

You **MUST** attend an advising session prior to the application deadline for which you are seeking admission - Between 11/18/23 and 11/18/24.

# COLLEGE OF DUPAGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Advising Session  
Spring 2025  
Admission



# ADMISSION POLICY

Associate Degree Nursing Program Admission  
Packet

Please review the following web page  
as you explore the nursing program at COD:

Associate Degree Nursing Program

# Your road map...

PROGRAM PLAN OF STUDY  
(CURRICULUM PLAN)



# CONSIDER YOUR DESTINATION: OUTCOMES FOR THE STUDENT

1. Provide safe and holistic nursing care, to a culturally diverse society, grounded in science and the nursing process.
2. Apply nursing judgment to ensure the delivery of patient centered care and promotion of health for patients within the family and community context.
3. Collaborate effectively within nursing and interdisciplinary healthcare teams to foster open communication, respect and shared decision-making.

# CONSIDER YOUR DESTINATION: OUTCOMES FOR THE STUDENT

4. Incorporate a spirit of inquiry to make evidence-based clinical judgments and management decisions for quality improvement.
5. Integrate information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge and support decision-making in practice of nursing care.
6. Assume accountability for practice with professional, legal, and ethical standards.

Upon satisfactory completion  
of the program you earn an

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED  
SCIENCE...AND THE RIGHT  
TO SIT FOR THE NCLEX-RN



# THE ROADMAP: CURRICULUM PLAN OF STUDY



## Note:

- All non-NURSI (**nursing**) courses may be taken prior to the semester noted on the Plan of Study.
- Anatomy and Physiology courses may **not be more than 5 years** old from the time of the admission deadline for the semester the student is entering.



# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Deadline:**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for Spring 2025 admission**

_____	1.	Attend the Associate Degree Nursing <a href="#">Advising Session</a> . You must attend an advising session within 12 months of application to the nursing program...You <b>MUST</b> attend an advising session prior to the application deadline for which you are seeking admission and between 11/18/23 and 11/18/24.
_____	2.	Fill out the <a href="#">College of DuPage General Admission Application</a> online. If you have previously or currently attend COD, you may omit this step.

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

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3. To ensure that all your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in all official transcripts from any schools that you have attended. Please follow the steps listed below:
- Submit your official transcript(s). Contact your previous institution(s) to order an official copy of your transcript to be sent to the College of DuPage, Office of Student Records, 425 Fawell Blvd, SRC-2150, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599.
  - 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/transcript-evaluation.aspx> for details.

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

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# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

Apply  
Early

4. Complete the non-refundable \$50 Health Career Selective Enrollment Program Application online. Log into the student portal at <https://inside.cod.edu>.

NOTE: You may only submit the application online and you must pay a \$50 non-refundable application fee online by credit card.

- *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?”*

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

5. Complete the College of DuPage Residency Verification Form and email the form along with 1 proof of residency to the Office of Student Registration Services by the program application deadline date:

[registration@cod.edu](mailto:registration@cod.edu)

The item of proof must demonstrate that the student lived in an in-district address for at least 30 days prior to the application deadline date. Email the form along with 1 proof of residency to the Office of Student Registration Services by the program application deadline date.

**Note:** If the Residency Verification form and 1 proof of residency have **not** been submitted to the Office of Student Registration by the program application deadline date, the applicant will not be considered for admission.

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

6. Complete academic coursework requirements **by the end of the Fall 2024 semester. All prerequisite courses *in-progress* must be completed with a grade of C or better by the end the Fall 2024 semester to be eligible for admission.** In order to qualify for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program, the applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. This includes required prerequisite and general education coursework for the Associates degree.

Admissions will continue to review applicants until all seats have been filled. Admission is not guaranteed, and all admission criteria must 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 **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for Spring 2025** 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.

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

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_____	<p>8. Approved programs can be found at: <a href="http://www.nurseaidetesting.com/nurse-aide-students/training-programs">http://www.nurseaidetesting.com/nurse-aide-students/training-programs</a>.</p> <p>Proof of completion of an approved Illinois Department of Public Health Basic Nursing Assistant Program should be emailed to <a href="mailto:hsadmission@cod.edu">hsadmission@cod.edu</a>.</p>



# A WORD ABOUT ELSEVIER/EVOLVE A2 EXAM

- Email the Academic Testing Center for assistance with scheduling the exam at [academictesting@cod.edu](mailto:academictesting@cod.edu).
- The test will be on four areas.
  1. Vocabulary
  2. Reading Comprehension
  3. Anatomy and Physiology
  4. Math
- Your ability to critically think will also be evaluated.
- A learner profile will be created to help you understand how you learn.

# ELSEVIER/EVOLVE A2 EXAM REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must achieve a **cumulative score** score of **75%**.
- A **minimum score** of **65%** is required in the following HESI subject areas:
  - **Vocabulary**
  - **Reading**
  - **Math**
- A **minimum score** of **70%** is required in the HESI subject area of **Anatomy & Physiology**.
- All scores must be achieved in a single test.

# ELSEVIER/EVOLVE A2 EXAM REQUIREMENTS

- This admission HESI test must be taken within 2 years of the application deadline.
- There will be no rounding of scores.
- Additional rank points will be offered based on the following:
  - 4 points if 3 or more areas  $\geq 90\%$
  - 3 points if 2 areas  $\geq 90\%$
  - 2 points if 3 or more areas  $\geq 80\%$
  - 1 point if 2 areas  $\geq 80\%$

# WHAT CAN I DO TO PROMOTE MY APPLICATION SCORE?

- Prepare for the Elsevier Evolve A2 Admission Assessment Exam
- HESI Resources:
  - <http://www.elsevier.com>
  - Enter Promo Code 70522.
  - Resources to prepare for the A2 exam are available in the COD Library.
  - Free HESI prep sessions led by Kelly Diederich, NHS Student Success Coach. No registration is needed. If you have questions, please email [diederich1318@cod.edu](mailto:diederich1318@cod.edu).

# CALCULATE YOUR RANK SCORE

Area	Rubric		Score Range	Points
Required Courses	<b>These courses are required with a grade C or better.</b> A & P 1551/1571 (see Admissions Packet for expiration dates) A & P 1552/1572 (see Admissions Packet for expiration dates) Math 1102 or higher *Math 1104, 1120, and 1340 are not acceptable to meet this requirement per college policy. MICRO-1420		Required Courses	No Points
Elsevier/Evolve A2	<b>Cumulative score of 75% is required. Scores will not be rounded.</b>		Score	No Points
	Points will be awarded for your test scores. 3 or more test areas $\geq 90\%$ = 4 points 2 test areas $\geq 90\%$ = 3 points 3 or more test areas $\geq 80\%$ = 2 points 2 test $\geq 80\%$ = 1 point		1 - 4 Points	
GPA of General Education Courses	<b>Cumulative GPA of general education courses must be 2.75 or higher.</b>		GPA	No Points
	Gen Ed courses are: the required courses listed above, and ENGLI-1101 PSYCH-1100 PSYCH-2237 SPEEC-1100 or 1120, and Humanities (3 credits)	3.90 – 4.00 = 13 pts 3.80 – 3.89 = 12 3.70 – 3.79 = 11 3.60 – 3.69 = 10 3.50 – 3.59 = 9 3.40 – 3.49 = 8 3.30 – 3.39 = 7	3.20 – 3.29 = 6 3.10 – 3.19 = 5 3.00 – 3.09 = 4 2.90 – 2.99 = 3 2.80 – 2.89 = 2 2.75 – 2.79 = 1 <2.75 = 0	1 - 13 Points
Completion of General Education Courses	Points will be awarded for each completed General Education course of the program, not including “Required Courses.” Courses are: <b>English Comp, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Speech and Humanities.</b> 5 courses completed = 4.5 points 4 courses completed = 3 points 3 courses completed = 1.5 points 2 courses completed = 0.5 points		0.5 - 4.5 Points	
Previous Degrees Earned	Points are only awarded for your highest degree earned (1.5 points maximum). Masters or above = 1.5 points Bachelors = 1 point Associate = 0.5 points None = 0 points		0 - 1.5 Points	

# ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

- Applicants who have completed steps 1 to 8 will have their application processed by the Nursing Department.
- In the event, that there are MORE qualified applicants than there are seats available for this program, a ranking process will be used based on the Admission Requirements.

# ACCEPTANCE PROCESS (CONT)

## 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



# NOTIFICATION LETTER TYPES INCLUDE:

- Accepted list
- Alternate list
- Program full
- Denied

# APPLICATION DECISIONS

- Notification letters will be sent **after** the Nursing Department has calculated rank scores and the Nursing Department Director of Nursing and Program Chairs have confirmed the applicants that will be accepted. This is typically about 1 month after the application deadline.

# SOMETHING TO CONSIDER...

- In order to be eligible to begin the ADN program, you must have a background check with no findings.
- If you have a history of a felony conviction, you will not be eligible to participate in the ADN program.
- If you have a misdemeanor on your record, you need to have it expunged prior to admittance into the program; this will affect your clinical placement and may impede your ability to obtain a nursing license.

# WHAT CAN I DO TO PROMOTE MY APPLICATION

- **COMPLETE PROGRAM REQUIRED NON-NURSING COURSES**

- |                                       |                          |      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| ▪ English 1101                        | English Composition      | 3 cr |
| ▪ Speech 1100                         | Speech <u>OR</u>         |      |
| ▪ Speech 1120                         | Small Group Comm.        | 3 cr |
| ▪ Psych 1100                          | General Psychology       | 3 cr |
| ▪ Psych 2237                          | Developmental Psychology | 3 cr |
| ▪ Humanities course (Philosophy 1100) |                          | 3 cr |

## MEET WITH ADVISING RESOURCES

- Health Program Advisors can meet with you by appointment Monday-Friday (evening hours available). Summer hours are Monday-Thursday only. Please call 630-942-2259 for an appointment or email: [healthcareadvising@cod.edu](mailto:healthcareadvising@cod.edu)
- Dr. Larinda Dixon, Nursing Program Chair and Professor - [dixonl@cod.edu](mailto:dixonl@cod.edu)
- Jessica Fish, Nursing Program Chair and Adjunct Faculty - [fishj8@cod.edu](mailto:fishj8@cod.edu)

# RN TO BSN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Study the BSN degree completion options.
  - Send an e-mail to [3plus1@cod.edu](mailto:3plus1@cod.edu).
  - Phone: (630) 942-2380
  - We have 3 + 1 agreements.
  - We have 2 + 2 agreements.
- Consider taking additional general education courses.
  - **Statistics**
  - **Sociology**
  - **English 1102**
  - **Humanities**

# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Program Cost: We have variable tuition for NURSING courses.
- Essential Functions
- Health Requirements
- Professional Conduct



## IN CLOSING....

- How can I promote my success in the program if accepted...
  - Minimize work commitments.
  - Be organized.
  - Develop a strong study plan.
  - Form study groups.
  - Utilize available resources.

# IN CLOSING....

- What if I don't get accepted...
  - Don't give up.
  - Make an appointment with Health Care Program advisors.
  - Improve your rank score.
  - If HESI A2 Verbal Reading Comprehension score <80% consider:
    - READ-0471 Study Skills Seminar.
    - HLTHS 1110 Medical Terminology.
    - Utilizing College of DuPage Learning Commons to assist you in your reading comprehension skills.

QUESTIONS???