Nursing Admission Criteria & Procedures
Nursing (R.N.) Associate in Applied Science & Nursing (P.N.) Practical Nursing Certificate

Nursing Application Periods:
- February 1st – 15th for the fall semester (transcripts must be submitted by December 1st)
- June 1st – 15th for the spring semester (transcripts must be submitted by April 1st)

http://www.jjc.edu/admissions/pages/nursing-application.aspx

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

http://www.jjc.edu/admissions/Pages/nursing-admissions.aspx

The following items must be on file with the Office of Admissions and Academic Credentials departments prior to application to the nursing program.

- Must meet residency requirements as defined by Joliet Junior College http://www.jjc.edu/admissions/Pages/residency-requirements.aspx
- Joliet Junior College Admission Application https://www.jjc.edu/admissions/pages/apply-now.aspx
- Official High School Transcript or High School Equivalency verifying completion sent to JJC, Admissions Office, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL 60431
- Official Transcripts submitted from every college attended by deadline above. Students must complete the online Transcript Evaluation Request Form http://www.jjc.edu/records-transcripts/Pages/transferring-to-jjc.aspx and submit it to the Academic Credentials Office, A-1020. Be sure to select “Associate in Arts” and the correct applicant type located under the Transfer Evaluation Request Information section. View your academic summary on eResources in approximately four to six weeks for your evaluated transfer credit and the JJC equivalencies.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in prerequisites, general education and recommended courses for the program.

Placement Test/ACT Scores

The following academic eligibility requirements must be met. Courses must be completed with a grade “C” or higher or previous college credit in English and/or Math.

- Placement Test or valid ACT scores http://www.jjc.edu/academic-skills-center/Pages/placement.aspx for more information.
  Complete required developmental courses in Reading (ENG 020 and/or ENG 021), Writing (ENG 098 and/or ENG 099), and Math (Math 090) with a grade of “C” or better or previous college credit in English and/or Math.

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Effective 9/2/13, ACT scores expire 48 months from the testing date.

Nursing Program Entrance Exam

Please note that for the application period of June 1-15, 2017, all JJC students are required to have the new ATI TEAS (version 6) scores on file. TEAS V scores will no longer be accepted.

http://www.jjc.edu/academic-skills-center/Pages/ATI-TEAS-Testing.aspx

- ATI-TEAS (Test of the Essential Academic Skills Version 6 - $75+tax) must be taken at JJC in the Academic Skills Center with a minimum composite score of 60 by the last day of the application period (February 15 or June 15) and should only be taken once per semester (spring, summer, fall) for consideration in the competitive entry process (scores do not expire). The TEAS exam evaluates math skills, reading comprehension, and English and science proficiency. Scores from other schools will not be considered. Please note that this mandatory exam must be scheduled and paid online by the applicant and is available by appointment only at Main Campus, Romeoville Campus, City Center Campus, and the Morris Education Center.
  - Students who score a 76 or above on the TEAS Composite will be guaranteed admittance, contingent on the results of your background check and drug screening, and when a nursing application is completed. In the event there are more students in the Guaranteed Admission Category than available seats or students who scored below a 76, a ranking system will be used (see below). Minimum score for consideration is 60.
- Schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor (815.280.2435) after you have submitted your high school/college transcripts and completed the Placement Test (if required) and the TEAS Exam.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ranking System

1. Each eligible application will be given a number for anonymity by the Admissions Office and all demographic data will be removed.
2. Applicants will receive an email to their JJC email account informing them if they qualified within 3 – 5 weeks after submitting the nursing application.
3. Qualified applications will be sent to the Nursing Admissions Committee.
4. Applicants will be scored and ranked based on:
   • TEAS Composite Score (weighted 55%)
   • Calculated GPA based on grades for ENG 101; PSYC 101; PSYC 215; HEAL 109; BIO 250; BIO 251 taken at JJC or transferred in. If a class was taken more than once, the most recent grade will be used. If a student has “clepped” out of a class (using the College Level Examination Program – CLEP Test http://www.jjc.edu/academic-skills-center/Pages/clep.aspx), the grade will be counted as a “C” (weighted 30%)
   • Percentage of prerequisite/general education classes completed (ENG 101; PSYC 101; PSYC 215; HEAL 109; BIO 250; BIO 251) (weighted 15%)

Suggested Schedule

The following is a suggested guide for the two-year nursing program. After the second semester, students may apply to take the NCLEX-Practical Nurse Examination. After the fourth semester, students may apply to take the NCLEX-Registered Nurse Examination. (It is suggested that all prerequisites and general education courses be completed prior to applying to the program and must be passed with a grade “C” or higher.)

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* BIO 149 is required for the nursing program but BIO 151 may be substituted.
* BIO 149 is a preferred prerequisite (or corequisite) of BIO 250 and a prerequisite of BIO 240. BIO 151 is an alternate prerequisite of BIO 250 and BIO 240.

* BIO 149 Equivalency:
   • A score of “3” on the final AP exam in high school AP Biology I & II (JCC will waive BIO 149 and issue credit for BIO 151; student will be placed into BIO 240 and BIO 250) or
   • A score of “4” or “5” on the final AP exam in high school AP Biology I & II (JCC will waive BIO 149 and issue credit for BIO 151 and BIO 152; student will be placed into BIO 240 and BIO 250) or
   • A final grade of “B” or higher in high school AP Biology I & II (Student will be placed into BIO 240 and BIO 250 and no credit for BIO 149 will be issued; student must substitute a class with 4 credits before graduation) or
   • A score of 60 or higher on the Biology/Science section of the TEAS Exam (Student will be placed into BIO 240 and BIO 250 and no credit for BIO 149 will be issued; student must substitute a class with 4 credits before graduation) or
   • A score of 70% or higher on a dedicated General Biology Placement Exam (Student will be placed into BIO 240 and BIO 250 and no credit for BIO 149 will be issued; student must substitute a class with 4 credits before graduation)

** NURS 140 or CNA in accordance with the articulation plan, CNA course work constitutes two nursing credit hours to be transferred after completion of NURS 150.

TEAS Exam

Students applying to the JJC Nursing Program are encouraged to take the TEAS Exam upon entry to JJC. Students who are placed into developmental English and math or students who are undecided about their transfer plans should consider delaying the TEAS Exam until after they have completed English, Math, and Science Courses but be aware these courses may be eligible for financial aid. Some colleges/universities limit the number of times a nursing applicant can take the TEAS Exam. Be sure to check the nursing program admissions policies at your school of transfer choice. The TEAS Exam is difficult; study sessions are available at the JJC Tutoring and Learning Center. Check the website for details at http://www.jjc.edu/tlc/Pages/TEAS-Preparation.aspx. Study guides are available for purchase at www.atitesting.com. Students may also study from the current study guides available in the JJC Library and the Resource Room at the Romeoville Campus.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Students who wish to transfer to a baccalaureate program for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree may complete the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree first and then enroll in an RN to BSN program at a senior college/university. JCC has agreements with several institutions to make this option very cost-effective and seamless. Another option for students wishing to earn a BSN is to complete the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree and transfer to a college/university with a pre-licensure nursing program or nursing major. See a counselor or nursing advisor for specific course recommendations.

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