# LPN Program

## Application deadlines

| Semester of enrollment | Application deadline |
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| Fall | March 15 |

Notification of selectionwill be about 3 months after the application deadline.

Questions? Contact nur@drakestate.edu

# LPN PROGRAM

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

The Office of Admissions/ Registrar is the first stop for students who desire to enter the nursing program. All students will need to complete an Electronic Application for admittance and submit all 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 – Register and take your HESI A2 entrance exam. (Fees Apply)**

Please contact the Testing Center at 256-551-3116 or testing@drakestate.edu to schedule an appointment.

- **Step Three – 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***

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| 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 |

*Note: if you have already taken these courses at another college, please request your official transcripts to be sent to Drake State Attention: Director of Admissions.*

*Note: We do not accept transferred nursing courses. All students transferring must begin at NUR112.*

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 Admissions@drakestate.edu or call the Admissions Department at (256) 551-3109. We're looking forward to helping you begin your nursing journey!

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

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 "!Drakemmddyy" (your date of birth, example !Drake053023).

All components of the application must be on file by the published application deadline of March 15th.

| **Program requirements:** | **Y/N** |
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| Apply to and be unconditionally accepted to the college. | |
| Submit a complete nursing program application online by the published deadline.<br>(March 15th for Fall Semester) | |
| Must meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the nursing program | |
| Must be eligible for ENG101, BIO201, and MTH100 at the time of admission to the program. | |
| **GPA Requirements** | |
| Minimum 2.5 GPA based on core academic courses: ENG101, MTH100 or higher, BIO201, BIO202<br>• GPA is calculated based on grade(s) appearing on your Drake State transcript | |
| Minimum Cumulative 2.0 GPA based on core and remaining general education courses: ENG101, MTH100 or higher, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, and SPH106 or 107<br>• For students without prior college courses, a minimum 2.5 cumulative High School or GED GPA is required. | |

| **Selection Criterion (Must make a C or better to be considered)** | **Points Awarded** | **Maximum Available** |
|---|---|---|
| **HESI A2 Composite Score x .25**<br>• We will use the highest HESI composite percentile score on file.<br>• Score must be submitted before application deadline.<br>Score must be no more than 2 years old at the application deadline. | | 25 |
| **HESI A2 Critical Thinking Score** of 750 or greater | | 2 |
| **Points for grades in core academic courses. * (A=3, B=2, C=0)** | | |
| ENG101 | | 3 |
| MTH100 | | 3 |
| BIO201 | | 3 |
| BIO202 | | 3 |
| **Other Criteria** | | |
| GPA for core academic courses (ENG10, MTH100, BIO201, BIO202)<br>2.5 to 2.99= 0 points<br>3.0 to 3.59= 1 point<br>3.6 -4.0= 2 points | | 2 |
| Completed ALL general Education courses – ENG101, MTH, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, SPH106/107 | | 1 |
| Completed ALL general Education courses **AT DRAKE STATE** – ENG101, MTH, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, SPH106/107 | | 4 |
| First time nursing student, never enrolled in a nursing course at any educational institution | | 4 |
| **Total Points** | | **50** |

*Must make a C or better in general education courses for program consideration.

# 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 costs:

- Nursing resources fee totaling $1120.00 each semester.
- Lab kit fee of $200.00 (First Semester Students)
    - *Purchased from the online bookstore.*
- Huntsville Hospital Badge: $20
    - *If your badge is lost or damaged, it must be replaced and will incur another $20 fee.*
- 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 online 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 $350.00.
- 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.***

**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*

- Band: Healing Hands Works
  - Color: Galaxy blue (GAB)
  - Ladies:
    - Top: Style #2500
      - $26.99 – $32.99
    - Pant: Style #9560 or #9500
      - $28.99 – $38.99
    - Lab coat (white): Style #5160
      - $29.99 – $35.99
  - Men:
    - Top: Style #2590
      - $28.99 - $34.99
    - Pant: Style #9590
      - $33.99- 40.99
    - Lab Coat (white): Style #5150
      - $29.99 - $35.99

- Students' lab coats must be white, 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 should be monogrammed on the left upper chest area of all lab coats. Price approximately $10 each at Parkway Scrubs
  - 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 online bookstore

***There should be no monograms on scrub tops***

## Name Plate

- Name badges are to be worn on the right upper chest area of the lab coats and on the left upper chest area over heart on all scrub tops.
- Name badges should be purchased from Bowman Enterprises.
  - 2701 Leeman Ferry Rd. SW Huntsville, AL 3580, Phone-256-536-5041
  - $12.00
  - Need ordered 1 week in advance for turnaround time. Open M-F, 8am-5pm
  - Example: Mattie Davis SPN

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

## Optional:

- Long sleeve under scrub: solid white or long sleeve white t-shirt/thermal.
    - $21.99+
    - To be worn underneath blue uniform. No other colors are allowed

***No deviations in style or color are permitted. All prices approximate and subject to change.***

## Sample Course Enrollment Plan PN

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 | SEMESTER 3 After selection into nursing program | SEMESTER 4 | SEMESTER 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ORI 101 | BIO 202 | NUR 112 | NUR 113 | NUR 114 |
| BIO 201 | PSY 210 | | | NUR 115 |
| MTH 100 | ENG 101 | | | LPN EXAM |
| SPH 107 | | | | |
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## PN Curriculum

| Subject | Semester Credit Hours |
|---|---|
| **General Education Courses** | |
| 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 |
| **Total** | **21** |
| **Practical Nursing Courses** | |
| 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** | **25** |
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| **Total credit hours for Practical Nursing** | **46** |

# DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with college policy, when requested, reasonable accommodation 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 accommodation 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 it's 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 accommodation.

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 accommodation made will be determined and applied to the respective nursing program and may vary from reasonable accommodation 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
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
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