



Thank you for your interest in the Nursing Program at Dyersburg State Community College. The Department of Nursing has an excellent reputation and is always looking for qualified individuals. This packet of information can be utilized for both the fall admission at Dyersburg and the spring admission at Jimmy Naifeh Center (JNC) at Tipton County.

To be considered for the Nursing Program, you must first apply for admission to the College, or readmission if you have previously taken courses at DSCC. Nursing admission requirements must also be met. In preparation for admission, please read the admission requirements carefully and complete prerequisites as required. Applicants who have not met the requirements for admission to the College and/or the Nursing Program will not be considered for admission.

Dyersburg Campus Admission

The Dyersburg campus admits every fall.
Application deadline – March 1

JNC at Tipton County Admission

The JNC campus admits every spring.
Application deadline – September 1

The College application may be accessed from the DSCC homepage (www.dsc.edu). If an applicant has previous college course work from other colleges/universities, the applicant must request transcripts be sent to DSCC Admissions and Records. As a Nursing admissions policy requirement, applicants must also submit official college/university transcripts to the Department of Nursing. This can be completed through a transcript clearing house and sent electronically to nursing@dsc.edu.

A nursing career provides many wonderful opportunities. If you need further assistance, please call the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3200, the Department of Nursing at 731-286-3390, the JNC at Tipton County at 901-475-3100, or the Department of Nursing at 901-475-3182.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christy Hamilton, RN

Director of Nursing
Dyersburg State Community College

Dyersburg State Community College
Department of Nursing
Requirements for Admission to the RN Program

The Dyersburg State Community College AAS degree with a major in Nursing is a program of study designed to prepare individuals to be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The Nursing Program is a daytime program that is offered at the Dyersburg campus and at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. The Dyersburg State Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Website: www.acenursing.org/
Address: 3390 Peachtree Road NE
Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
Telephone: 404-975-5000
Fax: 404-975-5020

The DSCC Nursing Program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

Website: www.TNBoardofNursing.gov
Address: Tennessee Board of Nursing
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243
Telephone: 1-800-778-4123
615-532-5166

To be considered for admission to the Nursing Program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant must be accepted to DSCC as a regular admission student. Refer to [*Requirements for Regular Admission*](#) in this catalog section.
2. The applicant must submit a completed Application for Nursing to the Department of Nursing by the deadline specified:
 - September 1 for spring admission - DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, and
 - March 1 for fall admission- Dyersburg campus
 - This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
3. Applicants with prior college credits must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for all courses comprising the nursing curriculum and a minimum grade of "C" in each course in the nursing curriculum.
 - For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used in the calculation of the nursing grade-point average.
 - By the application deadline for the Nursing Program, official transcripts from all previously-attended colleges and/or universities must be submitted to the Office of Records and to the Department of Nursing for evaluation. Failure to provide documentation as requested will result in the rejection of the student's application.
 - At any time after a student has been admitted to the Nursing Program, if the student failed to submit all high school and/or college transcripts for review for admission, he/she will be dismissed from the Nursing Program at the point of discovery.

4. Each applicant is required to have on file his/her test results from the required preadmission examination: Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) for Registered Nurses.
 - Details regarding the dates, times, place and cost of the test are available from the Testing Office or at www.dsc.edu.
 - Test fees are non-refundable.
 - The test score will remain in the applicant's file for three years from the testing date; if the student reapplies after three years, he/she must retake the preadmission examination again.
 - TEAS can be taken as many times as needed with the highest grade being used. There is a required six-month wait period between retesting.
 - Students must reapply for each class to be considered; the Department of Nursing does not keep a waiting list of applicants.
5. A criminal background check and drug screen are required by clinical facilities for assurance of patient safety. These will be required if accepted into the Program.
 - Based on the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow a student's presence at their facility. This will result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program.
 - Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for registered nurse licensure even though they successfully complete the Nursing Program. Detailed instructions regarding the background check will be given during nursing orientation.
 - The student will assume the cost of the physical examination, drug screens, and background checks. To obtain more information, please contact the Department of Nursing.
6. If accepted, the applicant must submit proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition, current immunizations, including Tdap and Varicella, and a negative TB skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated. TB skin tests and flu immunizations are required yearly. COVID-19 immunizations may be required based on a clinical site requirement. Students expected to have patient contact must present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact. The applicant must submit a valid Basic Life Support (American Heart Association) CPR card to the Department of Nursing.
7. Transfer requests from other colleges will be considered on an individual basis and upon availability of space. Transfer requests should be directed to the Director of Nursing.
8. Applicants may be interviewed by the Nursing faculty as part of the admission process.
9. Admission into the Nursing Program will be based on a point system.
 - The point system will be based upon the Preadmission Examination test score; GPA; BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, ENGL 1010 English Composition I, and MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics courses completed with a grade of "B" or above; and a current certification/licensure in a healthcare field.
 - In the event an applicant has taken these courses more than once, the most recent grade will be calculated in the point system.
 - Science courses must have been completed within five years prior to the admission date and prior to the qualifying application deadline date to be included in the admission points (fall semester if applying for the next fall admission/Dyersburg Campus, and summer term if applying for the next spring admission/DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County).
 - The five-year science requirement may be waived if the applicant successfully completed the science course(s) and has a current certification/licensure in the healthcare field.

10. Required Learning Support courses, if needed, must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline date (fall semester if applying for the next fall admission/Dyersburg Campus, and summer term if applying for the next spring admission/DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County).
11. Students who have made a “D” or “F” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses at DSCC (*unless an Academic Fresh Start has been granted; refer to Academic Fresh Start in the [Academic Affairs and Regulations](#) section of this catalog*) or any other college or university will not be considered for admission, readmission or transfer to the DSCC Nursing Program.
 - If a “D,” “F,” or withdrawal is made from two or more nursing courses in the same semester at DSCC or any other college or university, the attempt may be counted as one unsuccessful attempt.
 - Students who have made a “D,” “F,” or have withdrawn from two nursing courses prior to completion of Paramedic or LPN licensure may be considered on an individual basis for admission into the Traditional Nursing Track.
 - NURX CLEP exams given by Excelsior will not be considered an unsuccessful attempt if the student scored a “D” or “F.” Credit for courses will be given on a case-by-case basis as reviewed by the Nursing Admissions and Retention Committee.
12. Students admitted to the DSCC Nursing Program will be required to comply with the Nursing Program retention and progression policies. Details of these policies are published in the *Department of Nursing Program Student Handbook*.
13. Each semester, students will be required to pass a Math Dosage Validation Examination.
14. Students who apply but are not accepted for the class that begins in the fall semester on the Dyersburg Campus or for the spring semester class which begins in the spring semester at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following class. Applications will not be considered from previous semesters.
15. New high school graduates will be assessed for admission using points from the Preadmission Examination test score; high school GPA; and the math, science, and reading section of the ACT test. Applicants admitted as a high school student must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
16. New high school graduates who have completed general education courses listed in the nursing degree plan will be considered as a student with college hours when calculating points for admission into the Nursing Program.

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Nursing
Major and Concentration

The Nursing Program graduate possesses the competencies necessary to assume the role of a beginning practitioner in a structured healthcare setting such as a hospital or extended care facility. The graduate is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

To facilitate success in this program, all students should enroll in ORN 1010: Orientation, Learning to Succeed during their first semester at DSCC.

Course	Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
ENGL 1010		English Composition I	3
PSYC 1030		Introduction to Psychology	3
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3
		Guided Elective**	3
MATH 1530		Introductory Statistics	3
BIOL 2010		Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2020		Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 2230		Microbiology	4
NRSB 1710		Fundamentals of Nursing	7
NRSB 1720		Medical-Surgical Nursing I	7
NRSB 1340		Mental Health Nursing	3
NRSB 2730		Medical-Surgical Nursing II	7
NRSB 1320		Women's Health and Childbearing Family	3
NRSB 2740		Medical-Surgical Nursing III	7
NRSB 1330		Pediatric Nursing	3
NRSB 2240		Professional Practice in Nursing	2
Total			66

*The Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (one course) must be completed from the following:
ART 1035, ARTH 2000, ARTH 2020, ENGL 2110, ENGL 2120, ENGL 2210, ENGL 2220, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320, ENGL 2055, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2200 or THEA 1030.

**The Guided Elective (one course) must be completed from the following:
ENGL 1020, COMM 2025, PSYC 2130 or HPED 220.

Nursing Courses must be taken in sequence.

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Department of Nursing at Dyersburg**

Point Calculations for Admission

STUDENT WITH COLLEGE HOURS

	<u>Your Score</u>	<u>Maximum Possible</u>
TEAS exam score divided by 10 <i>(Math and Reading sections only.)</i>	_____	<u>10</u>
GPA <i>(GPA is based upon nursing curriculum general education courses only.)</i>	_____	<u>4.0</u>
EXTRA POINT COURSES – 1 point for a grade of B or above		
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	_____	<u>1.0</u>
English Composition I	_____	<u>1.0</u>
Introductory Statistics	_____	<u>1.0</u>
Healthcare Experience (LPN, CNA, RT, etc.)*	_____	<u>1.0</u>
 <i>*Points will be awarded for healthcare experience if the applicant attaches a copy of a current healthcare licensure with expiration date to their application.</i>		
	Total	_____

*** NEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

	<u>Your Score</u>	<u>Maximum Possible</u>
TEAS exam score divided by 10 <i>(Math and Reading sections only.)</i>	_____	<u>10</u>
GPA	_____	<u>4.0</u>
*ACT scores – 1 point for a 21 and up		
ACT math score.	_____	<u>1.0</u>
ACT science score.	_____	<u>1.0</u>
ACT reading score.	_____	<u>1.0</u>
	Total	_____

*Students scoring 18 and below on the English, Math, or Reading portions of the ACT will be required to enroll in the Learning Support Program at DSCC, which will automatically delay entrance into the Nursing Program by at least one full year and will be ineligible for admission as a “New High School Graduate.”