

 **Prairie State College**

# **Nursing Program Information Booklet 2021**



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## **Introduction**

Prairie State College offers three different Nursing programs described below. Questions about admissions may be addressed to Enrollment Services at (708) 709-3517.

### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN)**

This program leads to the Associate in Applied Science Degree and is based on a two year model. Students who are accepted into the program will, assuming satisfactory academic performance, begin nursing studies during the fall semester and graduate at the end of the second subsequent spring semester. Students interested in this program should pay particular attention to the prerequisite courses that are required for admission and note the deadlines listed for steps in the admissions process.

Upon completion of the program, students are granted the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree. This credential allows one to apply to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to become a registered nurse.

### **BRIDGING OPTION FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**

To qualify for advanced placement in the nursing program the applicant is required to take the Nursing 101 proficiency exam. This test includes a math, theory, and lab skills component. If the student is successful, he/she will be admitted to Nursing 102 with a spring start. If the student is unsuccessful, he/she may make application to begin the generic program with a fall start. There is no preferential placement of LPN candidates for the generic program. In the event there are insufficient seats available for all qualified candidates, the seat will be awarded based on a random draw of qualified applicants.

Upon successful completion of the core curriculum, an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing will be awarded. This credential allows the graduate to apply to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to become a registered nurse.

**BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM**

Prairie State College also offers training for those who wish to work as a nurse assistant in hospitals and/or long-term care facilities. Successful completion of this program qualifies a student for the Illinois Basic Nursing Assistant Certificate and to sit for the state approved Competency Examination.

The Advanced Bedside Care Provider Certificate provides practicing nursing assistants with additional instruction in oral communication and increases their understanding in human behavior.

**Essential Functional Abilities of the Nurse**

Nurses must be in good health. Attendance to both the classroom and clinical agencies is vital to the student's success. Other essential functions the nurse must possess are:

Motor Capability	Sensory Capability	Communication Ability	Problem Solving Ability	Behavioral Skills and Professionalism
Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Coordinate verbal and manual instruction.	Communicate effectively in English with clients, families and other health care providers both verbally and in writing.	Function effectively under stress.	Follow policies and procedures required by academic and clinical settings.
Squat, stoop/bend, reach above shoulder level, use standing balance, walk stairs.	Auditory ability sufficient to hear verbal communication from clients and members of the health team; includes ability to respond to emergency signals.	Effectively adapt communication for intended audience.	Respond rapidly and appropriately to emergencies.	Adheres to Prairie State College Academic Honesty Policy (per College catalog).
Lift 50 pounds and exert up to 100 pounds force to push/pull.	Discern soft sounds, such as hose associated with taking a blood pressure.	Interact; establish rapport with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.	Adhere to infection control procedures.	Adheres to Prairie State College Code of Conduct (per College catalog).
Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity; and demonstrate fine motor skills.	Visual acuity to acquire information from documents, charts.	Assume the role of a health care team member.	Demonstrate problem solving skills in client care. (Measure, calculate, reason, prioritize and synthesize data).	Abides by the guidelines set forth in the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (i.e., the national privacy act).
Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity; and demonstrate fine motor skills.	Comfortable working in close physical proximity to clients.	Function effectively and safely under supervision.	Use sound judgment and safety precautions.	
Perform CPR			Address problems or questions to the appropriate persons at the appropriate time.	
Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.			Organize and prioritize job tasks.	

Any applicant that does not believe he/she is able to meet the essential functions is advised to make an appointment with the Office of Disability Services to explore what accommodations are available, if any, to meet these requirements.

## **Application and Admission Procedures**

### **APPLICATION**

Application to the Prairie State College (capitalize the PSC in the college name) associate degree nursing program (ADN) consists of a PSC admissions application, completed nursing intent form, official high school transcript with graduation date, all official college transcripts (if transferring in), a placement test for math and English (if needed), and meet all the requirements listed below under “Prerequisite”.

**Important—Please note:** The Nursing Program Intent Form will not be accepted until the placement test has been taken and all required developmental courses have been completed with a “C” or better. Applicants may submit original ACT/SAT scores no older than two (2) years.

### **PREREQUISITE**

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements by **February 1** in order to be considered for Fall semester program admission:

- A. **Official high school transcripts (with graduation date) and all official college transcripts must be submitted to Prairie State College by February 1st.** When submitting official transcripts, a Transcript Evaluation Request Form must also be submitted. If you submit Multiple transcripts from the same school (an update to your previous transcript), please be sure to submit another evaluation request. Updated transcripts are not automatically evaluated.
- B. **Skills Prerequisites** -All requirements must be met with grades of "C" or better. The most recent method of fulfilling these requirements will be counted.
1. English - Placement in PSC’s ENG 101 **or** successful completion of PSC’s ENG 099.
  2. Mathematics - Placement in PSC’s MATH 095 **or** higher or successful completion of PSC’s MATH 090 **or** MATH 091.
- C. **Program Prerequisites**
1. BIOL 221 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I must be completed with a C or better within the last five years. (prerequisites: BIOL 111 - Cellular and Molecular Biology with a grade of “C” or better; or CHEM 105 - Survey of General Chemistry with a grade of “C” or better. **All** sciences must be no older than five years at program admission.)

2. Students must appear on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry as competent or work verified within the last 2 (two) years from the application deadline date, February 1st. Students can complete one of the following in order to be considered active on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry:
  - Successfully complete a CNA course (NURS 100) and pass the competency exam with the State of Illinois on or before February 1st. Students must appear competent on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry on or before February 1st. This is a HARD deadline. A listing of acceptable CNA programs can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health website.
  - If the student's CNA competency is over two years old prior to the application deadline, students may:
    - o Retake a CNA course, successfully complete the State of Illinois competency exam and appear as competent on the Registry by February 1st.
    - o Complete a 21 manual skills test with a verified test proctor. Documentation of successful completion of the 21 manual skills test must be submitted to PSC by the February 1st deadline
  - Being work verified as a CNA on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry within the last two years prior to the February 1st deadline. Other work verifications will not be considered (i.e. DDP, Phlebotomy, Lab Tech, etc.)
  - Letter from employer verify your employment as a CNA. Letter must be on company letterhead and signed by a company official. Letter must state that you worked for pay within the last two years as a Certified Nurse Assistant.

It is the applicant's responsibility to know their status on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry. The applicant must be proactive in getting the proper documentation to the enrollment services office by February 1st. The applicant's registry status at the time of intent form submission will be communicated via a Nursing Points Evaluation. NO phone calls will be made to applicants notifying them of their competency/work verification status or lack thereof. All information will be provided on the Nursing Points Evaluation. If your records do not agree with the Nursing Points Evaluation, please contact 708-709-3517.

### TRANSFER CREDIT

Students who wish to transfer Anatomy & Physiology credits can only do so if **both** semesters (A & P I & II) have been successfully completed at the same institution.

### ASSESSMENT NOTE

Prairie State College students are required to take the placement test prior to enrolling in English and/or math courses. It is used to determine appropriate first course placements for English, math and reading courses. Nursing applicants who have not completed English 101, math and college reading requirements must test for whatever portion is still lacking. Since this is required for admission you are advised to take the assessment instrument as soon as possible.

**Note: The required courses must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better.** Example: If you submit a college transcript and you have not completed a math course or you received a C- or lower, you **must** complete the math portion of the Placement test before February 1.

### APPLICATION EVALUATION

After all required documents are received, the Office of Enrollment Services will prepare an evaluation of the completed prerequisites on file. If, at this time, it is determined that the course work still needed could not feasibly be completed during the application year, the applicant will be advised to complete the necessary courses and to reapply by submitting a new Nursing Intent

form with a new enrollment date. The applicant's name will then be removed from the present list of applicants, thus allowing both the student and the program to realistically plan for future admission.

**An evaluation will be mailed approximately two to three weeks after submitting the Intent Form. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Enrollment Services Advisor if they have not received any correspondence prior to the application deadline. The evaluation should be retained for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.**

### **ORIENTATION**

Applicants who have fulfilled all of the requirements listed under "prerequisites" by the deadline date will be invited to an orientation session. Orientation letters are mailed to qualified applicants within three weeks after the February 1 deadline. Applicants failing to attend the required orientation session are not eligible for admission and are removed from the applicant pool.

Critical points that will be discussed during the orientation:

1. Comparison of nursing programs, e.g., LPN, ADN, Diploma, and BSN programs.
2. Classification of Prairie State's Nursing Program and subsequent opportunities.
3. Identification of potential student problem areas related to the nursing program.
4. Explanation of information specific to the Nursing program, e.g., uniforms, schedules, math, registration, and payment of fees.
5. Information on scheduling the HESIA2 exam and how the results will affect the applicant's rank score.

### **RANKING PROCESS**

Since the number of students having an approved status is likely to be greater than the number accepted to the Nursing Program, all approved students will be ranked according to grade points in the prerequisite courses and the general education courses within the nursing program. The courses used in the ranking system are listed in this booklet (see page 12). The student must earn at least a "C" grade in these courses.

The method of ranking is as follows:

Take the credit for the course and multiply that number by the grade point assigned (A=4, B=3, C=2) then add up the grade points to get the total point score for the rank score.

Example: BIOL 221 = 4 credits; a grade of A = 4 points. Therefore,  $4 \times 4 = 16$  grade points.

**Note:** If the student has fulfilled any of the prerequisite/general education courses in more than one way, the most recent course grade will be used to determine points/prerequisite completion. We will no longer be utilizing the "most current grade of C or better" for humanities/fine art courses. All courses, including humanities and fine arts courses, fall under this new policy.

### **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

**In-district applicants have the opportunity to earn five (5) bonus points. Providing proof of residency for in-district students is optional. The applicant must live in the Prairie State College district at least 90 days prior to the application deadline date. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate residency status by submitting two (2) proofs of residency. The following documents**

may be presented to verify residency and must be in the student's name: voter's registration card, property tax statement, income tax return, mortgage or mortgage statement, utility bills (gas and electric), bank statements, cell phone bill, medical billing statement, and car insurance statement. The proofs of residency must list the same address, and they must match the address shown on the student records in the Enrollment Services Office. Documents must be submitted by the application deadline date. If seats are limited and students are otherwise equally qualified, preference will be given to in-district students. The applicant must provide current proof of residency every year they apply to the program. The Prairie State College Nursing Program will no longer use previous/old proof of residency submissions to use for future application attempts to the program. Also, having an in-district address listed on the applicant's PSC account does not automatically qualify the applicant for bonus points. Two proofs of residency from the list above must be submitted specifically for the Nursing Program by the February 1 deadline date.

### HESI A2 Exam

After attending the required orientation, applicants will be required to take the HESI A2 exam. The sections covered in the exam are math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and anatomy and physiology. PSC will be using the cumulative score of the four sections. The student's cumulative score will be added to their "total course points". Your raw, cumulative score (the average of the four sections) will be used. **The minimum cumulative score needed is 76%.** If the applicant earns a 75.9% or lower, the applicant will no longer be considered for a seat in the nursing program for the current admission cycle. The applicant is allowed to take the HESI A2 exam ONCE per application year. That score will be valid for all selective admissions programs should the applicant apply for more than one selective admissions program. Your score is valid for 2 (two) consecutive application seasons (the year you actually take the exam and the next application year after). The most recent test score will be used.

The applicant will be required to complete the HESI A2 exam in April at Prairie State College. HESI A2 testing that happens outside of PSC will not be used or considered. Dates and appointment times will be made available to qualified applicants at the mandatory orientation meeting in March. There is a fee for this exam. The exam fee will be announced at the mandatory orientation in March. The exam fee will be paid directly to the testing company. Directions on how to submit the payment will be available from the Testing Services Department at orientation. Failure to pay for the exam before your testing date and /or failure to attend your scheduled exam date will disqualify the applicant from admission. Any requests to accept payment after your testing date will be denied. No exceptions. Forgetting to pay the exam fee will result in the applicant being removed from the pool for consideration for a seat for the application year.

### SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR THE FALL CLASS

The number of seats will be determined each year based on clinical site space and faculty numbers.

The ranking score will consist of points issued for completed general education courses with a "C" or better and the HESI A2 exam score for the next Fall class. If two or more applicants have the same rank, and a lesser number of seats are available for the next class, these seats will be filled from the in-district applicants, based on their date of application to the program. Those students accepted for the Fall class will be notified by certified mail, with return receipt requested. This notice will contain the directions for the student to follow in relation to payment of fees and other preparations necessary for the Fall class.

Applicants who are not accepted for registration for the next Fall class because of lack of space will be notified. They may be placed on a waiting list according to rank. **There can be no assurance that any of the applicants who are on the waiting list will be accepted at a later date.** If the

applicant is not contacted, the applicant must reapply to the program the following year. No applications are carried over from year to year.

In the event that one or more of the students who are notified of being accepted for registration indicate that they do not intend to register, or do not complete the steps necessary for registration, the vacancies that result will be filled from the group that remains, and on the basis of the rank score they earned.

In the event that there are insufficient qualified candidates who have applied by February 1, there will be a special provisions program. Under this program, students can make application and complete all of the prerequisites until the end of the spring semester.

Should space remain in the next class after exhausting the special provisions program, the Nursing Admissions Committee will meet and review any late qualified applicants with the intention of filling the space for the next class.

### **PRELIMINARIES FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS ONLY**

1. After receiving the nursing program acceptance letter, a **non-refundable** deposit of \$100 must be paid to Prairie State College by a published date. This deposit must be paid to the Business Office. Students are encouraged to meet this requirement by certified mail or pay in person. The deposit is applicable to fall semester tuition and fees. Those who have been accepted into the program, but fail to make this \$100 deposit, will be dropped from the accepted list.
2. Students accepted into the Nursing Program are required to purchase a uniform specified by the Nursing Department. Dates for measurement for these uniforms and a statement as to the approximate cost of all items will be included in a letter sent by the Nursing Department.
3. Physical examination forms must be completed by a physician of the applicant's choice, no earlier than May 1. The completed requirements for physical exam, immunizations, titers, and TB testing must be submitted to the electronic system no later than August 1.
4. Information regarding Summer and Fall registration for classes will be included in a letter sent by the Nursing Department.
5. Must pass a criminal background check and drug screen. The student is responsible for the fee for the criminal background check and drug screen. Pricing and other information for the tests is announced at the mandatory orientation session in March.

### **LEGAL PROFILE OF THE REGISTERED NURSE IN ILLINOIS**

1. Is of good moral character.
2. Is of temperate habits.
3. Is a graduate of an approved school.
4. Has passed an examination conducted by the Department of Professional Regulation - State of Illinois.
5. Has not been convicted of a felony in Illinois, or any other state.

### **NURSING STUDENTS WHO FAIL OR WITHDRAW**

Nursing students who fail or withdraw from Nursing 101 must reapply. If eligible for readmission, the student will be ranked under the normal ranking procedure and must file an intent form for readmission by the February 1 deadline.

**Reminder . . . . .**

The following application materials must be on file in Enrollment Services by the deadline date:

1. PSC Admissions Application
2. Nursing Program Intent Form (included)
3. High School Transcripts or GED Certificate (official)
4. College Transcripts (if any, official)
5. Transcript Evaluation Request Form (if submitting college transcripts)

The Admissions Application and the Transcript Evaluation Form may be completed online at [prairiestate.edu](http://prairiestate.edu) or in Enrollment Services.

**If you have any questions, call Sistina Taele, Selective Admissions Specialist, at (708) 709-3517.**

**BASIC NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Nursing Assistant Training Program has been designed to provide students with the skills necessary to give basic patient care in a nursing home or hospital. The course includes instruction in basic nursing care such as bed baths, moving and lifting, enemas, and other basic nursing tasks. Students will receive practice in a lab setting and in a nursing home. Successful completion of this program qualifies the student for the Illinois Basic Nursing Assistant Certificate and to take the state approved Competency Examination.

**PREREQUISITES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- Eighth grade education
- 16 years of age
- Basic fluency in English
- Valid Social Security Number
- Placement into ENG 099 or above

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

All students are required to have a physical exam, select immunizations, a 2-step TB (Mantoux) test and a ten (10) panel drug screen. The form can be obtained through the nursing department home web page.

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK**

Students must complete a live scan fingerprint and photograph background check completed **before the first day of class**. The student is responsible for the cost. Additional information on approved locations to complete the live scan fingerprint and photograph background check will be provided at the CNA orientation.

**UNIFORMS**

Students are required to wear a clean, white uniform of their choice in the clinical area. They should also wear white shoes and white socks. Students are also required to wear a watch with a second hand.

**COSTS**

The program is seven credit hours. Tuition and fees are available at [www.prairiestate.edu](http://www.prairiestate.edu) and are subject to change without notice.

Students are responsible for cost of the physical exam, criminal background check, drug screen,

uniforms, and any transportation costs to and from clinical sites. Students must have reliable transportation. Clinical sites can be up to 50 miles away from the Prairie State College campus.

Students are also responsible for the purchase of a uniform and appropriate shoes.

The course, NURS 100, is typically offered each semester. Students can register during the normal registration hours in the Office of Enrollment Services.

### **Basic Nursing Assistant Competency Examination**

To work in a long-term care facility in Illinois upon completion of Nursing 100, you would need to pass the Nursing Assistant Competency Examination. Currently this examination has a \$65.00 fee. The test is available at Prairie State College and other sites in the area.

### **ADVANCED BEDSIDE CARE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS**

COMM 101	Principles of Communication (3)
NURS 100	Nurse Assistant Training (7)
HLTH 105	General Medical Terminology (3)
PSYCH 102	Human Growth and Development: Life Span (3)

This certificate is awarded when the student has successfully completed the listed coursework at Prairie State College and has an active status on the Illinois CNA Registry.

**NURSING PROGRAM EVALUATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

- OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS ON FILE?  YES  NO
- OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS ON FILE?  YES  NO  N/A
- TESTING REQUIREMENT MET? (IF NOT SEE BELOW)  YES  NO  N/A
- DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES NEEDED? (IF YES, SEE BELOW)  YES  NO

**SKILLS AND COURSE PREREQUISITES**

**\*\*MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE**

- |   | COMPLETE                 | NOT COMPLETE             |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Completion of PSC's Math 090 or higher (with a "C" or better) or equivalent; or a PSC assessment Mathematics placement into Math 095 or higher. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Completion of PSC's English 099 (with a "C" or better) or equivalent; or a PSC assessment English placement into English 101.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Completion of BIOL 221 (Anatomy And Physiology I) with a "C" or better within the past 5 years.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you have an **active CNA status** on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry?  YES  NO

If yes, how?

Competency:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Employee Verification:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Employee Verification Letter:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

If no, please see notes below:

**APPLICANT RANKING FORM**

*All courses in the ranking system must reflect grades of a "C" or better.*

**COURSES THAT COUNT TOWARD THE DEGREE**

*If possible, complete general education courses before program admission.*

**Biol 221 is a prerequisite and must be completed within the last 5 years with a "c" or better by February 1.**

COURSES	CREDIT	GRADE	POINTS
<b>BIOL 221 (PREREQUISITE)*</b>	4		
BIOL 222*	4		
BIOL 211*	4		
ENGLISH 101	3		
COMMUNICATIONS 101	3		
PSYCHOLOGY 102	3		
HUMANITIES	3		
	Total Course Points		0
	HESI A2 Percentage**		
	5 Points For In District Residency		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>

\* Must have been completed within the past five years. BIOL 221 and BIOL 222 must be completed at the same institution.

\*\* Administered in April to qualified applicants who attend the mandatory orientation. Applicant must receive a minimum cumulative HESI A2 score of 76%.

Please examine this evaluation carefully. If it does not agree with your records, it is your responsibility to notify the Office of Enrollment Services at (708) 709-3517.

Please retain this evaluation for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.

**A transcript evaluation request form must be submitted to the college each time you send updated official transcripts.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator Signature

## **Nursing Program Intent Form**

\*\*Not to be submitted until completion of the PSC placement test and test scores are available in Enrollment Services and all required developmental course work is completed or all official college transcripts showing completed levels of English, math and reading have been submitted.

I have carefully reviewed the “Prairie State College Nursing Department Application and Admissions Procedures.” I understand all of the admission requirements, as well as responsibilities which I must meet to be considered for admission to the PSC Nursing Program. I understand all sciences must have been completed within the past five years.

Further, I understand that the application deadline for consideration for entry into the next Fall class of Prairie State College’s ADN Nursing Program is February 1. Qualified applicants who were not granted admission (due to space limitations during a particular year) must reapply to be considered the following year.

An evaluation of my records will be mailed to me approximately two to three weeks after submitting the Intent Form. It is my responsibility to contact the Enrollment Services Advisor if I have not received any correspondence prior to the application deadline. Please retain the evaluation for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.

Your intent form must be submitted electronically. No hard copy or paper intent forms will be accepted. Please go to:

[prairiestate.edu/selectiveadmissions](http://prairiestate.edu/selectiveadmissions)

to submit your intent form for Nursing.

**LPN/ADN Nursing Program Requirements  
“Bridge Program”  
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2020**

**LPN-ADN Nursing Program Evaluation Form**

Name:

Student ID No.

High School Transcripts on File?

Yes  No

College Transcripts on File? (if any)

Yes  No

Testing Requirement Met?

Yes  No

Developmental Courses Needed? (If yes, see attached)

Yes  No

All program applicants are required to take the College's Assessment Instrument. *If the results of this examination indicate a need for developmental coursework in either reading, English, mathematics, the appropriate course or courses **must be completed (with a grade of "C" or better) prior to the end of fall deadline.***

SKILLS PREREQUISITES			
Must be completed prior to the <b>end of fall</b> deadline.			
Academic Area	Description/Course	Date	Method
English	Successful completion of ENG 099 <b>or</b> an assessment test placement score of English 101 or higher.		
Mathematics	Successful completion of PSC's MATH 090 <b>or</b> MATH 091 <b>or</b> an assessment test placement score of MATH 095 or higher.		
Reading	Successful completion of reading courses through PSC's RDG 099 <b>or</b> an assessment test placement score of RDG 100.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COURSE PREREQUISITES</b></p> <p>The following prerequisite requirements must be completed prior to the September 1 deadline date and can be no older than the stated time prior to program entry.</p> <p>Current LPN license on file.</p>			



	Credit	Grade
English 101	3	
Communication 101	3	
Psychology 102	3	
BIOL 221* (This course does count toward the degree)	4	
Biology 222*	4	
Biology 211* (Microbiology)	4	
Humanities	3	

\*Must have been completed within the past five years. BIOL 221 and 222 must be completed at the same institution.

If all courses will be completed by the end of Fall, **you must contact the nursing department at (708) 709-3524 to schedule the Nursing 101 Proficiency exam. All testing must be completed by November 20.**

Please examine this evaluation **carefully**. If it does not agree with your records. **It is your responsibility** to notify the Office of Enrollment Services at (708) 709-3517.

**Please retain this evaluation for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Evaluator



## **LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge)**

Prairie State College has developed a special track that allows qualified LPNs to become graduates of an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program and to take the NCLEX-RN examination which leads to registered nurse (RN) status. An applicant must take the 101 proficiency exam for advance placement into Nursing 102.

Below is information regarding: (1) admission requirements, (2) courses to be taken, (3) sequence of courses, and (4) selection process. If you have questions after reading this material, please contact the ADN Admissions Advisor at (708) 709-3517.

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

A complete application for the progression track includes:

- PSC Application Form — Complete and return to the Enrollment Services Office.
- Intent Form — A completed LPN-ADN Intent Form must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Office no later than the first Monday in September.
- H.S. Graduation — An official high school transcript, showing the date of graduation must be filed with the Enrollment Services Office. Holders of G.E.D. certificates should submit appropriate documentation.
- College Transcripts — If you have attended other colleges or universities, official transcripts from these institutions should also be submitted to the Enrollment Services Office along with a completed Transcript Evaluation Request Form.
- LPN License — Proof of **current** LPN licensure must also be submitted.
- Exams — The Nursing 101 written proficiency exams must be successfully completed prior to program admission for advanced placement into Nursing 102. After passing the proficiency exams, the lab skill proficiency must be successfully completed.
- Work Experience — Documentation of LPN employment during the past two years is required and should be submitted to the Nursing Department.

### **TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

The LPN-ADN applicant must complete the proficiency test for Nursing 101. A fee of \$25 must be paid to the Business Office before the test is administered. The test may be attempted only once. The test may only be attempted ONCE (not per year, only once ever). Successful completion of the nursing 101 competency exam is defined by having an 80% cumulative score and earning 100% in the math section. Upon successful completion of this test and admission to the LPNADN program, students will have credit posted to their records for Nursing 101. To allow for sufficient time to obtain uniforms and health status documentation, all proficiency exams must be taken by the third Monday of November. The Nursing Proficiency Exam is scheduled through the Nursing Department. Please call (708) 709-3524.

Applicants must also complete the college's placement test.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The number of LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge) students accepted will vary from year to year based on the number of continuing ADN students. Therefore, qualified applicants will be selected on a random basis.

### **ACCEPTED STUDENTS**

Students accepted into the LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge) will be notified by the end of the Fall semester and allowed to enroll in Nursing 102 for the Spring (begins in January) term. Continuation in the program to the sophomore year will depend upon the completion of this course with a grade of "C" or better.

Prior to the beginning of classes in January, accepted students must:

1. Obtain a Nursing uniform from the designated uniform provider.
2. Submit a complete physical examination with the required laboratory test results.
3. Submit proof of current CPR certification, (health care provider), to the Nursing Department.
4. Pass a criminal background check. If a student's criminal background check presents a positive personal history, the Dean of Allied Health and Emergency Services and/or the Vice President of Academic Affairs will review the findings to determine if the information would exclude the student from participating in the clinical experience required in the program. If the information excludes the student from participating in the clinical experiences, the students may be required to withdraw from the program. Disqualifying offenses are defined in Section 955.160 of the Health Care Worker program. Details of disqualifying offenses can be found at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/disconviction.htm>
5. All costs incurred while applying to, being accepted into, and/or participating in the nursing program are at the expense of the student.

## LPN-ADN Progression Program Requirements (Bridge)

### Check List

- \_\_\_\_\_ NURSING PROFICIENCY TEST  
LPN-ADN applicants must pass a proficiency test for Nursing 101 (\$25 fee).
- \_\_\_\_\_ ASSESSMENT TEST  
Applicants are required to complete the College's assessment instrument and any developmental courses, if needed prior to admission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ PREREQUISITE COURSES  
The following must be completed with grades of "C" or better prior to program admission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics Placement into PSC's MATH 095 or higher or successful completion of PSC's MATH 090 or MATH 091
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 101 (Composition I)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biology 221 (Anatomy & Physiology I)\*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biology 222 (Anatomy & Physiology II)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biology 211 (Microbiology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 101 (Principles of Communication)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psychology 102 (Human Growth & Development and Life Span)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Humanities (select from Area B: Humanities & Fine Arts found in Transferable General Education Core Curriculum Requirements (in College Catalog)
- \_\_\_\_\_ REQUIRED NURSING COURSES  
NURS 102, 111, 201, 202, 211

\*\*Students who wish to transfer Anatomy & Physiology credits can only do so if both semesters (A & P I & II) have been successfully completed at the same institution.

Note: Biology 221, 222 and 211 must have been taken during the last five years.

## **LPN-ADN Progression Track Intent Form (Bridge)**

LPN to RN Track (Bridge) Intent Forms must be submitted electronically. No hard copy or paper forms will be accepted. Please go to:

**[prairiestate.edu/selective admissions](http://prairiestate.edu/selective_admissions)**

to submit your intent form for the bridge program. Deadline for submission is October 1, 2020.

## **Mission Statement of the Nursing Department**

The PSC Nursing Program prepares students for professional roles in nursing through educational excellence. Students are educated to safely practice at an entry level of competency. The program fosters a commitment to caring, lifelong learning, and collaboration with other disciplines. Diversity and diverse viewpoints are valued.

The philosophy is based upon educational excellence which includes evidence-based practice, the nursing process, and teamwork with other health-care disciplines. Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) provides the basis for the nursing program (retrieved from QSEN.org, 11/21/2013).

### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

1. Graduate a minimum of 70% of the entering cohort within three (3) years.
2. Prepare graduates who will meet or exceed the national pass rate on the NCLEX RN exam.
3. Eighty percent of graduates will be employed as an RN or enrolled in a higher degree program within one year of graduation.
4. Graduates will be prepared with the necessary knowledge, attitude, and skills to function as an entry level practitioner.

### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Organize the plan of care to encompass patient and family preferences as it relates to prioritization in the plan of care. (Patient-centered Care).
2. Analyze the contributions of nursing and interdisciplinary teams to achieve quality patient care and improved outcomes. (Teamwork and Collaboration).
3. Devise a plan of care for patients based on EBP recommendations in the literature and patient/family preferences that promotes optimal health and improves patient outcomes (Evidence-based Practice - EBP)
4. Analyze data related to patient care outcomes in order to evaluate and improve the quality and safety of nursing care and health care systems. (Quality Improvement - QI)
5. Prioritize a plan of care to prevent the risk of harm to patients and members of the health care team through both system effectiveness and individual performance. (Safety)
6. Correlate the use of information and technology with clinical reasoning skills to provide effective communication for safe, quality, patient care. (Informatics)
7. Plan patient care to align with the legal, ethical, and moral standards of the Nursing profession. (ANA Standards of Practice)
8. Organize patient care through the roles of leader and manager.

## **Accrediting Bodies**

The Prairie State College Nursing program located in Chicago Heights, Illinois is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Inquiries of the program's status can be made to:

ACEN, Inc.  
3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326  
([404]-975-5000, fax [404] 975-5020, [acenursing.org](http://acenursing.org))

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Prairie State College Nursing program is continuing accreditation.