

College of DuPage

Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Packet

Fall 2024 Admission



Deadline Date: 5/30/2024

You MUST attend an ADN advising session between 5/30/2023 and 5/30/2024.

The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at College of DuPage has been approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation/Board of Nursing and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and received reaccreditation in 2023 by The Higher Learning Commission – North Central Association. The ADN program has been awarded continuing accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone (404) 975-5000, <http://www.acenursing.org>.

Note: Please see specific program registration or admission packets for detailed information on when to begin completing health requirements, drug tests, CPR, criminal background checks and proof of insurance submission. Timing varies depending upon either entrance to or participation in the clinical component of a given program. Funds paid to Edward Corporate Health or to a personal health care provider/ source, Castle Branch, insurance companies, and funds used towards CPR completion are not eligible for any sort of refund from College of DuPage if the required course(s) are not successfully completed.

Students are not accepted into this program until they receive an official acceptance letter from the Nursing Department.

Application cycle timeline for Fall 2024 Admission

- Online applications for new students* must be submitted on **May 30th, 2024**. *It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials (supporting documents and transcripts) have been completed and received by the designated office, by the application deadline date.*
- Within 4-6 weeks – Letters will be emailed to students regarding admission decisions.

Admission Criteria



Students interested in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program will need to complete all of the following steps to be considered for admission.

NOTE: Admission Committees for all Health Science programs has the right to deny admission to any applicant that they feel is unable to fulfill these essential functions as described.

Step 1 ____ Attend a mandatory Associate Degree Nursing [Advising Session](#) within the application cycle and between **5/30/2023** and **5/30/2024**. It is required that an applicant attend an advising session within a 12-month period prior to the application deadline.

Step 2 ____ If you have not been admitted to College of DuPage, please complete the non-refundable \$20 [College of DuPage General Admissions Application](#) online. **This application is for general admissions to College of DuPage only; it is not an application to the Health Sciences Selective Enrollment Associate Degree Nursing program.**

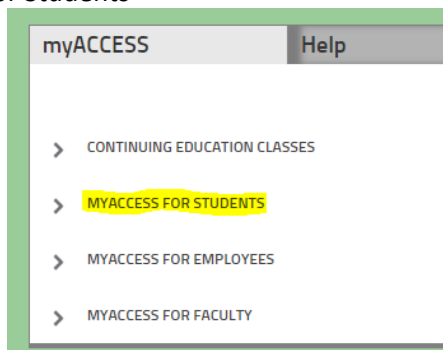
Step 3 ____ To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in **ALL** official Transcripts from institutions that you have attended. Immediately:

- a) Submit your official transcript(s) to College of DuPage, Office of Student Records. **If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.**
- b) Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Login to your myACCESS account, click on myACCESS for Students', then select 'My Profile'. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under 'Transcript Institutions'.

NOTE: If you have an international transcript from high school or college, it must first be evaluated. Please visit the following website <https://cod.edu/records/international-transcript-evaluation.aspx> for details.

Step 4 ____ Complete the non-refundable \$50 [Health Career Selective Enrollment Program Application](#) online by logging into the student portal at <https://inside.cod.edu>

- Click on myACCESS for Students



- Click on the Health Careers Applications link



- Select Health Careers Application



- Select **Nursing Degree** when asked “What selective enrollment program are you applying to?”

Once the application is submitted, you may not change the term or program. If you do not have a credit card, you can purchase a prepaid credit card from your local retailer

Step 5 _____ Complete the [College of DuPage Residency Verification form](#) and provide a proof of residency to the **Office of Student Registration Services** by emailing to registration@cod.edu by the program application deadline date. You **MUST** send from your **@dupage.edu** e-mail address.

Note:

- If this residency requirement has not been submitted to Registration by the program application deadline date, you will not be considered for admission**
- Separate Residency Verification Forms must be submitted for each program application.**

Step 6 _____ Complete academic coursework requirements **by the admission deadline**. In order to qualify for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program the applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in required prerequisite and general education coursework (A-D below) for the Associates degree in Nursing. Admissions will continue to review applicants until all seats have been filled. Admission is not guaranteed and all admission criteria will need to be met.

- ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY:** Anatomy and Physiology 1551/1571 and 1552/1572 or equivalent with a grade of “C” or better. Both courses must be completed between **May 30th, 2019 – May 30th, 2024, for Fall 2024** admission.
- MICROBIOLOGY:** MICRO 1420 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or better
- MATH:** MATH 1102*, or higher with a grade of “C” or better with the exception of Math 1104, 1120 and 1340.

Recommended: Completion of an approved statistics course is recommended if your intentions are to continue your education for a BSN or MSN, i.e. MATH 1635; PSYCH 2280, SOCIO- 2205.

- D. Taking the courses below may help to increase your GPA, but are **not** required for admission to the program. Must have a grade of 'C' or higher
- a. Psychology 1100
 - b. English 1101
 - c. Psychology 2237
 - d. Speech 1100 or 1120
 - e. Humanities/Fine Arts
 - Recommended to take PHILO 1110. This will meet both Humanities & Global/Multicultural requirement

Step 7 _____ Take the Elsevier/Evolve Admission Assessment HESI (A2) exam. Testing information can be obtained at the [College of DuPage Testing Center under Health Program Testing](#). Tests are scheduled by appointment only. **The Elsevier/Evolve Admission Assessment (A2) exam must be taken at the College of DuPage Testing Office (BIC 2A06).*** Exam must be completed by the admissions deadline date. You must take your exam within 30 days of receiving your payment link from Academic Testing. To verify that your results show in your student record, please log in to your myACCESS account; scores are available under 'Test Summary'. Please allow 3-5 business days for results to be posted to your student record from the date of the exam. If your results are not showing in your student records, please contact the Testing Office at testing@cod.edu or (630) 942-2401. Applicants must achieve a cumulative score of 75%. A minimum score of 65% in HESI subject areas of Vocabulary, Reading, and Math is required. A minimum score of 70% in the HESI subject area of Anatomy & Physiology is required. All scores must be achieved in a single test. This admission HESI test must be taken within 2 years of the application deadline. The test can be taken once every 30 days (30-days begins with the date after you took the exam); for a total of 3 attempts in one calendar year (January 1 – December 31 current year).

Step 8 _____ Proof of completion of an approved Illinois Department of Public Health Certified Nursing Assistant Program. Approved programs can be found on the [Nurse Aide Testing website](#). This documented proof can be provided by ensuring you are registered and certified on the IDPH [Healthcare Worker registry](#) **OR** if you are not listed in the registry, you must submit a transcript or certificate showing proof of Certified Nursing Assistant program completion. Your Certified Nursing Assistant certificate can be submitted to hsadmissions@cod.edu.

Program Admission Preference

Each program with out-of-district clinical sites (see list of participating programs below) may admit a maximum of 20% of out-of-district applicants to the program, based on merit. The 20% maximum policy would only apply to out-of-district applicants who do **not** have access to a particular program in the **community college district in which they reside**. Students coming from districts with a particular program within their district would only be considered if there were open seats after all qualified candidates from in-district and out-of-district without programs were accepted.

If there are insufficient numbers of qualified in-district applicants, the maximum percentage of out-of-district students accepted can be exceeded until the program achieves full enrollment, with the approval of the Dean of Nursing & Health Sciences.

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| • Computed Tomography | • Proton Therapy |
| • Health Information Technology | • Radiation Therapy |
| • Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technology (MRI) | • Radiography (DMIR) |
| • Mammography | • Respiratory Care |
| • Nuclear Medicine (DMIN) | • Sonography (Ultrasound) DMIS |
| • Nursing (ADN) | • Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) |
| • Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) | • Surgical Technology |

Priority for Admission

- a. In-District applicants
- b. Out-of-District who are part of the [CAREER Consortium Agreement](#) (meaning your residing community college does not offer the particular program in which you are applying)
- c. Out-of-District applicants working full-time in-district (proof of in-district employment will be required each semester)
- d. Out-of-District applicants (who are not part of the CAREER Consortium Agreement) including those students with a joint or chargeback agreement and International students

Additional Information

***COD students can contact 630-942-2259 to make an appointment with a Health Sciences Program Advisor for assistance with your educational plan, reviewing your transcripts, and interpreting the admission process. COD students can email healthcareadvising@cod.edu with quick questions.**

NOTE:

New students officially accepted into the Associate Degree in Nursing Program will receive an acceptance letter that will provide you with additional details.

Requests for admission are **not** automatically carried over to the following cycle. Applicants not accepted for the cycle in which they originally applied are asked to pay the \$50 non-refundable Health Career application fee and submit any/all supporting documents as listed on the Admissions Checklist of the Application Packet requirements (if applicable).

Nursing Transfer Students (Students NOT previously enrolled in the College of DuPage ADN Program)

1. Student must submit all nursing course syllabi to the Nursing Department to directorofnursing@cod.edu for review by the Nursing Program Chairpersons before applying.
2. Student must meet with a Nursing Program Chair for an individual advising session before applying.
3. Student must complete Admissions Criteria steps 2 – 8 (pg. 2-4)
4. Student must submit a letter from the Director of Nursing at their college/university of attendance that states: “The student is eligible for readmission without the need for remedial measures and the student left the nursing program in good standing” to the directorofnursing@cod.edu. This letter is required as part of the admission process prior to the deadline date.
5. Student will be assessed on a case-by-case basis after a review of completed nursing transcripts have been completed by the Nursing Program Chair and the Director of Nursing. Students who have failed out of other Associate degree or Bachelor degree nursing programs are **not eligible** for advanced placement.

NOTE:

There is no option for LPN transition students to be considered for Advanced Placement.

“All application documents delivered to the College of DuPage pertaining to a health sciences admissions file become the property of the College of DuPage and will not be returned to applicants. This includes but is not limited to transcripts, letters of recommendation, clinical evaluation forms or outside test reports.”

Statement on Criminal Background Checks

All ranked and qualified students will be conditionally accepted pending clearance from a criminal background check. If a student is conditionally accepted and has a positive criminal background check, the student will be given one semester to clear the background check of all findings. If the background check is cleared, student will be granted final acceptance during the next semester and may begin the program at that time. If the student is not able to clear the background check after one semester, student will not be accepted into the nursing program; however, may reapply at a later date.

Policies and Procedures

All Nursing and Health Science Division policies and procedures are found on our [Division website](#). It is the students' responsibility to ensure they have reviewed and understand the policies and procedures. The Nursing and Health Science Division reserves the right to change, at any time, without notice, these policies and procedures.

Other Important Information to Consider

Please review the links below for other important information. Students must be able to meet all requirements in order to participate in the nursing program.

[Health Requirements](#) (completed after acceptance into the program and participation in the program orientation)

[Professional Conduct](#)

[Essential Functions](#) (Abilities)

[Program Coursework/ Curriculum plan](#)

[Estimated Program Costs](#)

Tips/Hints/Clues/Necessary Information

- Make sure your name and contact information, including email and postal addresses are current and correct in myACCESS.
- Official name changes should be processed through the Office of Student Records (SRC 2150).
- Official address changes should be processed through Student Registration Services (SSC 2221).
- You **MUST** also notify the Health Science Admissions Office via email hsadmissions@cod.edu of **any** changes made to your personal information (name, mailing address, email address, etc.) after you have submitted your ADN program application.
- All prospective nursing students are strongly encouraged to enroll in READ-0471 Study Skills Seminar or HLTHS 1110 Medical Terminology; or, go to College of DuPage Learning Commons to assist you in your reading comprehension, math and verbal skills.

NOTE:

Failure to inform appropriate departments of name changes and contact information may result in not getting time sensitive information related to your admission decision.

Elsevier/Evolve Admission Assessment (A2) Exam Information

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION CAN BE LOCATED AT:

www.cod.edu/testing

The Admission Assessment Exam consists of a number of exams. The exams used as a part of the Associate Degree Nursing Program admission are noted below. Also noted is the number of questions per exam, and the estimated testing time. A total of 4 hours is allowed for the exam.

Individual scores are provided for each exam. Scores are reported in percent of answers correct. A composite score is also provided for the required academic tests of: **Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Math, and Anatomy and Physiology**. Applicants must achieve a cumulative score of 75%. A minimum score of 65% in HESI subject areas of Vocabulary, Reading, and Math is required. A minimum score of 70% in the HESI subject area of Anatomy & Physiology is required. All scores must be achieved in a single test. This admission HESI test must be taken within 2 years of the application deadline. The test can be taken once every 30 days (30-days begins with the date after you took the exam); for a total of 3 attempts in one calendar year (January 1 – December 31 current year).

English language:

- **Reading Comprehension** - Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.; **60 items – 60 minutes**.
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge** - Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking settings and in health care fields; **50 items – 50 minutes**.

Math:

- **Math** - Contains basic math, you will need to understand ratios, percentages, fractions, decimals, military time, roman numerals, and basic algebra. Other questions cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. There are also several measurement conversion questions. **50 items – 50 minutes**.

Science:

- **Anatomy & Physiology** - Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems; **25 items – 25 minutes**.

Personality Style:

- **Personality Profile** - Uses concepts related to introversion and extroversion to classify a student's personality style; a print out with study tips is provided to the student; **25 items – 15 minutes**.
- **Learning Style** - Assesses the preferred learning style of the prospective applicant and offers test-taking and study tips suited to that learning style; **15 items – 25 minutes**.
- **Critical Thinking**: This exam is a four-choice multiple-choice test. All answers are correct; however, each choice reflects a different degree of critical thinking. Scores range from 0-1000. The higher you score, the better the ability to think critically in the discipline of nursing.

Elsevier/Evolve Admission Assessment (A2) Exam Information Reference Materials Description & Review Workshop

Passing your admission assessment exam is the first step on the journey to becoming a successful health professional. Make sure you're prepared with **Admission Assessment Exam Review, 5th Edition** from the testing experts at HESI! It offers complete content review and nearly 400 practice questions on the topics typically found on admission exams, including math, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and physics. However, areas that students should focus on for admission are **Math, Reading, Vocabulary and Anatomy and Physiology**.

[Admission Assessment Exam Review book e-book](#)

[Admission Assessment Exam Flash Cards](#)

HESI A2 Review Workshop:

Questions: Kelly Diederich, NHS Student Success Coach, diederichk1318@cod.edu

Calculate Your Rank Score

| Area | Rubric | Score Range | Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Required Courses | <p>These courses are required with a grade of C or better.</p> <p>A&P 1551/1571 (see page 3 for expiration dates) A&P 1552/1572 (see page 3 for expiration dates) MICRO 1420 MATH 1102* or higher. *Math 1104, 1120 and 1340 are not acceptable to meet this requirement per college policy.</p> | Required Courses | No Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elsevier/Evolve A2 | <p>Cumulative score of 75% (score will not be rounded). Minimum score of 65% in subject areas of Vocabulary, Reading and Math. Minimum score of 70% in the subject area of Anatomy & Physiology.</p> | Score | No Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Points will be awarded for your test scores.</p> <p>3 or more test areas $\geq 90\%$ = 4 points 2 test areas $\geq 90\%$ = 3 3 or more test areas $\geq 80\%$ = 2 2 test areas $\geq 80\%$ = 1</p> | 1-4 Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GPA of Nursing General Education Courses | <p>Cumulative GPA of general education courses must be 2.75 or higher</p> | GPA | No Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Completion of Nursing General Education Courses | <p>Points will be awarded for each completed General Education course of the program, not including "Required Courses."</p> <p>Courses are: English Comp, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Speech and Humanities.</p> <p>5 courses completed = 4.5 points 4 courses completed = 3 3 courses completed = 1.5 2 courses completed = 0.5</p> | 0.5-4.5 Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Degree Earned | <p>Points are only awarded for your highest degree earned (1.5 points maximum).</p> <p>Masters or above = 1.5 points Bachelors = 1 Associates = 0.5 None = 0</p> | 0-1.5 Points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Program Map: Nursing, Associate in Applied Science

| Pre-Program Courses (Admission Requirements) | | | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | Credits: Semester/Cumulative |
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| ANAT | 1551 or 1571 | Anatomy and Physiology I | Lecture/Lab | 4 |
| ANAT | 1552 or 1572 | Anatomy and Physiology II | Lecture/Lab | 4 |
| MICRO | 1420 | Microbiology | Lecture/Lab | 4 |
| MATH | MATH 1102 or higher (MATH 1104, 1120 & 1340 not accepted for AAS) | Mathematics for Health Sciences | Lecture | 3 |
| Completion of a CNA course | | May take at COD or transfer in the course | | |
| Total Credits | | | | 15/15 |

| Program Course Sequence | | | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | Credits: Semester/Cumulative |
|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| FIRST SEMESTER | | | | |
| NURSI | 1120 ¹ | Role of the Nurse I | Lecture | 1 |
| NURSI | 1140 ¹ | Physical Assessment | Lecture/Lab | 2 |
| NURSI | 1150 ¹ | Pathophysiology | Lecture | 3 |
| NURSI | 1130 ² | Introduction to Core Concepts | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | 4 |
| NURSI | 1170 ² | Pharmacology & Disease Process | Lecture | 3 |
| PSYCH | 1100 | General Psychology | Lecture | 3 |
| Total Credits | | | | 16/31 |
| SECOND SEMESTER | | | | |
| NURSI | 1220 ³ | Health and Illness Concepts I | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | 5 |
| NURSI | 1230 ³ | Family Health Concepts I | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | 5 |
| ENGLI | 1101 | English Composition I | Lecture | 3 |
| PSYCH | 2237 | Developmental Psychology: The Life Span | Lecture | 3 |
| Total Credits | | | | 16/47 |
| THIRD SEMESTER | | | | |
| NURSI | 2120 ³ | Health and Illness Concepts II | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | 5 |
| NURSI | 2130 ³ | Family Health Concepts II | Lecture/Lab/Clinical | 5 |
| SPEEC | 1100 OR 1120 | Fundamentals of Speech Communication OR Small Group Communication | Lecture | 3 |
| Total Credits | | | | 13/60 |
| FOURTH SEMESTER | | | | |
| NURSI | 2320 ⁴ | Complex Health Concepts | Lecture/Clinical | 4 |
| NURSI | 2330 ⁴ | Role of the Nurse II | Lecture | 1 |
| NURSI | 2340 ⁵ | Clinical Decision Making Practicum | Clinical Internship | 2 |
| Humanities Elective | Within list of approved Global/Cultural Multicultural Studies (Recommended: PHILO 1110) | | Lecture | 3 |
| Total Credits | | | | 10/70 |

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| 1 - first 8 weeks | 2 - second 8 weeks | 3 - first OR second 8 weeks | 4 - first 10 weeks | 5 - last 6 weeks |
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