

DACC Nursing Multicriteria Admission Process

For Fall 2024 Cohort: Applications due June 15, 2024, by 1700 & TEAS Deadline June 5th

For Spring 2025 Cohort: Applications due October 15, 2024, by 1700 & TEAS Deadline October 5th

For Summer 2025 Cohort: Applications due March 15, 2025, by 1700 & TEAS Deadline March 5th

DACC Nursing Program offers three nursing tracks:

1. *The Traditional Track* serves the education needs of students who want to become nurses but who have no prior medical or healthcare education background. The traditional nursing course work is planned to be completed in four-semester time frame after degree prerequisites are completed. A student entering this track has one and half years or six consecutive semesters from initial enrollment to complete degree requirements. DACC Nursing is on a trimester schedule, and students are enrolled for summer nursing courses. Theory course work is done on-line; however, all clinical experiences, labs, and course exams are held in person and are supervised by nursing faculty in local health care facilities or campus.

2. *Advanced Placement Track* serves the education needs of students with prior nursing education who wish to become an LPN or RN. The Advanced Placement Track requires three consecutive semesters. Theory course work is done on-line; however, all clinical experiences, labs, and course exams are held in person and are supervised by nursing faculty in local health care facilities or campus.

* Please note some students may require an additional semester depending on evaluation of credits from previous nursing school.

3. *LPN to RN Track* serves the education needs of students with prior nursing education who successfully completed either and LPN or LVN certificate, and who have a current no restricted LVN or LPN nursing license. The LPN To RN Track requires two consecutive semesters. Theory course work is done on-line; however, all clinical experiences, labs, and course exams are held in person and are supervised by nursing faculty in local health care facilities or campus.

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Multicriteria Admission Policy:

Admission to the nursing program is competitive, with applicants providing evidence of previous successful educational accomplishments. The Admission, Progression and Graduation (AP&G) committee review applicants and determine conditional admission based upon multicriteria that includes:

1. Degree required prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher at time of application. Prerequisite courses should be completed with a grade of “C” or better. All prerequisites are used for calculation of GPA.

Below are the required prerequisites:

- ENGL 1110G or ENGL 1110H or ENGL 1110M –Composition I
- MATH 1130G or MATH 1220G – Survey of Math or College Algebra or higher level
- PSYC 1110G or SOCI 1110G – Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Sociology
- CEPY 1120G – Human Growth and Behavior
- BIOL 2210 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I for Health Sciences
- BIOL 2225 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- PHIL 2110G – Introduction to Ethics
- AHS 120 or HIT 150 – Medical Terminology or Introduction to Medical Terminology

* Beginning for Fall 2022 applications, applicants will be able to apply while enrolled in their last two pre-requisite requirements. If the applicant fails to achieve a C or better, and was offered admission into the nursing program, the offer will be rescinded. If applying with pending prerequisites, then only completed prerequisites will be used for GPA calculation.

** Beginning for Spring 2024 applications, applicants can repeat a nursing prerequisite course **one time** for a grade replacement; however, a repeated course does not count towards the minimum 15-credits required to retain merit-based scholarships per NMSU’s policy. More information about the Program Pre-requisite Course Repeat Policy can be found in the current DACC Nursing Advising Handbook.

***NOTE: New degree plan begins Fall 2024. All students enrolled prior to fall 2024 follow previous degree plan.

2. Standardized entrance exam:

Traditional and Advanced Placement applicants: **ATI TEAS Admission** exam.

LPN to RN applicants: **ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor** exam.

Application Process:

Step 1:

Apply and enroll in Dona Ana Community College

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All applicants for nursing studies MUST be fully enrolled in DACC. Submit your application through the following website <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/admissions/>

Please note: Individuals need to be 18 years or older to apply for the Nursing Program

Please contact your advisor to begin planning your completion of prerequisites @ <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/advising/>

Step 2:

Please read the following before submitting your application. You will need to submit an application and upload forms that apply the specific track you are applying for, otherwise the application is considered incomplete and will not be considered for ranking.

Applicants need to complete and submit an online application to the DACC Nursing Program. When you are ready to turn in your nursing application, please include the following:

1. Degree audit – click on the link and use your NMUS credentials to log in

<https://records.nmsu.edu/star-degree-audit/>

- Log in
- Degree – Dona Ana
- Associates in Nursing (even if you are applying for an LPN)
- Catalog Year – 2023
- Options
 - Format – PDF, save PDF and Label (last name. first name. degree audit)

2. TEAS exam scores

- **Traditional and Advanced Placement** Students – Complete TEAS Entrance Admission Exam.
 - Minimum of 55% total score needed and minimum 55% scores minimum 55% scores for Reading, Math, Science and English & Language Usage
- **LPN to RN** Students – Complete ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam
 - Minimum 90% PoP score needed

For all ATI exams, applicants are only able to test twice per semester, with a total of four times maximum in a lifetime. There is a mandatory 30-day waiting period between exams. The ATI PN Comprehensive predictor exam must be taken after LPN/LVN licensure is obtained. After failure to achieve the minimum score on the admission ATI exam after four attempts, the student will be referred to advising to discuss other options for career degree plan. Students who have previously taken and passed a HESI exam prior to June 5th 2024 will be allowed to use their HESI scores for a period of one year from the exam test date. The minimum required HESI composite score is 75% and scores for all content areas including reading comprehension, vocabulary & knowledge, chemistry, math and anatomy & physiology is 75%.

3. Unofficial transcripts if transferring from another school (save as PDF and label (last name. first name. unofficial transcripts))

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4. GPA calculation sheet (only for **Traditional** and **Advanced Placement** students). Please see nursing advisor to complete your GPA calculation sheet
5. Ranking Sheet. Please see nursing advisor to complete your Ranking sheet.

Once you have all your forms, you are ready to submit your application.

You must make an appointment, preferably in person, with a nursing advisor to complete GPA sheet, ranking forms, and application packet. <https://nmsu.navigate.eab.com/app/>

Good Luck!

The AP&G committee will send out notice to applicants around 3-4 weeks after application deadlines to your NMSU email.

For any questions, contact a nursing advisor.

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