

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Additional Admission Requirements

Students who are not a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), must begin their nursing education at Iowa Western by applying and enrolling for the Practical Nursing program (see [additional admissions requirements](#)). Upon successful completion of the LPN program, students can progress into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

Students interested in pursuing admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program at Iowa Western Community College must complete all admission requirements listed below in sections 1 and 2. To be eligible for admission, students must complete the requirements below by the acceptance deadline. If the program does not fill on this date, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the program has filled.

The Nursing programs are approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing, River Point Business Park, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, IA 50309-4685, (515) 281-3255.

Location	Semester program begins	Priority Acceptance deadline	Program capacity
Council Bluffs	Fall (August)	January 31	16
Council Bluffs	Spring (January)	September 1	16
Clarinda Center	Summer (June)	January 31	8

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all admissions requirements are on file with the Admissions Office and that their admissions application is correct, including intended start term, start year, and location.

Section 1: College Admissions Requirements

- **Complete an Iowa Western application for admission:** The application is online at www.iwcc.edu and there is no application fee. When completing the application for admissions, applicants should select which location, and which start term - see chart above - they wish to begin the program.
- **Request Transcripts:** You need to have a final, official high school transcript or HiSET/GED transcript sent to Iowa Western. If you have completed college course work, you will need to have an official college transcript sent to Iowa Western from the institution where the credit was earned.
- **Test scores are not required for admission to the College.** However, students who have taken a standardized college aptitude test, like the ACT or SAT, need to have their most recent scores sent to the Admissions Office. Test scores, in addition to previous coursework and non-cognitive assessment results, are utilized by advisors to help determine placement into appropriate math and English courses.

All students who complete the college admissions requirements listed in Section 1 will be accepted to Iowa Western as a General Studies AS student with their secondary program being Prep Associate Degree of Nursing and are eligible to enroll in general education courses. For more information on getting registered for general education courses, or for help with the admissions requirements, please contact us at admissions@iwcc.edu or call 712.325.3277.

Section 2: Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Requirements

- **Submit a copy of a current, valid, and unencumbered Practical Nursing License (LPN)** to the Admissions Office.
- **Complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher:**
 - SPC 112 Public Speaking
 - PSY 121 Developmental Psychology
 - BIO 151 Nutrition
 - ENG 105 Composition I
 - BIO 168 Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Labs (This course has a prerequisite: A grade of “C” or higher in Human Biology at the college level, or one year of high school Anatomy and Physiology with a grade of “C” or higher earned within the last two years)
 - BIO 173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Labs (This course has a prerequisite: A grade of “C” or higher in Anatomy and Physiology I with Labs)

Section 3: Acceptance process for Associate Degree Nursing Program

After completing Section 1: College Admissions Requirements and Section 2: Associate Degree of Nursing Admission Requirements, your application is complete. The Admissions Office does not require a separate application. Our office uses what is called your "Start Term" (example: fall 2024) for acceptance in our competitive programs. It is important that the start term on file correctly reflects the semester you anticipate starting the program. Students can request to have their start term updated by submitting the [Update Start Term Form](#).

Acceptance will begin on the listed priority deadline (January 31 for Fall and September 1 for Spring). If the program does not fill on the priority acceptance deadline, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the program is full. If there are more eligible students than space available, preference will be given to the students with the earliest admission file completion date. If a tie breaker is required, preference will be given to the students with the highest number of prerequisite courses completed at Iowa Western.

Once the program is full, students will be placed on an alternate list. If an accepted student declines their acceptance into the Associate Degree of Nursing program, a student on the alternate list will be offered a spot in the program.

The Admissions Office will email students two weeks after the priority deadline to notify them of their acceptance status.



Section 4: Frequently Asked Questions

What if I am a current Practical Nursing student at Iowa Western?

If you are in the Practical Nursing program at Iowa Western, you are not required to submit a new admission application for the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program. Students enrolled in the Practical Nursing program must get a 2.5 GPA or higher in their selective PNN nursing courses to progress into the ADN program. Progression into the ADN program is handled directly by the Nursing department.

How long does it take to get into the Associate Degree Nursing Program?

Iowa Western does not utilize a waiting list, so the amount of time it takes to get into the program varies by student depending on how long it takes to complete the College Admissions Requirements and the Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Requirements listed above. Prerequisite courses can take approximately two to three semesters to complete for students who are entering with no college credit.

Is there a separate application process to apply for the program?

Iowa Western requires that students submit an application for admission to the college. There is no separate application for the Associate Degree of Nursing program. The Admissions Office uses what is called your "Start Term" (example: fall 2024) for acceptance in our competitive programs. It is important that the start term on file correctly reflects the semester you anticipate starting the program. Students can request to have their start term updated by submitting the [Update Start Term Form](#).

If I do not complete the requirements for the program in time to be accepted, can I reapply?

Yes. To re-apply, simply update your start term – [Update Start Term Form](#). You may also visit the Admissions Office, contact us at admissions@iwcc.edu or 712.325.3277 and request to change your start term.

How will I know if I get accepted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program?

Approximately two weeks after acceptance begins, which is January 31 for the Fall semester and September 1 for the Spring semester, you will receive an email from the Admissions Office indicating your admissions status. If the program is not yet full at that time, we will continue accepting students who complete the requirements until the program fills.

What do I need to do once I get accepted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program?

Students accepted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program will have to complete a few additional steps to be ready to begin the nursing program, which include registering for classes, attending a nursing orientation event, and completing criminal background check and physical paperwork. All these steps will be included in your letter of acceptance or in additional communication from the Nursing Department.

*Admissions Requirements are subject to change. Contact the Admissions Office with questions.



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If you have questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy, please contact the Dean of Student Life and Success and/or the Director of Human Resources at equity@iwcc.edu or 712-325-3200. You may also contact the Director of the Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education, John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604-7204, Telephone: (312) 730-1560 Facsimile: (312) 730-1576, TDD 800-877-8339 Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

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