

CLARK COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM
Admission Criteria

The new admission criteria for the Clark College Nursing Program will be effective for the **April 1, 2010 application deadline for entry into winter quarter 2011** is as follows:

- ❖ Course pre-requisites (1-9 below) to be completed prior to selection:
For this selection only, the materials that will be accepted ***after*** the April 1, 2010 deadline are official transcripts documenting those courses ***in progress*** during spring quarter 2010.
 1. CHEM& 121, Intro to Chemistry (formerly CHEM 111)
 2. BIOL& 251L } Human Anatomy & Physiology I, II, III
 3. BIOL& 252L } (formerly BIOL 231, 232, 233)
 4. BIOL& 253L }
 5. BIOL& 260, Microbiology (formerly BIOL 240)
 6. NUTR 103, Nutrition
 7. PSYC& 200 – Lifespan Psychology (formerly PSYC 211)
 8. ENGL& 101, Composition 1 (formerly ENGL 101)
 9. ENGL& 102, Composition 2 (formerly ENGL 102) **or** ENGL 109, Writing About the Sciences (formerly ENGL 113)
- Although the current pre-requisite courses have not changed, there is a 7 year limit on all science/social science courses (numbered 1-7 above) at the time of application deadline (October 1 or April 1).
- An average 3.0 GPA must be maintained through all pre-requisite course work (numbered 1 – 9 above) to be eligible for consideration into the nursing program. Please see “Calculate your Nursing Points” worksheet.
- For the purposes of assigning points, courses may be repeated only one time. If the course is repeated, the grade earned in the second attempt will be used to calculate points. This includes courses with a grade below 2.0.
- Letter grades are recognized without +/- designation. A 2.0 or higher grade will be an accepted grade for a pre-requisite course. The nursing points per grade are as follows for courses # 1 – 9 above:
A = 5; B = 3; C = 1
- ❖ Students must complete a Nursing Assistant training program and hold an active Nursing Assistant Certification **in order to be eligible for selection** into the Clark College Registered Nursing program.

In addition to the 3.0 applicable GPA there will be points granted for the following:

Washington resident = 2 points

Other degree: 1 = Associate’s degree; 2 = Bachelor’s degree; 3 = Master’s degree and above.

Attendance at Clark College/WSUV Nursing Information Sessions = 2 points; will be offered 4 times annually.

The program and admission processes will be reviewed at the information sessions. The scheduled date/time may be obtained on the nursing website. All applicants are highly encouraged to attend one of the sessions before seeking academic advising or applying for the program.

Please watch the Clark College Nursing Program website for updates: www.clark.edu/clarknursing

Eligible applicants will be assessed according to a 52 point scale (see worksheet). The qualified candidates will take the proctored Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) A2 assessment test at the Clark College WSUV campus in the computer lab.

- The top 100 qualified students for the April 1st deadline will be eligible to take the HESI A2 Assessment.
 - 48 students will be selected from the group of 100 for the April 1st deadline.
- The top 200 qualified students for the October 1st deadline will be eligible to take the HESI A2 Assessment.
 - 96 students will be selected from the group of 200 for the October 1st deadline.

The eligible applicant will be informed in writing of the time and date of the assessment. The HESI A2 can be taken one time per application deadline (applicants are responsible for the estimated \$30 cost, which is subject to change).

Acceptance into the ADN program is selective and competitive. It is based on scores on the HESI A2 assessment and the total points accumulated in the criteria previously outlined.

Tie breakers: The Clark College Nursing Department will use the HESI A2 scores to determine the most qualified applicant.

Quarter starts: Once the pool of selected candidates has been determined the applicant will be assigned to a fall, winter or spring quarter. The Nursing Department is unable to accept requests for specific quarter starts.

UPON ACCEPTANCE

1. Upon notification of acceptance, students must pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit within 30 days of the postmarked date of the acceptance letter.
2. If your deposit is not received within 30 days of the postmarked date it will be assumed that you are no longer interested in entering the Nursing Program and your space will be given to the next eligible alternate.
3. Please do not send your notification of acceptance to more than one school.
4. Immediately notify the Clark College Nursing Program office at 360.992.6075 if for any reason your acceptance to the Clark College Nursing Program decision changes.

Mandatory Orientation

A **mandatory** orientation will be held for admitted students and invited alternate students. **Attendance is required**, or the next eligible alternate student will be given the assigned placement in the program. Students will be informed of the orientation date, time, and location.

Proof of Immunizations

Accepted students and invited alternate students must submit proof of the following immunizations by the stated deadline or their space will be given to the next eligible alternate.

You must provide evidence of:

1. Tdap
2. Chickenpox history or varicella immunization
3. MMR immunizations or titer
4. PPD (TB test) or QFT-G if positive PPD
5. Hepatitis B immunizations (at least #2 in the 3 part series before start) or titer

Criminal Background Check

All accepted students are required to complete and pass the FBI, WSP/OSP (depending on state of residence) criminal background check process. The criminal background check requires a fee and the applicant's social security number.

- ❖ **Reasons for disqualification:** Individuals with a criminal record may not be allowed into a healthcare facility as a student. Because it is not possible to meet the objectives of the program without having clinical experience, anyone with a positive criminal or abuse history *may not* be eligible for acceptance in the Nursing Program. In addition Washington State Health Profession Quality Assurance (HPQA) and the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) require a criminal background check upon application for licensure. For more information on Washington and Oregon licensing requirements see, www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/Nursing/default.htm or www.osbn.state.or.us.
- ❖ Students may be asked to submit to a drug screen based on the health care facility where clinical rotations are assigned while in the program.
- ❖ Some healthcare systems require all nursing students to carry health insurance (an injury only plan meets this requirement). Students must have proof of insurance if assigned to one of these facilities for clinical practice.
- ❖ **Accepted nursing students must complete all pre-requisite courses (1-9 above) by the end of spring quarter 2010 or will not be considered for selection.**

Clark College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, political affiliation creed, disabled veteran status, marital status, honorably discharged veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status in its programs and activities.

Calculate Your Nursing Points

STEP #1 Figure Applicable Grade Point Average

Courses	Grade	Credit hrs. x Pts. Per Grade = Earned Grade Pts.	GPA	
ENGL 101		x =	A → 4.0	C → 2.0
ENGL 102 or 109		x =	A- → 3.7	C- → 1.7
PSYC 200		x =	B+ → 3.3	D+ → 1.3
NUTR 103		x =	B → 3.0	D → 1.0
CHEM 121		x =	B- → 2.7	D- → 0.7
BIOL 251		x =	C+ → 2.3	F → 0
BIOL 252		x =	Divide total from Earned	
BIOL 253		x =	Grade Pts by total from	
BIOL 260		x =	Credit hrs. This is your GPA.	

Total Credit hrs.

Total Earned Grade Pts

An average 3.0 GPA must be maintained through all pre-requisite course work (1-9 above) to be eligible for consideration into the nursing program.

If GPA is 3.0 or better, proceed to STEP #2.

STEP #2

Figure Assigned Points per Grade

Letter grades are recognized without +/- designation

Course	Grade	Points	Nursing Points Assigned per Grade
ENGL 101			Nursing Points Assigned per Grade A = 5 B = 3 C = 1
ENGL 102 or 109			
PSYC 200			
NUTR 103			
CHEM 121			
BIOL 251			
BIOL 252			
BIOL 253			
BIOL 260			
Total Assigned Points			

STEP #3

Figure Nursing Points

Nursing Point Categories	Points
Assigned Points (total from Step #2) Maximum 45 points	
WA Residency 2 points	
Other Degrees Maximum 3 points AA = 1 pt BA/BS = 2pts. Masters/above = 3 pts.	
Attendance at Nursing Information Session Date Attended _____ 2 points	
TOTAL NURSING POINTS Maximum Points 52	

NAC/CNA CERTIFICATION COMPLETED

Required prior to selection

Certification # _____

The following courses must be completed with a 2.0 or higher grade prior to graduation:

Humanities 3 credits

PE Activity 1 credit