You MUST attend an advising session prior to the application deadline for which you are seeking admission - Between 11/13/22 and 11/13/23.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Advising Session
Spring 2024
Admission
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.
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

Nursing Program - 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 13\(^{th}\), 2023 for Spring 2024 admission

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<th>1. Attend the Associate Degree Nursing <strong>Advising Session</strong>. You must attend an advising session within 12 months of application to the nursing program...You <strong>MUST</strong> attend an advising session prior to the application deadline for which you are seeking admission and between 11/13/22 and 11/13/23.</th>
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<td>2. Fill out the <strong>College of DuPage General Admission Application</strong> online. If you have previously or currently attend COD, you may omit this step.</td>
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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](https://cod.edu/records/transcript-evaluation.aspx) for details.
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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?”
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

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.
6. Complete academic coursework requirements **by the admission deadline**. In order to qualify for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program, the applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. This includes required 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 13th, 2018 – November 13th, 2023 for Spring 2024 admission.

- **MICROBIOLOGY**: MICRO 1420 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or better.

- **MATH**: MATH 1102*, or higher, with a grade of “C” or better with the exception of Math 1104, 1120, and 1340. Recommended: Completion of an approved statistics course is recommended if your intentions are to continue your education for a BSN or MSN, i.e. MATH 1635; PSYCH 2280, SOCIO- 2205.
|   | 7. | Take the Elsevier/Evolve Admission Assessment HESI (A2) exam. Contact the COD Testing Center for test schedule, registration, and cost information. [https://www.cod.edu/academics/testing/tests-administered/hesi.aspx](https://www.cod.edu/academics/testing/tests-administered/hesi.aspx)  
   |   | Note: This test can be retaken 30 days after the first attempt, BUT only 3 times within a calendar year (January 1 – December 31 current year). |
|   | 8. | Approved programs can be found at: [http://www.nurseaidetesting.com/nurse-aide-students/training-programs](http://www.nurseaidetesting.com/nurse-aide-students/training-programs).  
   |   | Proof of completion of an approved Illinois Department of Public Health Basic Nursing Assistant Program should be emailed to [hsadmission@cod.edu](mailto:hsadmission@cod.edu). |
Email the Academic Testing Center for assistance with scheduling the exam at 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.
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.
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](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.
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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.
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
• 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.
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 OR
  ▪ 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

- Dr. Larinda Dixon, Nursing Program Chair and Professor - dixonl@cod.edu

- Jessica Fish, Nursing Program Chair and Adjunct Faculty - fishj8@cod.edu
• Study the BSN degree completion options.
  ▪ Send an e-mail to 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**
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.
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???