USING THIS GUIDE

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in the nursing program at Clark! This Nursing Advising Guide is one of many resources that provide information and answer questions about the program. Your responsibility as a prospective nursing student is to actively seek out, read, learn, and use the program information available to you. The Clark College nursing program is highly competitive. The more you learn, the better prepared you will be!

1) Read this Nursing Advising Guide and Review the Nursing Website
   You will find answers to most nursing-related questions in this guide and on the [nursing website](#). Please carefully and thoroughly review and use all resources. Make note of any additional questions you may have to discuss at a future academic advising appointment.

2) Watch the Online Nursing Information Videos
   You will find a collection of nursing videos on the nursing website that can be accessed at any time. The videos provide comprehensive and detailed information. All prospective nursing students should thoroughly review the online nursing information videos and nursing website information before meeting with an academic advisor.

3) Visit Career Services and Meet with a Career Advisor
   As you consider a career in nursing, it is important that you develop a clear understanding of the field of nursing and the various nursing career pathways. It is also very important to explore additional career options and develop a parallel plan, as the nursing program is highly competitive and acceptance is not guaranteed. Career Services is open to the public and career advisors can assist with your career exploration and planning.

4) Apply to Clark College and Complete the Admissions Process
   If you decide to pursue nursing at Clark, you must apply to Clark College. The Welcome Center can assist with the application and admissions process: start@clark.edu.

   **NOTE:** Prospective transfer students who have attended other colleges or universities must apply to Clark College prior to obtaining a transcript evaluation. Please read the Information for Transfer Students in this guide and watch the related video for additional information.

5) Visit Advising Services and Meet with a Healthcare Advisor
   After you have completed the Clark College admissions process and reviewed the nursing website information, you may meet with a Healthcare Advisor to help you create an individualized academic plan for nursing. At your appointment, we can answer your questions, assist you with class selection and term-by-term planning, and provide guidance and referrals to support your success.

**DISABILITY STATEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, accommodations for students with disabilities will be considered at the student's request. The student may need to provide documentation of disability to the Disability Support Services Office to support his/her accommodation requests. Documentation guidelines and procedures can be found on the Disability Support Services website. Once the student is qualified by DSS as having a disability, requested accommodations will be considered. Accommodations for the classroom, laboratory, or clinical setting will be evaluated according to reasonableness. Accommodations that compromise patient care, or that fundamentally alter the essential functions of the program or activity, are not considered to be reasonable.
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION
Vaccination against COVID-19 is required of all Nursing students. We are not able to provide clinical placement options for unvaccinated students; thus no vaccination exemptions are allowed. More information on page 10.
INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have attended other colleges or universities, aside from Clark, must submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended, regardless of whether previous coursework is applicable to the nursing degree.

**Plan at least 3 months in advance to order and submit official transcripts from all other colleges and universities.**

The transfer institution can directly submit official transcripts electronically to enroll@clark.edu or have them mailed to:

Clark College Enrollment Services
Gaiser Hall, Room 128
1933 Fort Vancouver Way
Vancouver WA 98663

**NOTE:** Students must apply to Clark and have a Clark student ID prior to obtaining a transcript evaluation. Transcripts received by Clark are linked to a Clark student ID, so it is strongly advised to be admitted to Clark prior to requesting official transcripts from other colleges or universities.

Unofficial Transcript Evaluation – for English & Math Placement and Initial Advising Purposes

- **Transfer students are strongly advised to obtain unofficial copies of all transcripts to get started at Clark.**
  In addition to submitting official transcripts to Clark College, students are strongly advised to obtain unofficial copies of all transcripts that can be emailed to staff members while the official transcript evaluation process is underway.

- **Using Your Unofficial Transcripts for English & Math Placement**
  Unofficial transcripts can be used to determine English and math placement. Placement is required for all degree-seeking students at Clark College. To use your unofficial transcripts for English and math placement, email your unofficial transcripts to enroll@clark.edu, where they will be reviewed by the Assessment Center. Your English and Math Placement will then be recorded in your Clark student record.

- **Using Your Unofficial Transcripts for Initial Advising Purposes**
  Unofficial transcripts can be emailed to a Healthcare Advisor to assist transfer students with initial class selection and preliminary planning, while the official transcript evaluation process is underway. Note that Healthcare Advisors only work with admitted Clark College students. Prospective students are invited to use the Nursing website information and connect with the Welcome Center at start@clark.edu for assistance in getting started at Clark.

Official Transcript Evaluation – for Clark College Equivalencies and Nursing Program Eligibility

- **The Credentials Office will evaluate official transcripts on a course-by-course basis to determine course equivalency.**
  Transfer course grades will be factored into the GPA points, as applicable, in the nursing program selection process. Students will receive their official transcript evaluation report directly from the Credentials Office.

- The evaluation of transfer courses may require that students submit a syllabus for specific coursework in question. A syllabus is a detailed outline of a course, usually handed out by the instructor the first day of class. It includes information such as textbook, topics covered, class and lab assignments, test and quiz schedules, etc.

- The grades and the unit totals of transferred-in coursework will be used in calculating points in the nursing program selection process, as applicable. In the event that a transfer course has fewer units than its Clark equivalent, students may be required to make up unit deficits through additional coursework.

- Transfer courses may count as repeated courses in the nursing point system, even though course titles and unit totals of the transfer courses may be different from the Clark equivalent courses. This may have implications for points in the Course Repeats category of the point system. Please read the Point System section of this guide and watch the related video for additional information.
NURSING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The registered nurse is a licensed health care professional able to work in hospitals, clinics, acute care, physicians' offices, emergency centers, long-term care facilities, and home health care agencies. Registered nurses work with patients from birth through old age in a variety of health care settings, including medical/surgical, obstetrics, mental health, long-term care, and in the community. They design care plans, perform patient assessments, administer medications, give injections, serve as advocates for patients, and refer patients to the proper resources. Critical-thinking and decision-making ability, as well as a life-long commitment to learning, are important assets in this demanding but rewarding profession.

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing program receive an Associate in Arts Nursing DTA/MRP degree, and are qualified to take the National Council Examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse. Clark College’s Associate Degree in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

ACEN
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

For Financial Aid purposes, the Associate Degree in Nursing DTA/MRP is open enrollment, which enables all students who wish to pursue this degree to complete the “Nursing Degree Requirements” (courses in the areas of English, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, etc.). The “Nursing Degree Requirements” provide the foundation for the subsequent “Nursing Core” classes (courses with “NURS” prefix). Due to clinical space limitations, although the program of study for the nursing transfer degree is open enrollment, there is a competitive application process for students to be able to begin the “Nursing Core” classes.

NURSING DEGREE VS PRE-NURSING DEGREE ... WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

Clark offers two nursing-related AA degrees. Though this guide is focused solely on the Nursing AA-DTA/MRP, a brief comparison is provided for reference.

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<th>NURSING AA-DTA/MRP</th>
<th>PRE-NURSING AA-DTA/MRP</th>
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<tr>
<td>Associate in Arts Direct Transfer Degree</td>
<td>Associate in Arts Direct Transfer Degree</td>
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<td>Includes General Education / Nursing-Related Reqs</td>
<td>Includes General Education / Nursing-Related Reqs</td>
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<td>Includes Clark Nursing Program / Nursing Core Reqs</td>
<td>DOES NOT include Clark Nursing Program / Core Reqs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Results in completion of AA-DTA with RN program</td>
<td>Results in completion of AA-DTA WITHOUT RN program</td>
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<td>Prepares students for application to “RN to BSN”</td>
<td>Prepares students for application to BSN programs,</td>
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<td>programs, where RN is already completed prior to</td>
<td>where RN coursework will be completed after transfer,</td>
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<td>transfer, such as the WSU-Vancouver BSN program.</td>
<td>at the transfer university.</td>
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NURSING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – NURSING AA-DTA/MRP

MINIMUM NURSING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – PRIOR TO NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

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<th>COURSE</th>
<th>TITLE</th>
<th>UNITS</th>
<th>OFFERED</th>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 160</td>
<td>General Biology w Lab</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 241</td>
<td>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Fall, Winter, Spring</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 242</td>
<td>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Winter, Spring, Summer</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 260</td>
<td>Microbiology</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHEM&amp; 121</td>
<td>Intro to Chemistry: Pre-Health</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUTR&amp; 101</td>
<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>3 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL&amp; 101</td>
<td>English Composition I</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL&amp; 102</td>
<td>English Composition II</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
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<tr>
<td>PSYC&amp; 200</td>
<td>Lifespan Psychology</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
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- Minimum degree requirements must be completed prior to nursing program application.
- Clark’s three-term series of Anatomy & Physiology is also acceptable: BIOL& 251 (Fall Only), BIOL& 252 (Winter Only), BIOL& 253 (Spring Only)
- All science courses must be completed within seven (7) years of nursing program entry (except BIOL& 160). For example, for fall 2022 nursing program entry, science courses must be no older than fall 2015.
- A minimum combined GPA of 3.0 (B) is required for all courses listed above.
- A minimum grade of 2.0 (C) is required for each individual course listed above.

ADDITIONAL NURSING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – PRIOR TO NURSING PROGRAM ENTRY

<table>
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<tr>
<th>HUMANITIES</th>
<th>Refer to Transfer Degree Distribution List</th>
<th>10 units</th>
<th>Options Offered Every Term</th>
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<tr>
<td>MATH&amp; 146</td>
<td>Introduction to Statistics</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSYC&amp; 100</td>
<td>General Psychology</td>
<td>5 units</td>
<td>Every Term</td>
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- Additional degree requirements may be completed after nursing program application, but must be completed prior to the term of nursing program entry.
- Additional degree requirements are not required for application and grades are not factored in point system.
- Humanities course options are listed on the Transfer Degree Distribution List in the Clark College Catalog.
- A minimum grade of 2.0 (C) is required for each course listed above.

NURSING CORE REQUIREMENTS – UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Upon acceptance into the nursing program, students will complete six (6) terms, totaling seventy-two (72) units, of nursing core requirements. Nursing core requirements are taught in fall, winter, and spring terms, with summer terms off. Completion of nursing core requirements takes two full calendar years, from the initial term of nursing program entry. Nursing core requirements are taught at the Clark Building on the WSU-Vancouver campus.
POINT SYSTEM FOR NURSING PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

NURSING PROGRAM POINT CATEGORIES & CALCULATIONS

Point Categories | Possible Points | Your Points |
--- | --- | --- |
GPA Points from Minimum Degree Requirements | | 28 |
Healthcare Experience Category I | | |
1921+ hours = 5 pts | | |
1061-1920 hours = 4 pts | | |
960-1060 hours = 3 pts | | |
Healthcare Experience Category II | | |
960+ hours with direct patient contact = 2 pts | | 5 |
960+ hours without direct patient contact = 1 pt | | |
Community Service/Volunteer Hours | | 1 |
The application will be awarded one (1) point awarded to applicants with 40 or more documented hours of volunteer experience working with diverse, often underrepresented populations within the community.

Course Repeats | | 3 |
Three (3) points awarded to applicants with three (3) or fewer applicable course repeats. See table below. “W” grades and courses over five years old will not count as an attempt.

Clark College Units | | 3 |
Three (3) points awarded to applicants with 15 or more units of nursing degree requirements taken at Clark College. Includes minimum and additional degree requirements.

Military Veteran | | 1 |
One (1) point awarded to applicants who are military veterans. Students can work with the Veterans Resource Center to ensure their status is noted in the Clark College system.

Total Possible Points | 41 |

SAMPLE GPA POINTS CALCULATION

<table>
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<th>Course</th>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Units</th>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 160</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>20.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 241</td>
<td>A-</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>18.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL&amp; 242</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>15.0</td>
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<td>BIOL&amp; 260</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>20.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>CHEM&amp; 121</td>
<td>A-</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>18.5</td>
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<td>NUTR&amp; 101</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>12.0</td>
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<td>ENGL&amp; 101</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>20.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENGL&amp; 102 (preferred)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>20.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>PSYC&amp; 200</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>20.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
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<td>43</td>
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Pts per Grade
A = 4.0  B- = 2.7
B+ = 3.7  C+ = 2.3
B = 3.0  C = 2.0
Minimum grade of 2.0 (C) is required in each course listed.

Earned Grade Pts divided by Units equals GPA: 164 ÷ 43 = 3.81 GPA, which is worth 26 GPA Pts

GPA | Pts |
--- | --- |
3.00-3.09 | 10 |
3.10-3.19 | 12 |
3.20-3.29 | 14 |
3.30-3.39 | 16 |
3.40-3.49 | 18 |
3.50-3.59 | 20 |
3.60-3.69 | 22 |
3.70-3.79 | 24 |
3.80-3.89 | 26 |
3.90-4.00 | 28 |

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DEFINITIONS FOR HEALTHCARE & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Though not required, nursing program applicants are strongly advised to seek opportunities for paid healthcare experience and volunteer experience points. These experiences will support a higher overall point total for nursing program application, and they provide opportunities to gain valuable first-hand experience and insight into nursing and healthcare professions.

**NOTE:** Healthcare Advisors cannot definitively determine whether experiences will or will not count for Healthcare or Volunteer Experience points, beyond the information provided below. Determination of Healthcare and Volunteer Experience points is made at the sole discretion of the Nursing Department after application materials have been submitted.

HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

- Applicants may earn up to five (5) points for paid work experience in a medical setting. A medical setting is a defined as a hospital, clinic, nursing home, or other environment where licensed practitioners diagnose, treat, and prevent acute and chronic illness or injury.
- Points may be earned from either Category I or Category II below, but not both.
- Healthcare Experience hours must be completed within the past ten (10) years.
- Total hours may be earned from multiple organizations or agencies.
- Please use the Healthcare Experience Form to document hours. Use one form per agency.

**Category I:** Applicants who have earned certification as one of the following: CNA, LPN, CMA, EMT, Paramedic, Military Medic, Hemodialysis Tech, Surgical Tech, or Respiratory Therapist AND have completed paid hours of post-certification work experience in a medical setting.

<table>
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<th>Hours Completed</th>
<th>Points</th>
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<td>1921 or more</td>
<td>5 pts</td>
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<td>1061 – 1920</td>
<td>4 pts</td>
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<td>960 – 1060</td>
<td>3 pts</td>
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1921 hours is approximately 1 year at 40 hrs per week or 2 years at 20 hrs per week
1960 hours is approximately 6 months at 40 hrs per week or 1 year at 20 hrs per week

**Category II:** Applicants without one of the above-designated certifications who have a minimum of 960 hours of paid work experience in a medical setting. WITH direct patient contact = 2 pts. WITHOUT direct patient contact = 1 pt.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Applicants may earn one (1) point for a minimum of forty (40) hours of volunteer experience.
- Points may be earned in both Healthcare Experience and Volunteer Experience categories.
- Volunteer Experience must be completed within the past five (5) years.
- Total hours may be earned from multiple organizations or agencies.
- Please use the Volunteer Experience Form to document hours. Use one form per agency.

The purpose of this point is to encourage applicants to gain experience working with diverse populations, to gain insights about community needs and resources, and to gain communication skills needed for the healthcare field. Examples of approved experiences include, but are not limited to, the following: long-term care agencies, formal hospital volunteer programs, camps for disabled/chronically ill children, Special Olympics involvement, homeless shelter support, free health clinics, volunteer with school nurse, outreach programs or health-related missions, first aid stations.
FAQS & THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU APPLY

- Completion of the Nursing Degree Requirements does not guarantee admission into the Nursing Core Requirements. Although Nursing Degree Requirements (foundational courses in English, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, etc.) are open enrollment, Nursing Core Requirements (courses with NURS prefix) are restricted to students who have formally applied to and been accepted into the Clark College nursing program.

- The nursing program is a highly competitive selective admissions program with three (3) application deadlines per year: Apr 1 for fall entry, Jul 1 for winter entry, and Sep 1 for spring entry.

- Applications will not be considered unless and until students have completed the Minimum Nursing Degree Requirements as detailed in this guide.

- Additional Degree Requirements (MATH& 146, PSYC& 100, and Humanities) must be completed prior to the term of nursing program entry. They are not required for application and are not included in points in the selection process.

- Though not required, gaining healthcare experience points will make a significant difference in point totals. Students are strongly encouraged to obtain a minimum of 960 hours of paid healthcare experience prior to application.

- CNA certification is not required for program application or entry, and no points are awarded for certification. However, having this certification and working as a paid CNA can help a student earn healthcare experience points.

- Applicants must be 18 years of age by the term of nursing program entry.

- There are thirty-two (32) spaces in each nursing program cohort, with an estimated 130 or more applicants for each cohort. Available selection statistics are posted on the nursing website, for informational purposes only.

- Clark uses a point system for selection, as detailed in this guide. No additional criteria such as testing, interviews, or reference letters, are required for application nor considered in the selection process.

- Applicants may be considered for up to three (3) consecutive selection cycles before a new application and application fee is required. There is no limit to the number of times an applicant may apply. However, students are required to meet with an Academic Advisor prior to reapplying after three (3) consecutive selection cycles.

- Applicants who have previously failed or been dismissed from a selective entry program will not receive admission into the nursing program/Nursing Core Requirements (courses with NURS prefix). Applicants who have previously withdrawn from a program must submit proof that they withdrew from the program while in good academic and clinical standing.

- 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 further information, please review Washington and Oregon license requirements on the respective state department of health websites.

- Plan at least 3 months in advance to order and submit official transcripts from all other colleges and universities.
HOW TO APPLY

Apply to Clark College
Complete the Clark College Application for Admission (if not already an admitted Clark College student). The Welcome Center can assist with the application and admissions process: start@clark.edu.

Apply to the Nursing Program
- REQUIRED: Submit the “Nursing Statement of Intent” and pay the $50 program application fee.
- REQUIRED: Submit up-to-date official transcripts from all other colleges and universities previously attended, regardless of whether previous coursework is relevant to the nursing program. Submission of Clark College transcripts is not required.
- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Submit the Healthcare Experience Form and any supporting documentation.
- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Submit the Volunteer Experience Form and any supporting documentation.

Application Deadlines
All applications and related materials must be emailed, postmarked, or hand-delivered by the following deadlines:
- April 1 for possible selection into the fall nursing program cohort
- July 1 for possible selection into the winter nursing program cohort
- Sept 1 for possible selection into the spring nursing program cohort

NOTE: In the case of an incomplete grade in a course or grade change on a transcript, it is the applicant’s responsibility to update their records and provide up-to-date information to the Credentials Office.

AFTER YOU APPLY

- If not already completed, Additional Degree Requirements (MATH& 146, PSYC& 100, and Humanities) must be completed prior to the term of program entry.

- The selection process takes an average of 8 to 10 weeks to complete. All applicants will be notified of their admission status by the Selective Admissions Credentials Office.

- Application files will remain active and applicants will be considered for up to three (3) consecutive selection cycles. Applicants must submit new documentation, such as updated transcripts, volunteer experience forms, or healthcare experience forms, to the Selective Admissions Credentials team in order for the new information to be considered in future selections.

- After three (3) consecutive selection cycles, applicants must reapply to the nursing program and pay a new nursing program application fee for future consideration.
UPON NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Confirmation of Acceptance & Non-Refundable Deposit

- Accepted students must pay a non-refundable $200 deposit within the designated time period specified in the acceptance letter. If the deposit is not received within the designated time period, it is assumed that the student is no longer interested in entering the Clark College nursing program and the space will be given to the next eligible alternate student.
- Please do not accept admission to more than one nursing program or nursing school.
- Please immediately notify the Clark College Nursing Program at 360-992-6075 if the decision to accept a space in the Clark College nursing program changes for any reason.

Mandatory Orientation

A mandatory orientation will be held for accepted students and invited alternates. If a student does not attend the mandatory orientation, the next eligible alternate student will be given the assigned space in the nursing program. Students will be informed of the orientation date, time, and location.

Proof of Immunizations

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

- **COVID-19** - Students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Clinical placement options cannot be provided for unvaccinated students; thus no vaccination exemptions are allowed.
- **FLU** - Incoming students are required to receive the current season flu vaccination before starting clinicals. Continuing students must renew annually in the fall, when the vaccine is available.
- **HEP B** - Series of three (3) doses and proof of immunity (positive titer) or documentation of non-conversion. First two doses of vaccine given at least 28 days apart are required before the start of the program.
- **MMR** - Two (2) doses of MMR (at least 28 days apart) or proof of immunity (positive titer for each component of vaccine: Measles-rubella, Mumps, and Rubella).
- **TB Tuberculosis Skin Testing (PPD/TST)** - A 'two-step' test is required upon entry into the program (two tests administered 1-3 weeks apart between step 1 and step 2). Other acceptable screening tests include a blood test (QFT-G or T-spot) or negative chest x-ray.
- **Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis-Whooping Cough)** - One-time dose of Tdap; TD booster every ten years.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** - Two (2) doses of the Varicella vaccine or proof of immunity (positive titer).
- **Physical Exam** – A physical exam must be completed within 90 days of the start of the program.
- **Any additional vaccines** that become mandatory by state or federal law, or that are required by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, will become required by the Clark College Nursing Program.

Criminal Background Check

All accepted students are required to complete and pass the FBI and 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.

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, please review Washington and Oregon license requirements on the respective state department of health websites.
Drug Screen
Students may be asked to submit to a drug screen, based on the health care facility where clinical rotations are assigned while in the nursing program.

Health Insurance
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.

IF YOU ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Given the high number of qualified applicants and the limited number of available spots in the nursing program, many applicants are not accepted. If you are not accepted into the program, the following resources are available:

- **Selective Admissions Credentials**
  For questions about the status of your application, your point totals, or your application documents, please contact the Selective Admissions Credentials team at selectiveadmissions@clark.edu.

- **Healthcare Programs Advising**
  To discuss strengthening your application for a future selection cycle, please schedule an appointment with a Healthcare Advisor by using the self-scheduling tool on the Advising homepage.

- **Career Services**
  For support and assistance in researching alternate careers in health-related fields, or exploring other career opportunities, please contact Career Services at careerservices@clark.edu.

NURSING DEGREE COSTS

- In compliance with federal regulations, Clark College publishes a cost of attendance, or budget, which reflects the average cost of attending college. The cost of attendance is the basis of establishing a students' financial need, as it set a limit on the total aid that a student may receive. Please review the annual Cost of Attendance on the Clark College website for additional information.

- Tuition rates are established annually by the Washington State Legislature and may change from year to year. Please refer to the Tuition & Fees chart for current information about tuition costs.

- For **Nursing Degree Requirements**: Students will pay tuition and fees, the cost of textbooks and supplies, living expenses (housing, food, etc.), transportation expenses, and any additional miscellaneous expenses. Total expenses will vary for individual students.

- For **Nursing Core Requirements** (upon acceptance into the nursing program): Students will pay all of the expenses listed above and also specific nursing program-related expenses. These expenses include the cost of obtaining immunizations, background checks, drug screens, uniforms and equipment, parking, etc.