



**DRAKE STATE**  
COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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# **RN Launch Program**

## **Application deadlines**

<b>Semester of enrollment</b>	<b>Application deadline</b>
Fall	March 15
Spring	August 15

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

Questions? Contact [nur@drakestate.edu](mailto:nur@drakestate.edu)

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**RN LAUNCH PROGRAM – OFFERED AT THE HH Cochran Campus in Madison**

The RN launch program is an associate degree nursing program in collaboration with Huntsville Hospital.

For information about the RN Launch scholarship, please contact [HHcareers@hhsys.org](mailto:HHcareers@hhsys.org).

• **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 send any other necessary documents for acceptance to 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 entrance exam. (Fees Apply)**

Please contact the Testing Center at 256-551-3116 or [testing@drakestate.edu](mailto:testing@drakestate.edu) to schedule an appointment.

*Note: ACT scores are accepted in lieu of HESI entrance Exam*

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

Huntsville Hospital offers a scholarship for nursing courses only. To be eligible for this scholarship, you need to complete the courses below 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, a D is not a passing grade in the nursing program.

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
BIO220 Microbiology w lab	4 credit hours
SPH107 Oral Communication, Speech	3 credit hours
PSY210 Human Growth and Development	3 credit hours
Humanities Elective	



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*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: Please know that the BSN courses do not transfer fully into the associate degree program. for example, our fundamentals of nursing course include pharmacology, health assessment, community nursing, and health promotion as well as nursing concepts. You may have to repeat all nursing classes.*

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](mailto:nur@drakestate.edu), or [Rebecca.sims@drakestate.edu](mailto:Rebecca.sims@drakestate.edu) or call the Health Sciences Department at 256-551-3156. 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](mailto:A-number@drakestate.edu) – example [A9999999@drakestate.edu](mailto:A9999999@drakestate.edu).

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



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### **NURSING (ADN WITH PN OPTION) PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA**

- Unconditional admission to the college
- A completed application for admission to nursing program received before published deadline
- HESI entrance exam score (see page 2) or ACT Score
- 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 (See Pages 9-11)

### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

- HESI score, convert the percentage score by (HESI percent X .36) or ACT score.
- 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.*



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**Nursing Program Selection Points – RN Nursing Program**

All components of the application must be on file by the application deadline

Selection Criterion	Points
HESI A2 exam composite percentile score X .36 or ACT score	
Points for grades in core academic courses ( <b>MUST MAKE A C OR BETTER TO BE CONSIDERED</b> ) <b>ENG101, MTH100, BIO201, BIO202</b> A=3 points; B=2 points; C=0 points	
Completed a CNA program and working as CNA – add 1 point	
GPA for core academic courses (ENG101, MTH100, BIO201, BIO202) 2.5 to 2.99= add 0 points; 3.0 to 3.59= add 1 point; 3.6 -4.0= add 2 points	
Completed ALL general Education courses – ENG101, MTH100, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, SPH106/1077, BIO220, and Humanities – add 1 point	
Completed ALL general Education courses <b>AT DRAKE STATE</b> – ENG101, MTH100, BIO201, BIO202, PSY210, SPH106/107, BIO220, and Humanities – add 2 points	
First time nursing student, never enrolled in a nursing course at any educational institution – add 4 points	
<b>Total Points possible</b>	



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### **ESTIMATED COST OF NURSING PROGRAM**

Tuition, fees, lab fees, lab kit, textbook and other learning resources are covered in your scholarship through Huntsville Hospital. Loaner laptops will be issued. Students will return the laptops after completing or separating from the program.

- Uniforms - \$170.00 - \$280.00 *Three Sets Recommended.* (see page 7)  
*Note: Huntsville Hospital will cover the cost of one set of scrubs.*
- Shoes - \$50.00 – \$150.00
- Socks/hose - \$3.00 – 15.00 per pair
- Textbooks can be purchased through the college's online bookstore.
- Technology required:
  - Laptop (laptop will be loaned by Huntsville Hospital).

Notebooks, pencils, pens, and other school supplies have not been included in this estimate.

#### **AFTER GRADUATION Huntsville Hospital will cover:**

Application for license (Alabama Board of Nursing): approximately \$375.00

*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.
- 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 ADN**

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3 After selection into nursing program	SEMESTER 4	SEMESTER 5	SEMESTER 6	SEMESTER 7
ORI 101	BIO 202	NUR 112	NUR 113	NUR 114	NUR 211	NUR 221
BIO 201	BIO 220			NUR 115		BSS220
MTH 100	ENG 101			LPN EXAM		RN EXAM
SPH 107	PSY 210					
Humanities course						

**RN Curriculum**

Subject	Credit Hours
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (29 credit hours)</b>	
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
BIO 220 GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY (RN)	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
ETHICS OR OTHER HUMANITIES ELECTIVE (SEE CATALOG) (RN)	3.0
BSS 220 STUDY SKILLS (GRADUATION REQUIREMENT)	1.0
<b>NURSING COURSES (39 credit hours)</b>	
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
NUR 211 ADVANCED NURSING CONCEPTS (RN)	7.0
NUR 221 ADVANCED EVIDENCE BASED CLINICAL REASONING (RN)	7.0
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>68</b>



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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



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- 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