

College of DuPage

Associate Degree Nursing Program Application Packet

Fall 2026 Admission



Deadline Date: 5/28/2026

You **MUST** view the ADN information session between 5/28/2025 and 5/28/2026.

ALL PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK (INCLUDING CNA COURSE) MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEADLINE DATE

Two application cycles per year
Program starts in the Spring and Fall semesters

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. You will NOT begin your health requirements until accepted into the program and you will receive further instructions.

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

Application cycle timeline for Fall 2026 Admission

- Online applications for new students* must be submitted by **May 28th, 2026**. *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 @dupage.edu e-mail address regarding admission decisions.
- There will be 2 mandatory orientation days for those accepted into the program, which will occur prior to the start on the program. You will also receive instructions on registering for Nursing courses at orientation.

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_____ View the mandatory Associate Degree Nursing [Information Session](#) within the application cycle and between **5/28/2025 and 5/28/2026**. It is required that an applicant view an information session within a 12-month period prior to the application deadline.

Step 2_____ **Health Insurance proof:**
Students are expected to provide proof of a **Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan** prior to the start of the program. The comprehensive health insurance plan must cover you **throughout the length of your clinical experience**, which in most cases, consists of the entire length of the program. If you are in need of Health Insurance, please see important dates below and visit <https://cod.studentbenefitplans.com/bpg-insurance-individual/>.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 1st – January 15th- Open Enrollment

If you will need health insurance ANYTIME in 2026, you must apply during the current open enrollment period.

December 15th: Deadline to enroll in a plan that will start January 1st, 2026.

January 15th: Deadline to enroll in a plan that will start February 1st, 2026.

After January 15th – enrollment is closed.

If you miss open enrollment but have a qualifying life event, you can apply during a [Special Enrollment Period](#).

While we **cannot** guarantee your official acceptance into the program, you need to be aware that there is short timeframe of when you are able to purchase a Health Insurance plan. The purpose of this step is to make you aware and that the time to research and purchase is **NOW**. Purchasing health insurance outside of this timeframe will take months and may prohibit your admittance into the Program. **NOTE:** Obtaining Health Insurance is NOT an application requirement but it is a requirement to be in the program.

Step 3 ____ 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.**

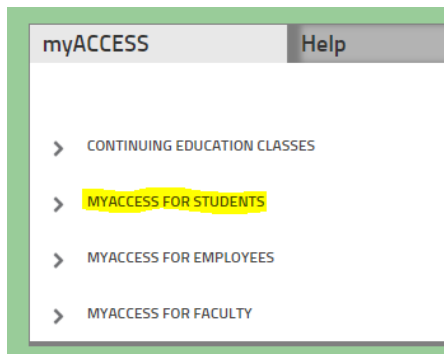
Step 4 ____ To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in **ALL** official Transcripts from institutions that you have attended. Immediately:

- 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.**
- 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 5 ____ 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 6 _____ 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 7 _____ Complete academic coursework **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 28th, 2021 – May 28th, 2026, for Fall 2026** 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.

- 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. While these are not required for admission, they are required for the degree (see Program Map: Nursing on page 11)
 - Psychology 1100
 - English 1101
 - Psychology 2237
 - Speech 1100 or 1120
 - Humanities/Fine Arts
 - Recommended to take PHILO 1110. This will meet both Humanities & Global Multicultural/Contemp Life Skills requirement

Step 8 _____ 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 9 _____

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.

Priority for Admission

1. In-District applicants which includes:
 - In-District applicants who reside within Community College District 502
 - Applicants who are part of the [CAREER Consortium Agreement](#) (meaning your residing community college does not offer the particular program in which you are applying)
 - Applicants working full-time in-district (proof of in-district employment will be required each semester)
2. Out-of-District applicants (who are NOT part of the CAREER Consortium Agreement)

Additional Information

- Courses satisfied by degree, proficiency and by national examination will not be used in the merit evaluation grade point average calculation
- Courses with a P (Pass) or S (Satisfaction) will not be accepted

***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 complete Admissions Criteria steps 2 – 8 (pg. 2-4)
2. Student must submit all nursing course syllabi to the Nursing Department to directorofnursing@cod.edu for review before applying.
3. 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.
4. Student must meet with the Director of Nursing for an individual information session after steps 1-3 are completed. Please e-mail directorofnursing@cod.edu to schedule an appointment.
5. Student will be assessed on a case-by-case basis after a review of completed nursing transcripts have been completed by 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.”

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](#)

[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.

Nursing Essential Functions

If the ability to perform these essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations result in the inability to meet identified student learning outcomes, the student may be at risk of not successfully completing the course and/or program.

MOTOR CAPABILITY:

1. Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces
2. Squat, crawl, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, use standing balance, and climb stairs
3. Lift and carry up to 50 lbs., and exert up to 100 lbs. force or push/pull
4. Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity; sufficient fine motor function
5. Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods of time
6. Perform CPR
7. Travel to and from academic and clinical sites

SENSORY CAPABILITY:

1. Coordinate verbal and manual instruction
2. Auditory ability sufficient to hear verbal communication from clients and members of the health team; includes ability to respond to emergency signals
3. Discern soft sounds, such as those associated with taking a blood pressure
4. Visual acuity to acquire information from documents such as charts
5. Comfortable working in close physical proximity to patient

COMMUNICATION ABILITY:

1. Communicate effectively in English with patients, families, and other health care providers, both verbally and in writing
2. Effectively adapt communication for intended audience
3. Interact; establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
4. Assume the role of a health care team member
5. Function effectively under supervision
6. Sufficient command of the English language in order to read and retrieve information from lectures, textbooks, as well as understand medical terminology
7. Skills include computer literacy

PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY:

1. Function effectively under stress
2. Respond appropriately to emergencies
3. Adhere to infection control procedures
4. Demonstrate problem-solving skills in patient care (measure, calculate, reason, prioritize, and synthesize data)
5. Use sound judgment and safety precautions
6. Address problems or questions to the appropriate persons at the appropriate time
7. Organize and prioritize job tasks

BEHAVIORAL SKILLS AND PROFESSIONALISM:

1. Follow policies and procedures required by academic and clinical settings
2. Adheres to College of DuPage Academic Honesty Policy (per College Catalog)
3. Adheres to College of DuPage Code of Conduct (per College Catalog)
4. Abides by the guidelines set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA, i.e., the national privacy act)

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
Required Courses	These courses are required with a grade of C or better. 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.			Required Courses	No Points
Elsevier/Evolve A2	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.			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 3 or more test areas $\geq 80\%$ = 2 2 test areas $\geq 80\%$ = 1			1-4 Points	
GPA of Nursing General Education Courses	Cumulative GPA of general education courses must be 2.75 or higher			GPA	No Points
	Gen Ed course 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 points 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 Nursing General Education Courses	Points will be awarded for each completed General Education course of the program, not including "Required Courses." Courses are: English Comp, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Speech and Humanities. 5 courses completed = 4.5 points 4 courses completed = 3 3 courses completed = 1.5 2 courses completed = 0.5			0.5-4.5 Points	
Previous Degree Earned	Points are only awarded for your highest degree earned (1.5 points maximum). Masters or above = 1.5 points Bachelors = 1 Associates = 0.5 None = 0			0-1.5 Points	

Program Map: Nursing, Associate in Applied Science

Pre-Program Courses (Admission Requirements)			Lecture/Lab/Clinical	Credits: Semester/Cumulative
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			Lecture	3
Global/Multicul or Contemp Skill			Lecture	2
Total Credits				10-12/70-72

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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