

College of Lake County

Associate Degree Program in Nursing Prospective Student Information

Accreditation and Approval



- The Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
- The Nursing Program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

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The Associate Degree Nursing Program at the College of Lake County meets the state education requirements for a Registered Professional Nurse nursing license in the state of Illinois. The College of Lake County has not determined if the Associate Degree Nursing Program at the College of Lake County meets the state requirements in any other state, any U.S. Territory, or the District of Columbia.

Program Administrator

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Nursing Education Information Nursing Website

<http://www.clcollinois.edu/programs/nur>

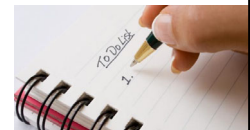
Nursing Education Office

Location: D208, Grayslake Campus
Phone: 847-543-2043
Fax: 847-543-3043
Email: nuroffice@clcollinois.edu
Office hours: 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday

Nursing Screening Requirements

➤ Complete a Student Information Form

- Student Admission Form
 - for students new to CLC
 - <http://www.clcollinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/new>
- Current students may update their information at:
 - <http://www.clcollinois.edu/student-services/student-records/student-records-forms>



➤ Be a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry

- May be obtained by taking NUR 110
- Prerequisites for enrolling in NUR 110:
 - Submit Background Check Authorization Form to the Nursing Education office
 - Submit receipt for fingerprinting to the Nursing Education office
 - Satisfy the Nurse Assisting program's health requirements
 - Satisfy Reading requirement
(See Nurse Assisting Fact Sheet)

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/nur/NAFactSheet.pdf>

Note: Illinois Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) also satisfies the Nurse Assistant requirement

➤ Take the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)

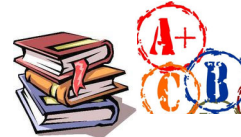
- Meet minimum acceptable scores:
 - Composite RN Percentile Rank of **60**
 - RN Percentile Rank of **50** in **each** category:
Math, Science, Verbal



NLN PAX

- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs-and-classes/academic-divisions/biodv/nln>
- NLN PAX results must not be older than 3 years at the time of screening
- To retake the exam, you must wait a minimum of 90 days between exams
- NLN scores will be accepted from exams that are taken up to and including the date of the screening deadline.
- Information: www.nln.org; testing services

➤ Have a cumulative CLC GPA of 2.0 or higher



➤ Be at least 18 years of age



➤ Submit a "Request for Screening" to the Welcome and One Stop Center
➤ (may be faxed or emailed)

http://dept.clcillinois.edu/adr/NUR_ScreeningForm.pdf

- All documents must be in the Welcome and One Stop Center by the end of business hours on the screening deadline day.
- **Screening Deadlines are the fourth Wednesday in February and fourth Wednesday in September each year.**

Screening Notes



- Students **may not** screen while taking a requirement course.
- All transcripts and the screening request form need to be on file in the Welcome and One Stop Center by the deadline.
- All requirements must be completed with the acceptable grade prior to the screening deadline to be considered for admission to the nursing program.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met, and all documents are on file in the Admissions and Recruitment office.
- Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for screening.

Program Admission



- All qualified candidates are ranked by the PAX composite RN percentile score. Preference will be given to residents of Community College District 532.
- Students are offered a seat proceeding from the highest ranked scores
- 45 students are accepted each semester
- First semester (NUR133) registration is on a first come, first served basis
- Day and evening options are available for lecture. Some semesters may require daytime clinicals.

Program Notification

Students will be sent a pending notification of admission status via CLC Student Email six to eight weeks after the screening deadline.

The student will be directed on next steps in the email communication.

Program Notification

What If an Applicant Does Not Get In?

Students not admitted for the current semester will need to complete a new screening form for the next screening deadline. There is **NO WAITING LIST** for the nursing program.

Or consider a career in another Health Science:

- Health Information Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Imaging
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Surgical Technology

Program Requirements

- All General Education requirements must also be met before graduation
- Several courses are prerequisites for nursing courses and should be completed as early as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts (i.e. BIO 245 and 246 before NUR 134)
- Completion of the Nursing Program takes a minimum of 2 years



Additional Program Information

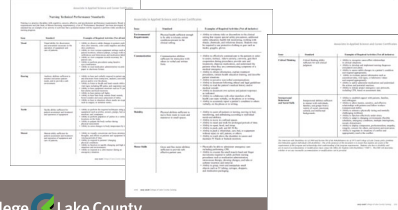
- Health requirements need to be met once you are accepted into the nursing program.
- Review the nursing web page for specific health requirements.
- Contact the CLC Health Center (room C176) for additional information: healthcenter@clcillinois.edu



Additional Program Requirements

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/pub/catalog/career/nur.pdf>

- Students accepted into the program must meet the Technical Performance Standards (Sensory, mobility, communication, behavior and critical thinking) [Listed in current college catalog]



Additional Program Requirements

- All students will undergo a criminal background check and urine drug screen upon acceptance into the nursing program and yearly thereafter
- Some clinical agencies may require the student to sign consent forms to release the outcome of their drug screen and background check

Nursing Program Time Commitment

- There is a significant time commitment once enrolled in the nursing courses.
- Nursing courses include classroom lecture, skills labs, and clinical at local health care facilities.
- Preparation includes independent practice time in the lab as well as clinical preparation time.
- The total time commitment ranges from 24-54 hours per week depending upon the course.
- Please make sure that you are prepared to make this commitment when you enter the nursing program.



Time Commitment

- Example NUR 133 (8 credits)
 - 5 class hours/week
 - 9 lab hours (includes on campus labs and clinical sites)/week
- 14 hours total/week
- 2-3 Prep hours for each hour in class
- Total approximately 24-36 hours per week, plus travel



Estimated Program Expenses

- Variable tuition is in effect for nursing courses and is slightly higher than other courses at CLC. Student will pay \$55.00 more per credit hour for nursing courses only (35 credits).
- 2021-2022 Tuition \$125 + \$22 comprehensive fee = \$147 per credit hour for non-nursing courses
 - Plus \$55 per credit hour variable tuition = \$202 per credit hour for all nursing courses.



*Subject to change each school year

Nursing Courses

1st Semester – NUR133 *Foundational Concepts of Nursing Practice*
 2nd Semester – NUR134 *Medical Surgical Nursing*
 3rd Semester – NUR232 *Mental Health Nursing* and NUR233 *Family-Centered Nursing Care*
 4th Semester – NUR234 *Complex Medical, Surgical and Leadership Nursing*

General Education Requirements
 CLC 120 *College Success Seminar*
 ENG 121 *English Composition I*
 PSY 121 *Introduction to Psychology* – prerequisite for PSY 220
 CMM 121 *Fundamentals of Speech*
 or 123 *Dynamics of Small Groups Discussion*
 or 128 *Interviewing Practices*
 Humanities or Fine Arts Elective

Additional Required Coursework
 CMM 127 *Intercultural Communication*
 or ANT 221 *Cultural Anthropology*
 or ANT 228 *Cross-Cultural Relationships*
 BIO 245 *Anatomy & Physiology II* – prerequisite for NUR 134
 BIO 246 *Microbiology* – prerequisite for NUR 134
 PSY 220 *Lifespan Development* – prerequisite for NUR 233
 BIO 123, BIO 244, CHM 120 – required for acceptance into the program

End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Provides quality, safe, patient-centered care through evidence-based practice.
2. Participates in collaborative relationships with members of the interdisciplinary team to provide and improve patient care.
3. Analyzes patient situations and applies critical thinking skills and strategies to provide quality patient care.
4. Provides leadership in a variety of healthcare settings for diverse patient populations.
5. Uses information technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
6. Functions as a competent nurse assimilating all professional, ethical, and legal principles.

Additional Program Information

Students who complete the Nursing degree at CLC are eligible to sit for the NCLEX exam to obtain a nursing license.



Nursing Program Outcomes

Most recent results show:

- 85% of graduates pass NCLEX on the first attempt (2020); 95% passed NCLEX cumulative 1st and 2nd quarter results 2021
- 80% of students complete the program within 4 semesters
- 93% of students complete the program within 6 semesters

Additional Program Information (Disclaimer)

- Students are not guaranteed the right to work upon graduation. It is the student's responsibility to determine work requirements of the state in which they wish to work.
- Employers will require that prospective employees prove that they are legally eligible to work. The College is not responsible for the time, cost, and effort expended by students who complete a program of study but are ineligible for employment upon graduation.

Additional Program Information (Disclaimer)

- Certain **Criminal History Records** may prevent a student from qualifying for the RN license.
- Visit the following website for more information:
<https://www.idfpr.com/FAQ/DPR/2019%20Nursing%20CC%20FAQs.pdf>

Additional Program Information

Financial Aid – 847/543-2062

Scholarships –CLC Foundation – 847/543-2091

<http://www.clcillinois.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/clc-foundation-scholarships>

Students with Disabilities - Office for Students with Disabilities for accommodations – 847/543-2474

CLC Partnership with Illinois State University/Mennonite College of Nursing offers dual enrollment

- ISU courses are offered online
- Students can choose:
 - Dual Enrollment: Take classes towards BSN during ADN program – students enrolled at CLC and ISU
 - Pathways: Take classes towards BSN after ADN degree is awarded (up to 2 years)



RN to BSN Completion


- Multiple schools offer opportunities for BSN completion:
- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/student-services/transfer-planning/transfer-partnerships/guaranteed-admission>
- <https://www.clcillinois.edu/student-services/transfer-planning/transfer-guides/>

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Registered Nurses

- Top occupation in terms of job growth through 2029
- 2019: RN workforce 3 million RNs
- Projected 2029: 3.3 million RNs
- Increase 7%

Employment Opportunities

1. Acute care: critical care; emergency; trauma; orthopedic
2. Case Management
3. Community Health
4. Family; maternity and pediatrics
5. Palliative Care
6. Mental Health; Substance Abuse
7. Surgical, Perioperative
8. Tele-health

ILLINOIS NURSING WORKFORCE CENTER  **IDFPR**
Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Survey Results (2020)

Demographics:

- Number of Registered Nurses in Illinois = ~206,000
- Number of Registered Nurses in Cook County= ~64,000
- Number of Registered Nurses in Lake County= 8,020

Salary:

In Illinois the average staff nurse salary ranges from \$55,000-\$85,000

Employment settings:

- 52% of RNs practice in a hospital/acute care setting
- 11% of RNs practice in an ambulatory care setting
- 9% of RNs practice in a nursing home/extended care/assisted living setting
- 4% of RNs are school nurses

Prospective Nursing Student Information Packet

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/nur/ProspectiveNursingStudentInfoPacket.pdf>

Questions



Make sure you complete the Verification of Attendance at the Virtual Nursing Program Information Meeting and remember to fill-in the meeting code.

Please email the completed form to the Nursing Education Office at:

nuroffice@clcillinois.edu