

Serving Delaware and Chester Counties

Information presented in this packet supersedes all
other information obtained by the applicant.

Upon successful completion of the curriculum, students receive an associate in applied science (AAS) degree and are eligible to sit for the state licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse.

Admission into Delaware County Community College's nursing program is selective. Due to the limited seating in this program not all qualified candidates who petition can be awarded a seat.

Nursing clinical (NUS 110) begins every fall semester and takes two years (or four full semesters) to complete. The semester sequence, once accepted into the program, is fall/spring, fall/spring. Courses in the program are sequential and cannot be completed faster. Clinical nursing courses are not scheduled during the summer months.

A DAY section and an EVENING/WEEKEND section is offered at the Marple Campus. Downingtown offers a DAY section _____. Total seats available is based on the number of clinical positions available at the area hospitals with which DCCC is affiliated.

Candidates must complete these five pre-requisite courses before they can apply for a seat in the program:

In addition to the five pre-requisite courses, candidates are encouraged to complete all the other general education courses, particularly Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 151) before entering the program.

_____ : Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II (BIO 150 & BIO 151) and Nursing Mathematics: Dosage Calculation & Drug Preparation (NUS 102) courses require a minimum grade of "C" or better to petition. Credits received for BIO 150 and BIO 151 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II) prior to enrollment in NUS 110 for Fall 2024 must be dated Summer I, 2019, or later to be considered current. Courses taken before this deadline will need to be repeated.

_____ Please reach out to the Director of International students for appropriate curriculum advising as it relates to maintaining visa status.

Delaware County Community College (DCCC) has articulation agreements with several area colleges that provide DCCC nursing students opportunities to earn their bachelor's degree in nursing through these agreements. Students who are interested in earning their BSN are encouraged to work with a Transfer Advisor through the Career & Counseling Department on the campus where they take their classes. Students should meet with a Transfer Advisor as early as their first semester at DCCC to learn about these articulation agreements.

Two of these BSN agreements are concurrent enrollment options available to students accepted into DCCC's nursing program. If a candidate meets the eligibility requirements for one of these concurrent enrollment programs, the candidate would be able to complete both the associate degree in nursing and RN-BSN coursework at the same time. These concurrent degree programs provide qualified DCCC nursing students the opportunity to complete the BSN in an abbreviated timeframe at a reduced cost. Please note, a candidate must first be accepted into DCCC's nursing program to be considered for a concurrent enrollment opportunity.

The Nursing Admissions Committee will make final selection of candidates after careful evaluation of an applicant's demonstrated ability and potential for success. The Committee relies on the scores the applicant achieves on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), grades earned in coursework, and a candidate's legal residency when choosing candidates for the program. A scoring rubric is utilized to total earned points. Candidates are ranked using their Grand Total of points earned (see Page 5). Seats in the program are awarded based on a highest to lowest ranking system of the total rubric points earned.


Candidates who are residents of Delaware County and Chester County will earn extra points on the Rubric (see Page 5). At times, the College enters partnerships with specific hospitals. The guidelines for admission to sections under contract with area hospitals may vary and will be made available as agreements are finalized. Partnership announcements will be posted in the Allied Health and Nursing Department. Candidates are assigned to their clinical site placement. They do not choose their site placement.

may qualify a student for advanced placement into the program. Students seeking advanced placement should contact Assessment Services at 610-359-5322 or email assess@dccc.edu directly for information and evaluation of eligibility for advanced placement. If approved, the candidate will work with the Assessment Services Office to complete admission requirements for advanced placement into the program. If advanced placement is not granted, candidates will follow the traditional route entrance requirements as detailed in this Nursing Program Entrance Requirements Packet.

Students may be eligible to receive or earn credit for knowledge acquired through life and work experiences that are closely related to the learning objective of the College's credit courses. This knowledge may have come through on-the-job experiences, professional workshops, non-credit classes, business or technical schools, personal study, or other pursuits.

- Portfolio Development
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Credit by Examination
- Credit for Military Training Schools
- Transfer Credits from Other Colleges
- Advanced Placement

Students interested in pursuing credit for prior learning options should contact Assessment Services at 610-359-5322 or email assess@dccc.edu



The nursing program at Delaware County Community College has a unique, two-part application process that is required for all nursing candidates. To be considered for admission into the nursing program, applicants must complete the items listed in PART 1/General Admission first.

Once the PART 1/General Admission process is complete, a candidate would proceed and complete PART 2/Special Admission and then petition for a seat in the College's nursing program. Be certain to distinguish between general admission and special admission. Both application processes must be completed correctly for a candidate's nursing petition to be considered.

Both PART 1/General Admission and PART 2/Special Admission items must be completed before a candidate can submit a petition for consideration. This includes taking and passing the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and successfully completing all pre-



: Only Tier # 1 candidates' petitions will be accepted.

During Block A, on a monthly basis, Tier # 1 candidates will be considered for acceptance of an available seat.

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All twelve (12) admission requirements listed on the following pages, including at least one passing TEAS test, must be completed before a candidate is eligible to submit a petition

. Current students, those enrolled or currently registered for classes, do not need to apply to the College again. If you previously enrolled at the College and stopped attending for one year or longer, you must submit another application and indicate that you are applying for readmission. It is important to note that general acceptance to the College does not guarantee acceptance into this special admission program. You can apply here: <https://www.dccc.edu/apply>.

Students will receive a Welcome Packet via USPS approximately one week after their application is received and processed. The Welcome Packet will include important information about accessing the student communications portal delaGATE and "Next Steps" in the enrollment process.

_____ . Please note that students can waive the placement test with the appropriate SAT or ACT scores or other measurements. Criteria for waiving the Accuplacer Placement Test can be found here: _____.

Students new to the College experience who do not meet the criteria to waive the Placement Test will be required to take the Accuplacer Placement Test. This test will measure the student's current academic level in English composition, reading and mathematics. Test results will assist the College advisors in developing an educational plan, including any remedial coursework that may be necessary.

Before students can schedule placement examinations the Delaware County Community College [application](#) must be submitted (See Item #1: Apply for General Admission). For questions about course placement, contact Assessment Services at either 610-359-5322, 610-325-2776 or _____.

If applicable, submit official transcript(s) from each college and/or university attended. Send all official, final transcript(s) to the following address:

If an electronic document sharing service is offered by the sending institution a final, official, e-transcript should be sent to: _____. Transcripts cannot be emailed directly by students. They must be sent by an electronic document sharing platform (e.g., Parchment or the National Student Clearinghouse). Once evaluated and transferred into DCCC, evaluated credits will appear on the student's Degree Works page marked with a "T" indicating that course(s) were accepted in transfer. The process to transfer courses may take 4-8 weeks; please plan accordingly to meet petitioning deadlines.

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Submit sealed, official, final document credentials indicating successful high school graduation or its equivalency. All candidates must complete this step regardless of post-secondary educational experience(s).

If you have been a student at the College in the past, please take note that a copy of your high school transcript may no longer be on file if you have had a gap in your enrollment with the College for a year or longer. Follow the directions on how to verify that this required document is on file with the College to ensure that you have met this requirement. If you are in doubt about this document being on file, we recommend that you have it sent again and follow through with the verification directions below.

Choose your scenario and follow the directions accordingly:

Contact the Guidance Department of the high school where you graduated. Request an official and final transcript to be sent directly to the College. (See the College's mailing address below.)

Contact the Department of Education (DOE) in the state where you were granted your GED or 30-Credit Plan Diploma. Most DOE offices have a "Transcript Request Form" that can be accessed by using the "SEARCH BOX" on their website. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** An opened copy of your GED test scores indicating that you passed the GED test, or a copy of your diploma are not acceptable documents. You must order a separate, official copy of your GED transcript from the DOE and have that document sent directly from the DOE to the College to fulfill this requirement.

1. It is recommended that candidates complete both Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIO 150 and BIO 151) prior to attempting the TEAS. The Science section of the TEAS is heavily weighted with anatomy & physiology questions. Therefore, having successfully taken both Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIO 150 and BIO 151) will best prepare a candidate for the rigors of this standardized test. Additionally, research suggests that the more pre-requisite and general education courses a candidate has completed prior to taking the TEAS, like a college-level math and English Composition, the more successful the candidate will be on the TEAS.
2. The _____ is available for purchase through ATI Testing at www.atitesting.com. The Delaware County Community College Bookstore also carries the Study Guide for purchase. Limited copies are available for review in the Learning Commons for students with a valid College student ID card and proof of registration for the test.
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Both the FBI and the Child Abuse reports should be ordered from the Department of Human Services. Info on how to obtain these reports can be found below. Additional clearances may be required for out-of-state candidates.

Clearances must be completed by the student, uploaded, stored, and approved by Castle Branch before submitting a petition. Plan accordingly as it may take several weeks for clearances to be processed, or even longer during peak times of the year.

PDF copies of all reports are required to meet Requirement #12 when petitioning (see page 15).

1. Go to: _____ and click the blue box " _____ " at the top right-hand side of the landing page.
2. Enter _____ in the Package Code box and click " _____ ".
3. Review the contents on the page, check off the boxes required to proceed and click " _____ ".
4. Fill out all the required fields to set up your account.
5. Enter your _____. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Money orders are also accepted but will result in a \$10 fee and additional turn-around-time.
6. Castle Branch will post your PA Criminal History report.
7. Once completed, upload the results you receive for both the Child Abuse and FBI to your Castle Branch account. Be sure to check all criminal history reports for accuracy prior to uploading.
8. Your order will show as " In Process" until it has been completed. You will be notified if there is any missing information. Approval by Castle Branch can take 3 to 5 days after uploading your documents and is necessary to meet Requirement #8 when petitioning.

1. Go to the IdentoGO/IDEMIA website at: _____ Scroll down and choose " _____ ".
2. Enter the " _____ " provided by Castle Branch and follow the directions to complete your registration. Use your current, legal address when registering.
3. For Reason Fingerprinted select:
4. You will receive the report via US mail within 2-3 weeks or longer. Check the document for accuracy and upload it to your Castle Branch account.
5. All Rap Sheet reports (if applicable) must be uploaded as well to meet Requirement #8 when petitioning.

This clearance report is required even if you have never lived in Pennsylvania.

Go To:

All Nursing applicants are required to submit a PA Criminal History Report, Federal Criminal History Report (FBI) and a Child Abuse Clearance report.

The College is not a healthcare provider and does not have a healthcare facility. Therefore, independent, third party, healthcare providers offer the clinical experiences required for completion of the program. Clinical rotation sites that require a criminal background check, child abuse clearance and/or fingerprinting make their own determinations as to whether to accept or reject a student based on their criminal history. Thus, a site may deny a student's participation in the clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork because of a felony or misdemeanor conviction or a record of child abuse. Clinical sites may also deny participation in clinical experiences for other reasons, such as failure of a required drug test or inability to produce an appropriate health clearance. As in clinical experiences, rotations, denial of a clinical site may result in delay of curriculum and requirement of graduation.

or warrant clinical sites.

Clinical experience in the program includes:

Pennsylvania C.S.A. 6355 of

the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law. Any official criminal or child abuse background check must be reported immediately to the admissions committee.

- o Drop out of the program after being assigned a seat in the class, but before the first day of class.
 - o Fall below the minimum GPA requirement (2.5) and their seat was revoked.
7. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Admissions Office and the Records Office of residency and phone number (day and evening) changes. Current contact information is paramount.



NUS 210 and NUS 211 daytime clinicals can be any combination of Wednesday, Thursday, or Fridays from the hours of 6:45 AM - 8:00 PM. Students will complete either 2-6-hour clinical days or 1-12-hour clinical day.

NUS 210 and NUS 211 Marple evening/weekend student's clinicals will be every weekend on Saturday and Sunday from the hours of 6:45 AM - 8:00 PM. Students will complete either 2-6-hour clinical days or 1-12-hour clinical days on either Saturday or Sunday.

Didactic classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday from the hours of 9 AM - 2:30 PM for all daytime students for 2 hours depending on section.

Didactic classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM for all Marple evening/weekend students.

Open sim lab hours will be available for both supervised and unsupervised practice and remediation of skills.

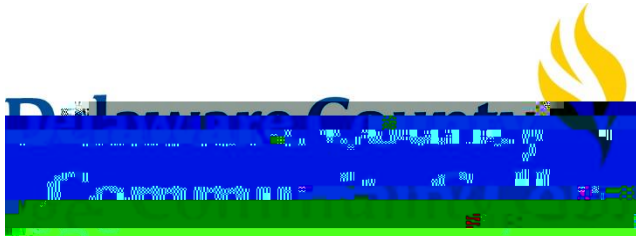
Open supervised sim lab practice/remediation days and times will vary from semester-to-semester. Schedules will be posted in the course canvas shell.

Additional open lab unsupervised practice times will be made available based on student needs and sim lab availability.



Credits received for BIO 150 and

MAT 121 Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
ENG 100 Composition I	3
PSY 140 General Psychology	3
BIO 150 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NUS 102 Nursing Mathematics: Dosage Calculation & Drug Prep	1
NUS 110 Nursing Concepts and Practice I	8
BIO 151 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY 210 Lifespan Human Development	3
NUS 111 Nursing Concepts and Practice II	10
NUS 221 Pharmacology for Healthcare	3
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(Consider a course that will transfer into a bachelor's degree program - See a Transfer Adviser for info.)	
NUS 210 Nursing Concepts and Practice III	10
Communications Elective*	3
(Any oral communication designated communication course - See advisor for approved list)	
NUS 211 Nursing Concepts and Practice IV	10
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	3
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Delaware County Community College has been approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing since 1968. Full approval is based on pass rates for first-time takers of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The PA State Board of Nursing requires that all nursing programs maintain an 80% or higher overall pass rate for first time examinees. While DCCC nursing graduates have consistently been above the 80% benchmark, we have been notified that in 2022 our pass rate dropped to 77.50% which has resulted in the program being placed on provisional status for a period of one year until the 2022-2023 results are reported. We anticipate that this is a temporary situation and anticipate returning to full approval status at that time.

It should be noted that provisional program approval does not negatively impact instruction, clinical placements or the ability of graduates to qualify to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure examination. Rather, it provides an opportunity for faculty to review admission criteria, curriculum, assessment processes, academic supports and related policies that will enable graduates to successfully pass the NCLEX-RN examination on the first attempt and expeditiously transition to professional nursing careers.

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Professional and Occupational Affairs
State Board of Nursing P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649
Phone: 717-783-7142
Fax: 717-783-0822
www.dos.state.pa.us/nurs

Delaware County Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program is also fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). The most recent reaccreditation visit occurred in 2017 and resulted in full approval until Spring 2025.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone (404) 974-5000

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