DACC Nursing Multicriteria Admission Process

For Fall 2027 Cohort: Official Transcript & NLN Exam Deadline June 5th 2027 by 11:59 PM & Applications due June 15th 2027 by 5 PM

For Spring 2027 Cohort: Official Transcript & NLN Exam Deadline October 5th 2026 by 11:59 PM & Applications due October 15th 2026 by 5 PM

For Summer 2027 Cohort: Official Transcript & NLN Exam Deadline March 5th 2027 by 11:59 PM & Applications due March 15th 2027 by 5 PM

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 reviews applicants and determines conditional admission based upon multiple criteria that includes:

1. Degree required prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of application. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better. All prerequisites are used for the calculation of the ranking GPA.

Below are the required prerequisites:

- ENGL 1110G –Composition I
- MATH 1130G – Survey of Mathematics or higher level
- PSYC 1110G – Introduction to Psychology or SOCI 1110G 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
- HLSC 1510 –Medical Terminology

* Applicants will be able to apply while enrolled in their last two pre-requisite requirements at DACC/NMSU. 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 the ranking GPA calculation.

**Students with prerequisites in progress at a non-DACC/NMSU campus will not be allowed to apply. If non-DACC/NMSU campus courses are being used, the applicant must have all prerequisites completed and all official transcripts on file with DACC Admissions. All official transcripts must also have been fully evaluated by the college, with the course credits appearing on the STAR audit by the posted deadlines in order to be eligible to apply.

*** Applicants can repeat a nursing pre-requisite 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 Prerequisite Course Repeat Policy can be found in the current DACC Nursing Advising Handbook.

2. Standardized NLN entrance exam:

- **Traditional** and **Advanced Placement** Students – Complete NLN NEX Admission Exam.
    - Minimum of 66% Verbal, 63% Math, 62% Science, and 145 RN composite score needed.

- **LPN to RN** Students – Complete NLN NACE Foundations Exam
    - Minimum score of 70% is needed.

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For all NLN exams, applicants are only able to test twice per semester, with a total of four times maximum in a lifetime. After failure to achieve the minimum score on the admission NLN exam after four attempts, the student will be referred to advising to discuss other options for career degree plan. There is a mandatory 30-day waiting period between exams. All NLN scores will be valid for a period of two years from the exam date. NLN scores from other institutions will not be accepted. NLN exam scores will **not** be rounded.

3. GPA calculation sheet & Ranking sheet

    These will be completed by the nursing advisor during your application appointment.

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

You must contact a nursing advisor to make an appointment, preferably via Zoom or in person, to complete the GPA calculation sheet, ranking form, and application packet.

Application Process:

The DACC nursing program do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in employment or college-administered programs. This policy complies with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as amended by 11375, section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and subsequent revisions.

Step 1:

Apply and enroll in Dona Ana Community College

All applicants for nursing studies MUST be fully enrolled in DACC, have completed new student orientation, have all official transcripts on file & have all holds lifted.

You may submit your application to become a DACC student 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

Step 2:

Book an appointment via Navigate to meet with a nursing advisor to begin planning your completion of prerequisites.

Step 3:

You will need to apply to the program once you have passed the entrance exam and completed the prerequisite requirements with a minimum GPA.

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Applicants must meet with a nursing program advisor to complete the required forms and submit the online DACC Nursing Program application. Navigate will not show availability from the 6th through the 15th of the application cycle, as those times are blocked. You must contact a nursing program advisor to schedule an application appointment.

When you are ready to submit your nursing application, it will include the following:

1. Star degree audit
2. NLN exam scores
3. GPA calculation sheet
4. Ranking form
5. Copy current U.S. health care provider license or certificate (if applicable)
6. Transcripts (if applicable)

Accepted US-certified/Licensed Human Healthcare Provider Certifications include:

1. Certified Patent Care Technician (CPCT)
2. Certified EKG Technician (CET)
3. Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)
4. Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA/CMA)
5. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
6. Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)
7. Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)
8. Certified Community Health Worker (CHW)
9. Certified Emergency Medical Services Provider (EMT- Basic, Intermediate, Paramedic)
10. Certified First Responder (CFR)
11. Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
12. Certified Ultrasound Technician (RDMS, RDCS, RVT, RMSKS)
13. Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)
14. License Vocational/Practical Nurse (LVN/LPN)

Step 4:

The AP&G committee will send out letters to applicants around 1-2 weeks after the application deadlines to your NMSU email.

For any questions, please contact a nursing advisor.

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Santa Teresa, 88008

La Union/Anthony, 88021

Berino, 88024

Chamberino, 88027

Chaparral, 88081

Vado, 88072

La Mesa, 88044

San Miguel, 88058

Mesquite, 88048

Mesilla Park, 88047

Mesilla, 88046

Las Cruces, 88001, 88003, 88004, 88005, 88007, 88011

Students in New Mexico in & outside Dona Ana County (not in the areas listed above)