113	NUR 114
BIO 201	PSY 210			NUR 115
MTH 100	ENG 101			
SPH 107				

PN Curriculum

Subject	Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (21 credit hours)	
ORI 101 ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE (IF REQUIRED)	1.0
BIO 201 HUMAN A&P I	4.0
BIO 202 HUMAN A&P II	4.0
ENG 101 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3.0
MTH 100 INTERMEDIATE COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3.0
PSY 210 HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	3.0
SPH 107 FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING	3.0
NURSING COURSES (25 credit hours)	
NUR 112 FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF NURSING	7.0
NUR 113 NURSING CONCEPTS I	8.0
NUR 114 NURSING CONCEPTS II	8.0
NUR 115 EVIDENCE BASED CLINICAL REASONING	2.0
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	46



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NURSING PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. In accordance with College policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities.

Physical, cognitive, psychomotor, affective and social abilities are required in unique combinations to provide safe and effective nursing care. The applicant/student must be able to meet the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations throughout the program of learning. Admission, progression and graduation are contingent upon one's ability to demonstrate the essential functions delineated for the nursing programs with or without reasonable accommodations. The nursing programs and/or its affiliated clinical agencies may identify additional essential functions. The nursing programs reserve the right to amend the essential functions as deemed necessary.

In order to be admitted and to progress in the nursing program one must possess a functional level of ability to perform the duties required of a nurse. Admission or progression may be denied if a student is unable to demonstrate the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

The essential functions delineated are those deemed necessary the Alabama Community College System nursing programs. No representation regarding industrial standards is implied. Similarly, any reasonable accommodations made will be determined and applied to the respective nursing program and may vary from reasonable accommodations made by healthcare employers.

The essential functions delineated below are necessary for nursing program admission, progression and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective nursing care. The essential functions include but are not limited to the ability to:

1) Sensory Perception

- a) Visual
 - i) Observe and discern subtle changes in physical conditions and the environment
 - ii) Visualize different color spectrums and color changes
 - iii) Read fine print in varying levels of light
 - iv) Read for prolonged periods of time
 - v) Read cursive writing
 - vi) Read at varying distances
 - vii) Read data/information displayed on monitors/equipment
- b) Auditory
 - i) Interpret monitoring devices
 - ii) Distinguish muffled sounds heard through a stethoscope
 - iii) Hear and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment



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- iv) Effectively hear to communicate with others
- c) Tactile
 - i) Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location and other physical characteristics
- d) Olfactory
 - i) Detect body odors and odors in the environment

2) **Communication/ Interpersonal Relationships**

- a) Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others, from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
- b) Work effectively in groups
- c) Work effectively independently
- d) Discern and interpret nonverbal communication
- e) Express one's ideas and feelings clearly
- f) Communicate with others accurately in a timely manner
- g) Obtain communications from a computer

3) **Cognitive/Critical Thinking**

- a) Effectively read, write and comprehend the English language
- b) Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical nursing decisions in a variety of health care settings
- c) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations including mathematical computations without a calculator
- d) Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives

4) **Motor Function**

- a) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction
- b) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self or others
- c) Maintain balance from any position
- d) Stand on both legs
- e) Coordinate hand/eye movements
- f) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self or others
- g) Stand, bend, walk and/or sit for 6-12 hours in a clinical setting performing physical activities requiring energy without jeopardizing the safety of the client, self or others
- h) Walk without a cane, walker or crutches
- i) Function with hands free for nursing care and transporting items
- j) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
- k) Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely



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- l) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
- m) Maneuver in small areas
- n) Perform daily care functions for the client
- o) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe effective nursing care
- p) Calibrate/use equipment
- q) Execute movement required to provide nursing care in all health care settings
- r) Perform CPR and physical assessment
- s) Operate a computer

5) Professional Behavior

- a) Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance and a healthy attitude toward others
- b) Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude that is age appropriate in relationship to the client
- c) Handle multiple tasks concurrently
- d) Perform safe, effective nursing care for clients in a caring context
- e) Understand and follow the policies and procedures of the College and clinical agencies
- f) Understand the consequences of violating the student code of conduct
- g) Understand that posing a direct threat to others is unacceptable and subjects one to discipline
- h) Meet qualifications for licensure by examination as stipulated by the Alabama Board of Nursing
- i) Not to pose a threat to self or others
- j) Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing nursing care
- k) Adapt to changing environments and situations
- l) Remain free of chemical dependency
- m) Report promptly to clinicals and remain for 6-12 hours on the clinical unit
- n) Provide nursing care in an appropriate time frame
- o) Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions
- p) Seek supervision/consultation in a timely manner
- q) Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with nursing care or learning