NURSING ADMISSION CRITERIA

I. Applicants must meet all admission criteria for Danville Area Community College and must have an official high school transcript or GED.

II. College Math Assessment - Applicants must complete the College placement testing in math and complete the necessary course work prior to admission. This testing may be math scores from ACT, SAT, or the ALEKS Test, which is a free test given on Campus. All nursing students must be at the following level of math prior to the beginning of the 2nd year of the nursing program. Successful completion of MATH 115 (Survey of Statics)[1]. Since math/logic skills are utilized extensively in the nursing program and profession, current ability must be verified. To register for this free testing, call the Testing Center at 217.443.8708.

III. Applicants must be able to perform the essential functions of the Program, and must therefore, meet the Technical Requirements of the Program.

IV. If all seats are filled for the current semester, remaining qualified applicants must submit another Nursing Program application the following admitting semester. Applications and waiting lists of qualified applicants will not be maintained from semester to semester.

V. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or higher prior to applying to the Nursing program.[2]
  - PSYC 100 – Introduction to Psychology
  - ENGL 101 – Rhetoric I
  - BIOL 136 – Anatomy & Physiology I
  - BIOL 140 – Microbiology
  - BIOL 137 – Anatomy & Physiology II
  - MATH 115 – Survey of Statics[1] (course must be completed prior to the beginning of the 2nd year of the program.

    R*ecommended Courses:*
  - *BOFF 140 – Medical Terminology*
  - *BIOL 102 – Principles of Biology*
  - *HLTH 102 – First Aid and Personal Safety*
  - *HITT 115 – Patho-Physiology and Pharmacology*
  - *HLTH 130 – Nutrition*

VI. ATI TEAS - Students must take and score Proficient or higher overall and 50% or higher on the English portion of the ATI TEAS exam. https://www.atitesting.com/ . You can schedule your TEAS exam with our testing center at 217-443-8708. ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®). This is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants. Students have the ability to retake the TEAS test 1 time per application period (total of 2 attempts per application period, 30 day between attempts).

VII. Residency
  a. Applicants who are legal residents of Community College District 507 will be given priority for admission provided all admission criteria are met. This is contingent upon the completion of the prerequisite courses as stated above.
  b. Official definition of residence and description of District 507 boundaries are available in the Registration and Student Services offices.
  c. Applicants who have completed pre-requisite courses at DACC will be given priority for admission over transfer students.

VIII. Additional requirements for Level II ADN Applicants:
  a. Applicants must meet all Level I requirements
  b. Current LPN License that has never been disciplined
  c. LPN's who graduated from DACC Level I, NLNAC accredited practical nursing program, or an articulated college must have documentation of at least 1040 hours of work experience as an LPN in the past year or proof of completing your LPN training and received licensure within the last year.
  d. All pre-requisite courses must be completed including MATH 115 prior to applying.

IX. Admission process:

    A.   Complete the application to Danville Area Community College.

    B.   Complete the Nursing Program application required for entry into the program. Application is available as an electronic application or PDF (must request from the nursing office) that can be printed and submitted in person to the Nursing Program office (Mary Miller Office 172). Application deadline for fall admission is the 4th Friday in May and spring admission is the 2nd Friday in October by noon. Spring admissions are only taken during even years for Level I and odd years for Level II).

    C.   Evaluation of qualified applicants is based on the GPA and point system listed below:

        1.   College cumulative GPA on a 4 point scale ex: GPA of 3.5 will get 3.5 points. If attended multiple colleges GPA will be calculated by averaging all GPAs (MAXIMUM POINTS = 4)

        2.   Points will be awarded for the ATI TEAS® (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Academic Preparedness Category. (MAXIMUM POINTS = 5)
            a. Exemplary (92.0%-100%) = 5 points
            b. Advanced (80.0% - 91.3%) = 3 points
            c. Proficient (58.7% - 79.3%) = 1 point

        3.   Points will be awarded for prior academic achievement (MAXIMUM POINTS – 1)
            a. Bachelor Degree or higher = 1 point
            b. Associates Degree = 0.5 point

        4.   LEVEL I only - Points will be awarded for active health care related licenses/certificates (MAXIMUM POINTS – 2)
            a. CNA   e. Surgical Tech
            b. EMT/Paramedic   f. Respiratory Therapist
            c. Rad Tech   g. LPN
            d. Sono Tech   h. Chiropractor

        5.   Points will be awarded for completion and grade **in each** of the REQUIRED core science courses - BIOL 136, BIOL 137, BIOL 140 (MAXIMUM POINTS = 12)
            a. Grade A = 4 point
            b. Grade B = 2 points
            c. Grade C = 1 point

        6.   Points will be awarded for completion and grade **in each** of the REQUIRED general education courses - PSYC 100, ENGL 101, MATH 115 (MAXIMUM POINTS = 6)
            a. Grade A = 2 points
            b. Grade B = 1 point
            c. Grade C = .5 points

        7.   Points will be awarded for completion and grade **in each** of the recommended general education courses (BOFF 140, HITT 115, HLTH 102, BIOL 102, HLTH 130 (MAXIMUM POINTS = 5)
            a. Grade A = 1 point
            b. Grade B = .5 points
            c. Grade C = .25 points

[1] MATH 161 can be substituted
[2] Applicants can have 1 prerequisite course not completed by the application deadline BUT must be enrolled in that course for summer prior to fall start or fall for spring start cohort.

Requirements AFTER accepted to the nursing program.

- Current immunization status must be completed specified on the acceptance packet. A physician's exam must also be completed indicating the applicant meets the technical requirements of the nursing program regarding physical, emotional, and mental skills and abilities or that reasonable accommodations will be requested. In addition, students must submit documentation of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification and maintain such certification throughout the Program. Proof of annual flu immunization is also required.

- Drug screening is done on admission and on an "as needed" basis. Any student with a positive drug screen will be considered ineligible for the program. Consideration for readmission or any admission after a positive drug test will require three negative screens after one year of application. Testing is at the student's expense. Students must adhere to DACC's drug free policy and must meet criteria of each clinical site utilized by the Program. Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any other behavior altering substance during class/clinical/lab instruction is grounds for immediate dismissal from the nursing program. If an instructor suspects a student is under the influence, the instructor has the right to request a drug screen at the student's expense. **Please NOTE: Marijuana**, even if certified under the Illinois' Public Act 101-0027, remains illegal under federal law, which constitutes an illegal drug, and is a Prohibited Substance according to clinical sites' policies. Prescription marijuana is also prohibited if intoxicating effects are observed at the clinical site.

- Applicants accepted into the Program must submit the Criminal Background Check Form by the date specified on the acceptance packet. Failure to submit the form by the due date will be considered a declination, and the seat will be offered to the next qualified applicant. Students considering application to the program need to be aware of criminal background checks for nursing program clinical and potential legal limitations on licensure.