NURSING ADMISSION GUIDE
THE NURSING PATHWAY AND ADMISSION TO NURSING CORE COURSES
APPLICATION PERIOD: 2024

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Greeting from the Dean of Nursing & Allied Health

January 10, 2024

Dear Nursing Student Applicant,

Thank you for considering beginning your Nursing Education journey at Walla Walla Community College! It is the mission of the WWCC Nursing Education program to:

1. Transform the lives of nursing students to fulfill the increasingly complex role of entry-level professional nurses in the provision of safe, compassionate, culturally sensitive, evidence-based, ethically-grounded, and client-centered care;
2. Promote the well-being of a diverse patient population in the evolving healthcare environments of the communities we serve;
3. Facilitate academic progression of our students to the baccalaureate level and beyond to meet the healthcare needs of our communities, state, and nation.
4. Develop you into our future colleague.

In an effort to facilitate academic progression of our nursing students into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program when/if desired, we offer a nursing transfer degree in Washington State called the "Associate in Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (AN DTA/MRP)" degree. Completion of this nursing transfer degree not only allows the student to become a Registered Nurse (RN) after three years of education, but also enables the student to transfer directly to a university RN to BSN program with only one year of nursing studies remaining to receive a baccalaureate degree.

For Financial Aid purposes, the Program of Study for the AN DTA/MRP degree is open enrollment which enables all students who wish to pursue this degree to complete the *"Nursing Degree Requirements"* (courses in the areas of English, Biological Sciences, Psychology, etc.). The "Nursing Degree Requirements" provide the foundation for the subsequent *"Nursing Core"* classes (classes with "NURS" prefix). Due to clinical space limitations, although the Program of Study for the nursing transfer degree is open enrollment, there is a competitive application process for students to be able to begin the "Nursing Core" classes. The instructions in this Nursing Admission Guide explain the nursing transfer degree requirements and the competitive application process to be able to begin the Nursing Core classes.

Best wishes in your endeavors,

Benjamin Schultze, PhD, MSN, M.Ed., ACNP-BC, CHSE
Dean of Nursing and Allied Health
Walla Walla Community College

General Information

We're so glad you're interested in this amazing program!

WWCC offers six quarters of nursing course work leading to an Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP (Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program) degree. There is an optional Practical Nurse (PN) exit option.

The Nursing Program at WWCC is approved by the Washington State Board of Nursing: 310 Israel Rd., Tumwater, WA 98501, phone (360) 236-4700, (www.doh.wa.gov). The Associate Degree Nursing Program is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN): 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, phone (404) 975-5000, (www.acenursing.org). The PN exit option is not accredited by ACEN.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

WWCC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended in 2008. Information regarding student accommodations may be obtained by contacting (Walla Walla) Kristen Duede, Coordinator of Disability Support Services, kristen.duede@wwcc.edu , 509-223-2099; or (Clarkston) Heather Markwalter, heather.markwalter@wwcc.edu , 509-758-1721. The Section 504 Coordinator is responsible for monitoring and implementing the district's compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting disability discrimination. Brooke Marshall, Vice President of Human Resources, brooke.marshall@wwcc.edu , 509-527-4412, serves as the Section 504 Coordinator.

Face Mask Accommodations: If you have a disability or medical condition that presents an academic obstacle or prevents you from wearing a face covering, please contact Disability Support Services.

Accommodations for Religion/Conscience

Reasonable Accommodations for Religion/Conscience: Students who will be absent from course activities due to reasons of faith or conscience may seek reasonable accommodations so that grades are not impacted. Such requests must be made within the first two weeks of the quarter and should follow the procedures listed in the Student Rights & Responsibilities section of the Academic Catalog.

Equal Opportunity Statement

Walla Walla Community College District #20 (WWCC) is committed to providing equal opportunity and nondiscrimination for all educational and employment applicants as well as for its students and employed staff, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, including gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, age (over 40), the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, or status as a Vietnam and/or disabled veteran, National Guard member or reservist in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and any other applicable Federal and Washington State laws against

discrimination. Brooke Marshall, Vice President of Human Resources, brooke.marshall@wwcc.edu, 509-527-4412, has Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity, Title IX, and Section 504 compliance responsibility. The College's TTY number is also 509-527-4412.

Notice of Jeanne Clery Act required Annual Security Report

Walla Walla Community Colleges posts an Annual Security Report online. A paper copy of the report may also be obtained free of charge by visiting the Campus Security and Environmental Health and Safety office during normal business hours. The report contains policies and procedures related to campus safety and security, three years of crime statistics and other additional safety information.

What degree and opportunities are provided to me upon completion of the program?

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). If successful, they may be licensed as Registered Nurses (RN). Graduates are prepared to care for patients in hospitals, long-term care facilities, physicians' offices and clinics and in the community. Employment preparation is directed toward a beginning RN. Students who complete the first four quarters (through fall, second year) of the Nursing Program and also complete NURS 195, LPN Professional and Vocational Relationships (2 credits) are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). If successful, they may apply for licensure as a practical nurse (LPN). We strongly recommend considering your associate degree in nursing the first step on your education pathway. Students are encouraged to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at some time in the future.

When can I apply and start course work?

All students who declare their intention to receive a nursing degree from WWCC are placed in the open admission Nursing Pathway. Nursing Degree Requirements (also known as general university requirements), such as English, Biological Sciences, Psychology, etc. for the Nursing Pathway may be started any quarter.

Admission to Nursing Core Courses (classes with a NURS prefix) is competitive and requires a separate application process as outlined in this Admission Guide. Students are admitted to Nursing Core Courses in Fall Quarter following a competitive selection process. Nursing application deadlines (all deadlines occur at 1700 Pacific (5:00 pm) are as follows:

- **March 1, 2024:** Priority One Deadline
- **April 15, 2024:** Priority Two Deadline
- **April 15, 2024 at 1701 through August 1, 2024 at 1700:** Rolling admissions on a space availability basis. Applications will not be accepted after August 1, 2024.

How are students admitted?

Students are admitted into Nursing Core Courses based on available space and the number of total points earned in the Nursing Degree Requirements, as calculated on the Nursing Admission Rating and Point System. Admission to the Nursing Pathway is open but does not guarantee acceptance into Nursing Core Courses. We strongly encourage students to complete as many of the Nursing Degree Requirements as possible before applying for entrance into Nursing Core Courses. These courses provide points toward admission.

What are the requirements for admission to the program?
Requirements for admission into Nursing Core Courses

See page 12 for details.

Technology Requirements

All students will be required to own and maintain a laptop during the duration of the program. Computer skills including MS Word, Power Point, basic knowledge of the internet and emailing (with attachment) are essential. Web-based applications and computerized testing are integrated throughout the program. CANVAS, Panopto, and Zoom technology are utilized. Minimum computer requirements include: Operating Systems: Windows 10 or higher or updated version of MAC OSX; 2 GHz Dual Core Intel/AMD CPU, 4+ Gig of RAM recommended. Browsers: Current versions of Google Chrome (recommended), Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge and Safari. High-speed internet or broadband (minimum 1Mbps download speed from home to view Panopto recordings). Dial-up services are not sufficient. Computer labs are available on campus. Students are required to use personal headphones in the computer labs.

Legal Requirements:

Washington State law (R.C.W. 43.43.830 through 43.43.840) mandates that criminal background checks be conducted on all students entering clinical agencies. This law also stipulates that any student nurse with a criminal history of "crimes against persons" is not allowed to work in long-term care. Because clinical experience in both acute care facilities and long-term care is an integral part to the nursing curriculum, students with a criminal history of "crimes against persons" will not be able to progress in the Nursing Program. Some agencies require copies of student background checks to be on file at the clinical site and/or require their own separate background check; copies will be sent to agencies upon request.

Criminal background checks must be completed through Americhek and Washington State Patrol prior to entrance into the first- and second-year of the Nursing Program, and at any non-traditional entry point. Long-term Care and other community agencies may also require a separate background check. The student will be responsible for all applicable fees associated with the acquisition of the criminal background check.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are expected to self-report, at any time throughout the program, any and all incidences that may affect clinical placement.

If a Criminal Background Check Report states that the student has been found guilty of a crime, has a deferred sentence, or is pending prosecution, the student will meet with the Dean of Nursing Education or his designee for counseling. Information regarding the crime will be obtained and compared to both the DSHS Disqualifying Crimes for use by ALTSA and the Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON) Decision Making Criteria for License Application guidelines. The student will be advised as to whether the crime will prevent them from being able to participate in clinical and continuing in the Nursing Program. Questions about whether the student would be eligible to be licensed as a LPN or RN in the State of Washington will be reviewed with Nursing Education, Licensing and Research staff at the WABON.

Residence Requirements:

1. A minimum of 30 Nursing Core Course credits toward any degree or certificate must be earned at WWCC. These credits may be earned after admission to Nursing Core Courses.
2. A minimum of two (2) quarters in attendance at WWCC.
3. Last 12 credits must be earned at WWCC unless waived by the Vice President of Instruction.

Advisement

Students intending to become nursing candidates should consult with a pre-nursing advisor in the Student Success Center prior to beginning Nursing Degree Requirements. LPN applicants will be advised on an individual basis by the Dean of Nursing Education or his designee.

Placement for Returning Students

Students on approved leave of absences for non-academic issues will be given priority consideration. Students on leave of absences secondary to academic concerns will be considered on a space available basis.

Acceptance Policy for All Nursing Applicants

Applicants are notified of acceptance by letter only. After you have received a formal letter of acceptance from the Admission/Progression Committee, students are required to pay a $200.00 non-refundable deposit (which will be applied to your tuition) to the cashier in the Business Office. This $200.00 non-refundable deposit is required for initial entrance into Nursing Core Courses.

WWCC Nursing Program Technical Standards

The Nursing Program at WWCC prepares the graduate to function as a generalist nurse to meet the needs of a diverse population. In order to progress and graduate from the Nursing Program, nursing students must meet knowledge and skills competencies in the areas of Nursing Judgment, Patient Centered Care, Teamwork and Collaboration, Informatics and Technology, Quality Improvement, and Professionalism.

This statement of Technical Standards identifies the functional abilities that the faculty have determined to be necessary in the provision of safe, effective, professional nursing care. The

Technical Standards are reflected in the WWCC Nursing Student Learning Outcomes that are available for reference on the [WWCC Nursing Website](#) . If there are questions about any section of these Technical Standards, please contact Dr. Benjamin Schultze, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, 509-527-4240 or [benjamin.schultze@wwcc.edu](#).

Students with disabilities who have questions about or who may require reasonable accommodations in meeting the Nursing Program Technical Standards should contact [WWCC Disability Support Services](#). The nursing student must be able to meet the following Technical Standards independently, with or without reasonable accommodation.

Assessment and Observational Ability

Nursing students must be able to:

- Collect, use, and interpret information from physical assessments which includes, but is not limited to the following:
    - detect changes in skin color or condition
    - discriminate between abnormal and normal color of body fluids or exudates
    - use diagnostic and assessment tools such as, but not limited to, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, bladder scanner, automated vital signs monitor, and reflex hammer
    - other modes of patient assessment in the context of laboratory studies, medication administration, radiologic studies, and other patient care activities
- Detect, interpret and communicate sounds related to bodily functions which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
    - detect audible alarms with the frequency and volume ranges of the sounds generated by mechanical systems that monitor bodily functions
- Detect a fire in a patient care area
- Draw up the correct quantity of medication into a syringe
- Read fine print such as medication and equipment labeling
- Detect odors such as foul-smelling bodily fluids, spoiled foods or smoke from burning materials
- Detect changes in skin temperature and detect unsafe temperature levels in heat producing devices used in patient care
- Detect anatomical abnormalities (changes in skin from air accumulation, masses or fluid accumulations), palpate pulses and percuss/palpate other body areas

Communication Ability

Nursing students must be able to:

- Comprehend, communicate, and document information in the English language
- Communicate accurately and effectively with:
    - patients, significant others and spouses, other family members
    - healthcare workers, and other professionals in healthcare settings
    - instructors, supervisors, classmates, and various health or educational team members in both clinical and classroom settings
- Elicit, receive, and accurately interpret information from others:

- - collect, document and convey relevant information to others
  - learn, understand and use healthcare terminology
  - comprehend and follow directions and instructions
  - accurately record patient medical information, write and manage patients' plans of care, maintain reports
- Present information in a professional, logical, and organized manner
- Provide patient education and instructions to effectively care for patients or clients and their families

Motor Abilities

Nursing students must be able to:
- Perform physical assessments and diagnostic/therapeutic maneuvers necessary and required in the curriculum and of a future Registered Nurse
- Perform patient care activities, including, but not limited to:
  - insertion of urinary catheters
  - insertion of nasogastric tubes
  - insertion of intravenous catheters
  - hanging of blood products/other intravenous infusions
  - transferring of patients in and out of bed
  - ambulation of patients
  - turning and positioning of patients
  - moving equipment to various heights
  - recording the volumes in body fluid collection devices hung above or below bed level
  - disposing of needles in sharps containers
  - accurately placing and maintaining position of stethoscope for detecting sounds of bodily functions
  - manipulating small equipment and containers, such as syringes, needles, vials, ampules, and medication packages
- Respond to emergency patient care situations in a timely manner and provide emergency care, including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
- Possess the physical endurance necessary for extended periods of activity that are required for safe performance in clinical and classroom settings
- Demonstrate the ability to comply with all safety standards in all clinical settings, including, but not limited to, infectious control precautions (universal, contact, airborne) and use of emergency equipment (crash cart, fire extinguisher, evacuation chairs).
- Capable of moving within and among clinical environments without compromising the safety of others

Cognitive, Conceptual, and Quantitative Abilities

Nursing students must have the capacity to:
- Develop and refine critical thinking, decision making and problem-solving skills that are crucial for safe and effective nursing practice using, but not limited to, the following processes:

- o capability to measure, quantify, calculate, question, analyze, conceptualize, reason, integrate, and synthesize information in order to make timely decisions reflecting sound clinical judgment, and to determine appropriate clinical decision making
- o interpret the clinical indications of evidence-based research
- o learn from other individuals
- o comprehend, integrate, and apply new information
- o make sound clinical decisions

Behavioral and Social Attributes

Nursing students must be able to:
- Communicate effectively, respectfully, and with cultural humility, with all individuals whom they encounter
- Demonstrate behaviors associated with compassion, respect, concern for others, integrity, ethical comportment, sound clinical judgment, and accountability for their responsibilities and actions
- Accept the supervision of an instructor and/or preceptor
- Accept constructive criticism or feedback
- Modify behavior based on feedback
- Adapt quickly to rapidly changing situations/environments, to uncertain circumstances and to withstand human trauma and its effects
- Correctly judge when assistance is required and seek appropriate assistance in a timely manner; exercise good judgment
- Function cooperatively and efficiently with others

Professional, Legal, and Ethical Conduct

The WWCC Nursing Program has the Core Values of Respect, Excellence, Integrity, Accountability, Caring, and Stewardship. Student nurses are expected to exhibit professional behavior, personal accountability, compassion, integrity, concern for others, and care for all individuals in a respectful and effective manner regardless of gender identity, age, race, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other protected status. Individuals whose performance is impaired by abuse of alcohol or other substances are not suitable for progression in or graduation from the Nursing Program.

Student nurses must be able to:
- Function within the legal and ethical principles of the professional standards of practice
- Display behaviors that conform to the ethical role of a Registered Nurse in all interactions with patients, faculty, staff, students and the public.
- Meet guidelines established by healthcare organizations where they will be engaged in clinical experiences

Code of Conduct

Students are expected to adhere to the Walla Walla Community College Student Code of Conduct: Student Code of Conduct. Nursing students are also expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a student nurse, adhering to professional and ethical standards of

the nursing profession consistent with the American Nurses Associate (ANA) Code of Ethics for Nurses. Violations of the student code of conduct will be referred to the Dean as well as the campus conduct officer.

Financial Aid

Questions about Financial Aid should be discussed with the Financial Aid office. Scholarship opportunities are available through the WWCC Foundation. Financial Aid Web Page: [Financial Aid Web Page.](#) Foundation Web Page: [WWCC Foundation](#). To explore additional opportunities for financial assistance students may contact the Health Science Navigator, Holly Cranston, at 509-527-4262 or holly.cranston@wwcc.edu.

Latex Allergy/Sensitivity

Chemical and/or latex sensitivity is a concern for anyone entering a healthcare profession since latex products are commonly used in these environments. While the Nursing Program uses many non-latex products, it cannot provide a latex-free environment to students in either the Nursing Skills Practice Lab or in clinical placement sites off campus. Those with sensitivities can wear alternative vinyl or nitrile gloves, however they can still be exposed to latex residue of others working in the area or to latex present in equipment, models, supplies, or manikins. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the hazards within the environment where they plan to study or work and to take appropriate precautions.

Nursing Program Outcomes

1. The program's most recent annual pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) will be at least 80% for all first-time test-takers during the same 12-month period.

>WWCC NCLEX-RN Pass Rate for January 1-September 30, 2023:
>All graduates: 100/108 (93%)
>Walla Walla campus: 52/55 (95%)
>Clarkston campus: 48/53 (91%)
>Generic Entry only: 97/105 (92%)
>LPN Advanced Entry: 3/3 (100%)

2. Generic Entry: Seventy percent (70%) or more of students will earn an associate level degree in nursing within two years (six quarters) of enrollment in the first nursing course.

   LPN Advanced Entry: Seventy percent (70%) or more of students will earn an associate level degree in nursing within five quarters (if LPN enters in Winter, first-year) or four quarters (if LPN enters in Spring, first-year).

>Aggregated Data (Generic Entry + LPN Advanced Entry) – unduplicated cohort:
>WWCC 2-year completion rate (cohort entering Fall, 2021):
>All graduates: 89/132 (67%)
>Generic Entry: 86/128 (67%)
>LPN Advanced Entry Only: 2/4 (50%)*

* LPN Advanced Entry measures a very small number of students, typically between 1-5.

   Because many of the students in the WWCC nursing program often have socioeconomic issues that cause them to stop out of the program for one year, the program also tracks completions for 150% program length (three years).

>WWCC 2-year completion rate (cohort entering Fall, 2020):
>All graduates: 101/134 (75%)

3. Ninety percent (90%) of the nursing graduates who responded to the Nursing Graduate Survey will report being employed in nursing 6-12 months after graduation.

>WWCC Graduate Employment in Nursing (June, 2022, graduates):
>All graduates: 41/41 (100%)
>Walla Walla campus: 26/26 (100%)
>Clarkston Campus: 15/15 (100%)

4. Forty percent (40%) of the nursing graduates who responded to the Nursing Graduate Survey will report being admitted to or having completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at 6-12 months after graduation.

>WWCC Graduates in BSN Education (June, 2022, graduates):
>All graduates: 19/42 (45%)

Walla Walla campus: 10/27 (37%)
Clarkston Campus: 9/15 (60%)

5. Ninety percent (90%) of the nursing graduates who responded to the Nursing Graduate Survey will rate their overall nursing program satisfaction at ≥ 3 on a 1-4 point scale. (4 = Highly satisfied, 3 = Satisfied, 2 = Dissatisfied, 1 = Highly dissatisfied)
    WWCC Graduate Program Satisfaction (June, 2022, graduates):
    All graduates: 30/35 (86%)
    Walla Walla campus: 21/24 (88%)
    Clarkston Campus: 9/11 (82%)

6. Eighty percent (80%) of the employers of nursing program graduates who responded to the Employer Survey will rate the Overall Job Preparation of graduates > 3 on a 1-4 point scale. (4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Poor)
    WWCC Employer Rating Overall Job Preparation (June, 2022, graduates):
    All graduates: 6/6 (100%)*
    Walla Walla campus: 2/2 (100%)*
    Clarkston Campus: 2/2 (100%)*
    * Two employers did not provide the name of their agency/campus of graduate. Values may have been affected by a low survey response rate.

Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v), the Nursing Program at WWCC has verified that our graduates are eligible for RN licensure in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. No determination has been made as to whether WWCC nursing graduates are eligible for professional licensure in other states. Information regarding each state's RN licensing requirements can be found on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website at: https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm.

States where WWCC nursing curriculum MEETS educational requirements for RN licensure	States where WWCC nursing curriculum DOES NOT MEET educational requirements for RN licensure	States where NO DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE as to whether WWCC nursing curriculum meets educational requirements for RN licensure
Washington		Alabama
Idaho		Alaska
Oregon		Arizona
		Arkansas
		California
		Colorado
		Connecticut
		Delaware
		Florida
		Georgia
		Guam
		Hawaii
		Illinois
		Indiana
		Iowa

		Kansas
		Kentucky
		Louisiana
		Maine
		Maryland
		Massachusetts
		Michigan
		Minnesota
		Mississippi
		Missouri
		Montana
		Nebraska
		Nevada
		New Hampshire
		New Jersey
		New Mexico
		New York
		North Carolina
		North Dakota
		Ohio
		Oklahoma
		Pennsylvania
		Rhode Island
		South Carolina
		South Dakota
		Tennessee
		Texas
		Utah
		West Virginia
		Wisconsin
		Wyoming

Washington State Enters the Nursing Compact July 23, 2023

On April 21, 2023, Gov. Jay Inslee signed the Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5499 Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact into law. Washington is the 40th jurisdiction to enact the NLC. Currently the Washington Board of Nursing is accepting licenses from other states. The implementation for Washington issued licenses to be eligible to practice in the 39 other states in the license compact is still in progress.

Requirements for Admission into Nursing Core Courses

All Nursing Degree Requirement classes are worth the same number of points toward admission, and all must be completed PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE FIRST YEAR OF NURSING CORE COURES, with exception of the 15 credits designated below that must be completed prior to entering the second year of the Nursing Core Courses.

It is highly recommended that as many as possible of the Nursing Degree Requirements listed below be completed prior to the application deadline in order to achieve the highest possible points toward admission. Completion of the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam must be completed PRIOR to the application deadline. Applicants who have not provided proof of completing the following Nursing Degree Requirements before the start of Fall quarter will

not be allowed to begin Nursing Core Courses. Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0 for all college level classes.

Nursing Degree Requirements Prior to Beginning the Nursing Program (50 credits)

Applicants who have not provided proof of completing the following Nursing Degree Requirements before the start of Fall quarter will not be allowed to begin Nursing Core Courses. Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0 for all college level classes.

1. BIOL& 160, General Biology w/lab (5 credits)
2. BIOL& 241, Human A & P I (5 credits)
3. BIOL& 242, Human A & P II (5 credits)
4. BIOL& 260, Microbiology (5 credits)
5. CHEM& 110, Chemical Concepts w/lab (5 credits)
6. ENGL& 101, English Composition I (5 credits)
7. MATH& 146, Intro to Statistics (must have MATH prefix) (5 credits)
8. NUTR& 101, Nutrition (5 credits)
9. PSYC& 100, General Psychology (5 credits)
10. PSYC& 200, Lifespan Psychology (5 credits)
11. Show evidence of Nursing Assistant Certification or proof of passing a Nursing Assistant class (Certificate of Completion). Documentation of meeting the Nursing Assistant requirement is due to the Nursing office no later than September 1.

Additional Nursing Degree Requirements Prior to Beginning Year Two Nursing (15 credits)

1. ENGL& 102, English Composition II, or other Communication class from the distribution list (5 credits)
2. HUMANITIES from the Humanities distribution list (10 credits)
   a. A total of 15 credits in Humanities are required for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree. Five (5) credits of Philosophy are embedded in the Nursing Core Classes, titled "Ethics and Policy in Healthcare".
   b. The remaining 10 credits of Humanities must be completed prior to entering the second year of the Nursing Program. Humanities courses must be selected from at least two disciplines from the WWCC Master List of Transfer Courses, with no more than 10 credits allowed from any one discipline. Therefore, not more than 5 of the 10 credits required prior to entering the second year of the Nursing Program may be in Philosophy. Additionally, no more than 5 credits in foreign language at the 100 level and no more than 5 credits performance/skills courses are allowed.
   c. For Humanities class options, speak with your advisor and consult the Master List of Transfer Courses in the current year's College Catalog: [Master List of Transfer Courses](#).

These courses may be taken at WWCC, or equivalent courses may be taken at any other community college or university and transferred to Walla Walla Community College when you apply. The Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree has very specific course and credit requirements. Students from other schools, especially out of state, may find that classes taken elsewhere do not fully meet all Nursing Degree Requirements. For example, you may have a four credit General Psychology class and a four credit Lifespan Psychology class, which would leave you two credits deficient in Social Sciences. You will need an official transcript evaluation, which requires submitting all official transcripts for evaluation. Once your evaluation is complete, you will be able to access your "Academic Advisement" report or "What-If" report, and then meet with a pre-nursing advisor or call the Nursing office for assistance on how to make up for any credit deficiencies.

The scheduling of clinical sections, the demands of a large volume of reading, and the personal responsibilities of our students have shown that success is more likely if all Nursing Degree Requirements are completed before beginning Nursing Core Courses.

Completion of a Nursing Assistant class (Certificate of Completion), or Nursing Assistant Certification from any state must be submitted by September 1 of the year you enter the Nursing Program. (PLEASE NOTE: The Nursing Assistant class at WWCC is a special admission class that requires early planning to guarantee a seat in the class and get a clinical schedule that will work with your class schedule. Please contact the Allied Health department at 509-527-4589 for information and an application at least one full quarter before you intend to take the class).

Proposed schedule of classes for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP Degree

	Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter	Summer Quarter
Year One GURs 60 credits	ENGL& 101 (5 cr.) BIOL& 160 (5 cr.) CHEM&110 (5 cr.) **Total 15 credits**	ENGL& 102 or other Communications (5 cr.) BIOL& 241 (5 cr.) MATH& 146 (5 cr.) **Total 15 credits**	BIOL& 242 (5 cr.) BIOL& 260 (5 cr.) PSYC& 100 (5 cr.) **Total 15 credits**	Humanities (5 cr.) NUTR& 101 (5 cr.) PSYC& 200 (5 cr.) **Total 15 credits**
Year Two Nursing 32 credits + GUR 5 credits	NURS 100 (4 cr.) PSYC 150: Psychosocial Issues I-II (2 cr.) PHIL 140: Ethics/Policy I (1 cr.) NURS 110 (4 cr.) **Total 11 credits**	NURS 101 (5 cr.) PSYC 151: Psychosocial Issues III (1 cr.) NURS 111 (4 cr.) **Total 10 credits**	NURS 102 (6 cr.) PHIL 142: Ethics/Policy II (1 cr.) NURS 112 (4 cr.) **Total 11 credits**	Humanities (5 cr.) **Total 5 credits**
Year Three Nursing 38 credits	NURS 200 (5 cr.) PSYC 250: Psychosocial Issues IV (1 cr.) PHIL 240: Ethics/Policy III (1 cr.) NURS 210 (6 cr.) **Total 13 credits**	NURS 201 (5 cr.) PSYC 251: Psychosocial Issues V (1 cr.) PHIL 241: Ethics/Policy IV (1 cr.) NURS 211 (6 cr.) **Total 13 credits**	NURS 202 (7 cr.) PHIL 242: Ethics/Policy V (1 cr.) NURS 212 (4 cr.) **Total 12 credits**	**NCLEX-RN Exam**

This schedule for Nursing Degree Requirements assumes that the student is college ready and has completed the Nursing Assistant requirement. This schedule is only a sample. Please be advised that not every class is offered every quarter. Students should work with a pre-nursing advisor to develop a schedule that works for their individual needs.

Nursing courses must be completed after being admitted into Nursing Core Courses. All courses must be passed with a "C" grade (75% or better) in order to progress to the subsequent quarter.

Students will receive instruction using multiple methods of delivery, primarily face-to-face, and occasionally students may receive lectures using Zoom technology. Online discussion forums are used to facilitate discussion and questions regarding the lecture content and instructors are readily available to discuss content and answer questions.

Requirements after acceptance to Nursing Core Courses

These requirements must be completed prior to entrance/re-entrance into the program:

- Vaccines/TB screening documents will be submitted via Complio, an online compliance tracking system. Please note that COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory.
- Submit 2"x2" passport-size photo
- Proof of Personal Health Insurance
- Personal Liability Insurance and Lab Fees (assessed with tuition payment)
- Criminal Background Check (fee assessed with tuition payment) completed annually. The background check is processed after student signs release. Criminal Background Check results will be sent to selected clinical agencies upon their request.
- Current AHA Basic Life Support (BLS-CPR) for Healthcare Providers Certification. Classes are conducted in September for nursing students through the Allied Health Department.
- Nursing Assistant Certification or course Certificate of Completion (**due no later than September 1**).
- Please know that classes on the Walla Walla and Clarkston campuses will be merged in the online classroom. **Other students will not be able to see your grades, but your name will be visible. Your acceptance of admission implies acceptance of this policy.**

Program agreements with clinical agencies prohibit any nursing student from being in clinical without a criminal background check, required vaccinations & tuberculosis screening, BLS/CPR, personal health insurance, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) certification.

These requirements must be completed prior to practicum (or by date indicated by instructor):

- HIPAA Privacy Training Certification. This will be completed prior to practicum in Fall quarter, first-year nursing (students will receive instruction in class).
- Signed Practicum Schedule Acceptance Statement (students will receive forms to sign in class): Students will be assigned to clinical rotations in which they may be required to work during **day**, **evening, night,** and **weekend** shifts. The length of shifts may vary and may last up to 12.5 hours. Students may be required to travel to distant clinical sites and are responsible for their own transportation. **The nursing program arranges clinical for students. Nursing students should NEVER attempt to arrange their own clinical by contacting a clinical agency directly.**

Drug Testing/Marijuana Use

- Drug Testing: All admitted students will undergo a routine drug screen prior to beginning class. After the initial test, it should be noted that the WWCC Nursing Department does not conduct drug testing without cause.
- Marijuana Use: Although the State of Washington passed a law that legalized personal use of marijuana, it is essential that nursing students realize that Washington's system of legalized marijuana does not preempt federal law. **Federally, marijuana is illegal.** It is listed as a Schedule I drug which is defined as "drugs, substances, or chemicals with no

currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse". The Substance Abuse policy presented in the WWCC Nursing Student Handbook states, "If the results for alcohol and/or drugs are positive the student will be immediately dismissed from the program." Clinical agencies are bound by federal law with regards to Marijuana use. As guests at our clinical agencies, we are bound by this same policy. If a nursing student tests positive for marijuana metabolites, the student will be immediately dismissed from WWCC Nursing Core Courses. Depending on the clinical affiliation agreement, a clinical agency may have the right to test a WWCC nursing student for drug use as a condition of being allowed to do clinical at that agency.

Estimated Tuition and Fees for 2024-2025

QUARTER	ITEM	COST
FALL, FIRST-YEAR NURSING	Tuition and Fees (11 credits, resident)	1465.82
	Learning Resources and Testing	250.00
	Hybrid/Web-Enhanced Fee ($25/course)	100.00
	Skills Practice Supplies & Equipment	160.00
	Background Check	35.00
	Drug screening (if required)	63.00
	Vaccine/Documentation tracking	36.00
	Professional Liability	18.75
	Required Books (estimate)	521.40
	Optional Books (estimate)	221.75
	Immunizations (estimate)	230.00
	Nurses Uniforms (2)	100.00
	Watch with Second Hand	25.00
		TOTAL: $3,226.72
	Additional Expenses:	
	Gait Belt	11.00
	White shoes/socks	90.00
	ID badge	5.00
	Stethoscope	Varies
	Laptop computer	$1,200.00 (estimate)
WINTER, FIRST-YEAR NURSING	Tuition and Fees (10 credits, resident)	1404.80
	ATI Learning Resources and Testing	250.00
	Hybrid/Web-Enhanced Fee ($25/course)	75.00
	Skills Practice Supplies & Equipment	160.00
		TOTAL: $1,889.80
SPRING, FIRST-YEAR NURSING	Tuition and Fees (11 credits, resident)	1465.82
	ATI Learning Resources and Testing	250.00
	Hybrid/Web-Enhanced Fee ($25/course)	75.00
	Skills Practice Supplies & Equipment	160.00
		TOTAL: $1,950.82
		YEAR ONE TOTAL: $7,067.34

FALL, SECOND-YEAR NURSING	Tuition and Fees (13 credits, resident)	1587.86
	ATI Learning Resources and Testing	250.00
	Hybrid/Web-Enhanced Fee ($25/course)	100.00
	Skills Practice Supplies & Equipment	160.00
	Background Check Fee	35.00
	Drug Screening (if required)	63.00
	Professional Liability	18.75
	Immunizations (estimate)	160.00
	Required books (estimate)	281.00
	Option books (estimate)	202.25
		TOTAL: $2,857.86
WINTER, SECOND-YEAR NURSING	Tuition and Fees (13 credits, resident)	1587.86
	ATI Learning Resources and Testing	250.00
	Hybrid/Web-Enhanced Fee ($25/course)	100.00
	Skills Practice Supplies & Equipment	160.00
		TOTAL: $2,097.86
SPRING, SECOND-YEAR NURSING	Tuition and Fees (12 credits, resident)	1526.84
	ATI Learning Resources and Testing	250.00
	Hybrid/Web-Enhanced Fee ($25/course)	75.00
	Skills Practice Supplies & Equipment	160.00
		TOTAL: $2,011.84
	Additional Expenses:	
	Graduation Pin	60.00
	Transcripts	10.00
	Testing & Licensure Fee (WA State)	238.00
		YEAR TWO TOTAL: $6,967.56
		PROGRAM TOTAL: $14,034.90

Prices are subject to change without notice.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME STUDENTS

Apply to the College

1. If you have never been a student at Walla Walla Community College, you must first apply to our college. You may do so on our web site: https://www.wwcc.edu/apply-now/.

2. Do not send transcripts directly to WWCC. You will send all official transcripts from all US institutions attended (including WWCC) as part of your NursingCAS application (see below). If you are completing coursework required for Nursing during Spring quarter, you will need to submit an updated official transcript to NursingCAS once your grades are posted.

Apply to the Nursing Program using NursingCAS

Go to https://nursingcas.org/ and click on "Apply Now." There are three applications for Walla Walla Community College, choose one:
1. Walla Walla Community College-Walla Walla campus
2. Walla Walla Community College-Clarkston campus
3. Walla Walla Community College-LPN to RN

NursingCAS requires a fee for application ($60 for your first NursingCAS application). There may be fee waivers available. Please go to the following NursingCAS page and click on the "NursingCAS Application Fees and waivers" link for more information: https://help.liaisonedu.com/NursingCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Starting_Your_NursingCAS_Application.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Students who were previously enrolled in WWCC's Nursing Program, but who did not successfully complete Fall quarter, first year must apply through the NursingCAS system. See "Application Instructions for First-Time Students" on the previous page.

Students who were previously enrolled in WWCC's Nursing Program and who successfully completed _at least_ Fall quarter, first year, with "C" grades or higher in all Nursing classes are eligible to request re-entry into the program to the first quarter they have not yet successfully completed. These students do NOT need to apply through NursingCAS, but must submit the following:

1) A letter of request for reinstatement directly to the Nursing Education Office prior to the application deadline for the quarter you wish to re-enroll. Your letter should include the following:
   - Quarter/year you left the program.
   - Quarter/year you wish to return (must be within one year).
   - Address how any issues contributing to your withdrawal/exit from the program have been resolved. Please be sure to include any issues noted on your exit interview.
   - Indicate which campus you prefer to be admitted to (Walla Walla/Clarkston). Also please indicate whether or not you are interested in admission to the secondary campus should your campus of choice not have space available.
2) Provide a copy of your "What If Report" from ctcLink (please see instructions on page 24).
3) Please contact the Nursing Education Office at your preferred campus to schedule a pre-admission conference with the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health or his designee.

Students applying to return to the Program will be evaluated by the Nursing Admission/ Progression Committee. Admission is based on several factors:

- Space availability. Space is determined by faculty staffing and clinical placements. These factors can cause fluctuations from quarter to quarter or year to hear as to how many students we can accommodate.
- The applicant's academic record.
- Recommendations from your advisor or lead instructor on the exit interview.
- Professional behavior and adherence to the WWCC Student Code of Conduct while previously enrolled.
- A re-entry interview with the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health or his designee: applicants are responsible to contact the Nursing office to schedule this meeting prior to the application deadline.
- Applicants will be ranked by the Admission Progression Committee based on the above factors with priority given to students on "Leave of Absence" status, followed by other students who were previously enrolled in WWCC's Nursing Program, and finally LPN applicants from other programs.

- Only students enrolled in the Nursing Program at WWCC within the last year are eligible to return to the program during the quarter they need to repeat. Students who have been out more than one year must begin the program from the beginning.
- The WWCC Nursing Program is undergoing a curriculum review at this time. If and when significant changes are made, returning students may be required to re-enter the program during Fall quarter, first year.

If a student exits for academic failure ("C-" grade or lower in any Nursing class), they may repeat <u>one</u> time in the program.

Returning applicants may be eligible to enter the program mid-year (refer to your exit interview form). Application deadlines are as follows:

Fall quarter	April 15
Winter quarter	2nd Monday of October
Spring quarter	2nd Monday of February

Former WWCC Nursing Students who have been out of nursing school for more than one year from their last successful quarter in the Nursing Program ("C" grades or higher in Nursing Core Classes) and do not have an active LPN license will be considered new applicants for acceptance into Fall quarter, first-year nursing.

Students who have previously attended WWCC Nursing Core Courses within the past year and are requesting re-entry are given priority over LPN applicants from other nursing programs.

If admitted, returning students and LPN applicants must complete skills, dosage calculation and medication administration testing. Admitted students will receive a copy of the policy as well as a list of skills they may be tested on. Testing must be successfully completed within three attempts by the end of the second week of the quarter.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR LPN APPLICANTS

Applicants with a current Washington State LPN license will be considered on a case-by-case basis for admission to the associate degree Nursing Program, either into Winter quarter or Spring quarter of the first year of the Nursing Program. Placement in the Nursing Program will be based upon an evaluation by the Nursing Admission/Progression Committee. The evaluation will consist of all application materials, individual transcripts, work experience as a LPN, length of time the student has been out of school, and demonstrated competency in laboratory skills and medication administration at the level of their placement. LPNs who have been out of nursing school for ≥ five years will only be placed into Winter quarter, first-year nursing.

Application deadlines are as follows:

Winter quarter	2nd Monday of October
Spring quarter	2nd Monday of February

Apply to the College

1. If you have never been a student at Walla Walla Community College, you must first apply to our college. You may do so on our web site: https://www.wwcc.edu/apply-now/.

2. Do not send transcripts directly to WWCC. You will send all official transcripts from all US institutions attended (including WWCC) as part of your NursingCAS application (see below). If you are completing coursework required for Nursing during Spring quarter, you will need to submit an updated official transcript to NursingCAS once your grades are posted.

Apply to the Nursing Program using NursingCAS

Go to https://nursingcas.org/ and click on "Apply Now." Choose the Walla Walla Community College **"Associate Degree in Nursing – LPN to RN application."**

After applications to both WWCC and NursingCAS are submitted:

1. After your complete application packet is submitted, but **before the application deadline**, schedule a pre-admission conference with the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health or his designee. To schedule, call (509) 527-4240 for the Walla Walla campus or (509) 758-1706 for the Clarkston campus.
2. If admitted, returning students and LPN applicants must complete skills, dosage calculation and medication administration testing. Admitted students will receive a copy of the policy as well as a list of skills they may be tested on. Testing must be successfully completed within three attempts by the end of the second week of the quarter.

3. Admitted LPNs must comply with the Nursing Degree Requirements for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree. This will include "bridge" courses to complete classes required during the first year of Nursing Core Courses (up to 2 credits of Ethics and Policy in Healthcare and up to 3 credits of Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare, depending on quarter of entry).
4. Please note: students who have previously attended WWCC Nursing Core Courses within the past year and are requesting re-entry are given priority over LPN applicants from other nursing programs.

NursingCAS requires a fee for application ($60 for your first NursingCAS application). There may be fee waivers available. Please go to the following NursingCAS page and click on the "NursingCAS Application Fees and waivers" link for more information: https://help.liaisonedu.com/NursingCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Starting_Your_NursingCAS_Application.

How to Access Your Transcript Evaluation

Once your transcript evaluation is complete, you will be able to access your "What If" report in ctcLink. The "What-If" Report is the result of your transcript evaluation. It will show any classes you have taken at WWCC toward your Nursing requirements, as well as any required classes taken at other institutions. This is the academic report that will be used to calculate your admission rating points. If you have questions about the report, please contact your pre-nursing advisor or the Nursing office.

* For students completing required classes during Winter quarter and submitting transcripts after grades are posted: Do not be alarmed if your "What If" report is not updated with transferred-in classes on time. As long as you have submitted your official transcript *to* NursingCAS before the April 15 deadline, your application will be considered on time. The Nursing department will not make admission decisions until all transcripts are processed. Nursing staff will add your updated "What If" report to your application when it is completed.

To review your "What If" report and see how your classes transferred in:

a) Log in to ctcLink
b) Select the Walla Walla Community College tile
c) Select "Student Homepage" on the left menu
d) Click on the "Academic Progress" tile
e) Select "View What-if Report" on the left menu
f) Click "Create New Report" button
g) Select "Walla Walla Community College" from the Institution drop-down list
h) Select "Academic Career" from the Career drop-down list
i) Select "Fall 2024" from the Catalog Year drop-down list
j) In the Program Scenario section, select "Professional Technical" from the Academic Program drop-down list and Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP from the "Area of Study" drop down list
k) Click the "Submit Report" button
l) Click the "Expand All" button
m) Helpful hint: the report is easiest to view in the pdf version.

Application Deadlines

Admission to the Nursing Program is based on a ranking of total points earned, as calculated on the Nursing Admission Rating and Point System. We will review applications and offer admission to top candidates after each application deadline, as outlined below:

- **March 1, 2024:** Priority One Deadline
- **April 15, 2024:** Priority Two Deadline
- **April 15, 2024 at 1701 through August 1, 2024 at 1700:** Rolling admissions on a space availability basis. Applications will not be accepted after August 1, 2024.

Any qualified* applicant who is not admitted following the deadline when they submitted their application will automatically be placed on a waiting list to be considered during the subsequent round(s) of application review. Students who apply before required classes are completed must submit updated transcripts as soon as classes are complete. Students completing classes Winter quarter must submit updated transcripts to NursingCAS by **April 15**, and students completing classes Spring quarter must submit updated transcripts by **July 1**.

Applications submitted after the **April 15** deadline will only be considered after applications that are submitted on time, if there is space available.

* Qualified applicants are applicants who have completed all required classes with a 2.0 grade or higher, or who will complete required classes prior to September 1 of the year they plan to enroll.

Every applicant will receive a letter of response, whether the applicant is admitted or not.

Applying to Both Campuses

If you would like to be considered at both the Walla Walla and Clarkston campuses, please apply in NursingCAS **only to your campus of preference.** You will be asked a question in the NusingCAS application about whether or not you are interested in being considered for your second-choice campus if we cannot admit you to your preferred campus.

Please note: your best chance for success in the Nursing Program is to live within a reasonable commuting distance to the campus. Please do not request or accept admission to a campus you are not able to attend for the full two years of the program. **Once you begin the program, requests for transfers between campuses will not be considered.**

Students Requesting Transfer from another Nursing Program

We are no longer able to admit students who wish to transfer in Nursing coursework from other programs. The only exception to this policy is students with an active Washington State LPN license.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Applicants are required to complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam. This can be done in the WWCC Testing Center or other approved ATI TEAS testing site (including online through ATI). An electronic copy of the applicant's TEAS results must be included with the completed Nursing Core Course Application for submission before the application deadline (**March 1 for the Priority Deadline, April 15 for the regular deadline**). Please plan ahead; if you wish to test in person, testing dates near the deadline may fill up quickly.

What is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam?

This is a proctored exam that measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage.

   a. Reading assessment: includes paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions
   b. Mathematics assessment: includes basic math problems, metric conversion, word problems, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion. You may not use a calculator for the mathematics section.
   c. Science assessment: includes science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.
   d. English and Language Usage assessment: includes knowledge of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.

How to register for the TEAS test at Walla Walla Community College

If you need testing accommodations, please visit ATI's website [ATI Testing Accommodations](#) for information prior to registering for your exam.

When you are ready to register: Go to www.atitesting.com, and create a personal/student account. On the home page, select the option, "Create an account"

You will need a username, password, contact information, etc. You will also be asked to provide student information. The only field required is the school you wish to apply for. Please select Walla Walla Community College and the campus where you wish to test.

After creating an account, log in, and select the "Online Store" at the top of the screen.

In the online store, select "TEAS" located in the left-hand column under Register for…

The next screen you will need to select the Program Type (TEAS for Nursing Students), Country (USA), state (Washington), and city (Walla Walla, WA or Clarkston, WA), and then have the option to select a testing time and location. We cannot accept TEAS tests taken for Allied Health, only Nursing.

There is a testing fee required (over $100, varies depending on test site). After registration and purchase, you will receive detailed instructions on where to go, the time of testing, and expectations of what to bring on the day of your assessment through your personal email you

used when you created your ATI account. Be sure to fulfill these expectations, or you will not be able to test at your scheduled time. Frequently, students forget to bring photo ID on the day of their scheduled TEAS assessment and are denied admittance into the testing center.

If you took the TEAS test at another college or university

If you have taken the TEAS test at a testing center other than Walla Walla Community College, and once you are admitted to the Nursing Program, you will need to purchase a TEAS Transcript through the ATI Online Store once your score posts into your account and have your TEAS Transcript sent to the WWCC Nursing office (to the campus you prefer to attend). Walla Walla campus: choose "WallaWallaWallaWallaADN." Clarkston campus: choose "WallaWallaCCClarkstonADN."

What TEAS score is required for admission?

While completion of this exam is required to be able to apply to WWCC Nursing Core Courses, **no specific Content or Subcontent Area score is required**. The score received on the TEAS exam is not calculated into the Nursing Admission Rating Scale score. Results of this exam are used after an applicant is admitted to Nursing Core Courses to identify possible academic areas that would require additional study or remediation to be successful.

Preparation for the TEAS exam

Students are encouraged to do their best on the TEAS exam. Some students may want to purchase a Study Manual or ATI Online Practice TEAS testing. These can be purchased in the ATI Online Store at http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx.

Questions?

WWCC Nursing Office	WWCC Testing Center
Walla Walla Campus: (509) 527-4240	Walla Walla Campus: (509) 527-4267
Clarkston Campus: (509) 758-1706	Clarkston Campus: (509) 758-3339

Nursing Admission Rating and Point System

Admission is based on a ranking of the total points earned. The point cut-off for admission varies year-to-year based on the pool of applicants for that year. Courses that applicants are enrolled in at the application deadline date do not count toward your score for this competition period because no grade has been assigned.

Points are calculated based on the GPA associated with your letter grade in each class required prior to admission to the Nursing Program:

Classes with points associated	Grade	Points (GPA)
BIOL& 160, General Biology w/lab	A	4.0
BIOL& 241, Human A & P I	A-	3.7
BIOL& 242, Human A & P II	B+	3.3
BIOL& 260, Microbiology	B	3.0
CHEM& 110, Chemical Concepts w/lab	B-	2.7
ENGL& 101, English Composition I	C+	2.3
MATH& 146, Intro to Statistics	C	2.0
NUTR& 101, Nutrition	C+	2.3
PSYC& 100, General Psychology	A	4.0
PSYC& 200, Lifespan Psychology	B	3.0
Total possible GPA-based points		**40.00**

Additional points available to WWCC students:		
Students who complete at least 15 credits at WWCC*		2.0-5.0
Total possible points		**45.00**

*Students who complete at least **15 credits** at WWCC will be awarded **2 additional points**, students who have completed **30 credits** at WWCC will be awarded **3 additional points,** and students who complete at least **60 credits** at WWCC will be awarded **5 additional points**.

Tiebreakers

Tiebreaker points (up to two points total, 0.5 points for each requirement listed below) are awarded based on early completion of the additional requirements for the Nursing Program. Tiebreaker points are ONLY used in the event that two or more candidates earn the same number of points and are at the point cutoff for admission; these points are not included in the total for the purposes of ranking applicants.

Nursing Assistant requirement	Humanities – 5 credits
ENGL& 102 or Communications – 5 credits	Humanities – 5 credits

GRADING POLICY

A	4.0		C	2.0	
A-	3.7		C-	1.7	
B+	3.3		D+	1.3	
B	3.0		D	1.0	
B-	2.7		D-	0.7	
C+	2.3		F	0.0	

PLEASE NOTE
Points are NOT awarded for any grade below 2.0. The minimum GPA requirement is 2.0 for all college level classes.

Personal Data Form

DO <u>NOT</u> ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. Please read this information thoroughly as you will be asked on the NursingCAS application if you did so. It is important for students to be aware of these questions before starting the program. The *graduate* will be required to answer YES or NO to the following questions on the application to Washington State Board of Nursing to obtain an LPN or RN license. Similar questions will be asked on applications for other states and some may have to be notarized.

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?
2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?
3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?
4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?
5. Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile, in Washington or another state or jurisdiction?
6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceedings to have:
7. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes?
8. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs?
9. Violated any drug law?
10. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself?
11. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession?
12. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
13. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
14. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession?
15. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)?

Please note that if you have answered yes to any of the above, or have been convicted of any of the crimes on the following page, you may not be eligible for licensure as a health care worker.

Crimes Against Children or Other Persons: RCW 43.43.830

Definitions (Section 7)

Aggravated murder

Arson 1st degree

Assault 1st degree

Assault 2nd degree

Assault 3rd degree

Simple assault

Assault of a child 1st degree

Assault of a child 2nd degree

Assault of a child 3rd degree

Burglary 1st degree

Child abandonment

Child abuse or neglect defined in RCW 26.44.020

Child buying or selling

Child molestation 1st degree

Child molestation 2nd degree

Child molestation 3rd degree

Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Communication with a minor (for immoral purposes)

Criminal abandonment

Criminal mistreatment 1st degree

Criminal mistreatment 2nd degree

Custodial assault

Custodial interference 1st degree

Custodial interference 2nd degree

Custodial sexual misconduct 1st degree

Custodial sexual misconduct 2nd degree

Endangerment with a controlled substance

Extortion 1st degree

Extortion 2nd degree

Incest

Indecent exposure felony

Indecent liberties

Kidnapping 1st degree

Kidnapping 2nd degree

Malicious harassment

Manslaughter 1st degree

Manslaughter 2nd degree

Murder in 1st degree

Murder in 2nd degree

Promoting pornography

Promoting prostitution 1st degree

Prostitution

Rape 1st degree

Rape 2nd degree

Rape 3rd degree

Rape of a child 1st degree

Rape of a child 2nd degree

Rape of a child 3rd degree

Robbery 1st degree

Robbery 2nd degree

Selling or distributing erotic material to a minor

Sexual exploitation of minors

Sexual misconduct with a minor 1st degree

Sexual misconduct with a minor 2nd degree

Unlawful imprisonment

Vehicular homicide

Violation of child abuse restraining order

Crimes Relating to Drugs (Section 8)

Defined as manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

Crimes Relating to Financial Exploitation (Section 9)

Extortion 1st degree

Extortion 2nd degree

Extortion 3rd degree

Forgery

Robbery 1st degree

Robbery 2nd degree

Theft 1st degree

Theft 2nd degree

Theft 3rd degree

Other

Vaccination and Tuberculosis Screening Requirements

You are NOT REQUIRED to use this form, but it does outline in detail the TB screening and vaccines you will be required to upload to Complio once you are admitted. You may take this form to your provider if you wish, or you may upload official documents from your medical records.

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Nursing: TB screening must be completed <u>annually</u> each year of the program. **Other programs: TB screening must be completed prior to enrollment.** ***M. tuberculosis* Screening:** Persons entering Nursing Core Courses at Walla Walla Community College are required to receive baseline screening prior to entering the program, using two-step Tuberculosis Skin Testing (TST) to test for infection with *M. tuberculosis*. If the first-step TST result is negative, the second-step TST should be administered 1-3 weeks after the first TST result was read. A second-step TST is not required if the person has a documented TST result from any time during the previous 12 months. Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) can be used in place of (but not in addition to) TST in all situations in which CDC recommends TST. Persons with a baseline positive or newly positive result for *M. tuberculosis infection* or documentation of treatment for Latent TB Infection (LTBI) or TB disease will need one chest (x-ray) radiograph result and documentation of treatment to exclude TB disease. Persons with a positive skin test or positive IGRAs but have a negative chest (x-ray) radiograph result will need to submit radiograph results and an annual TB Symptom Screening Form (to the right) signed by both the student and healthcare provider. [CDC MMWR TB](#)	**First-Step TST (Tuberculosis Skin Test):** Date/time placed:_____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ Result: ____mm. Date/time read: _____ Sig., Title, Agency: _____ **Second-Step TST:** *TST tests <u>must</u> be administered 1-3 weeks after First-Step* Date/time placed:_____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ Result: ____mm. Date/time read: _____ Sig., Title, Agency: _____ <u>*OR*</u> **Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRAS)** Date of Blood Draw: _____ Results: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ <u>*OR*</u> **Chest X-ray (if required)** Date: _____ Results: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ • *Attach Radiology Report* • *If Chest X-ray is completed prior to June 1 (Nursing), or more than one year ago for other programs, you must complete the Annual TB Screening Form below.* <hr><u>**SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM (Nursing only):**</u> **One-Step TST** Date/time placed:_____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ Result: ____mm. Date/time read: _____ Sig., Title, Agency: _____ <u>*OR*</u> **Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRAS)** Date of Blood Draw: _____ Results: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ <u>*OR*</u> **ANNUAL TB SYMPTOM SCREENING for those with previous Chest X-ray (see below).**

ANNUAL TB SYMPTOM SCREENING FORM
Required annually ONLY for those with prior Chest X-ray/positive TST/IGRAs.
Must be signed by student AND healthcare provider

Date of Last Chest X-ray: _____

SIGNS/SYMPTOMS SCREENING (Yes/No). If none of these symptoms are present, an updated chest x-ray is not necessary.

_____ Lethargy/weakness	_____ Coughing up blood	_____ Fever
_____ Unexpected weight loss	_____ Loss of appetite	_____ Chest pain
_____ Sputum-producing cough	_____ Night sweats	_____ Swollen glands

☐ I am tuberculin positive. I have had the recommended course of treatment for Tuberculosis infection (LTBI).

☐ I have had one negative chest x-ray since becoming tuberculin skin test positive.

☐ If I develop any of the above symptoms, I agree to seek immediate medical attention.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Student signature	Date	Healthcare provider signature	Date

STUDENT NAME: _____   **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

Varicella (Chicken Pox): Due to clinical agency requirements, **effective Fall 2016 physician diagnosis is no longer acceptable for proof of immunity**. Students must provide documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 28 days apart or laboratory evidence of immunity.	**Vaccination Dates:** 1. _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ 2. _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ *OR* **Laboratory evidence of immunity:** Date: _____ Results: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): Documentation of either 2 doses of Measles and Mumps vaccines separated by 28 days or more, and at least one dose of live rubella vaccine, or laboratory evidence of measles, mumps and rubella immunity.	**Vaccination Dates:** 1. _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ 2. _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ *OR* **Laboratory evidence of immunity:** Date: _____ Results: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap): Must have a 1-time dose of Tdap. Must have a Td booster every 10 years.	Tdap Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ Td Booster Date (if applicable): _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____

Hepatitis B Vaccine: Series of 3 vaccines completed at 0-, 1-, and 6-month and post vaccination titer at 6-8 weeks after series completion.
 	
Minimum entry requirement: Series initiated and on schedule. Must complete series and titer prior to beginning the fourth quarter of the program.
 	
Alternatives for students with a negative titer (anti-HBs<10mIU/mL): You may choose one of two options recommended by the CDC:
   1 additional booster
   1 additional titer
   If still negative:
   2 additional boosters
   1 final titer
       OR
   Repeat the three-step series followed by a final titer.
	Hep B #1 Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
	Hep B #2 Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
	Hep B #3 Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
	
	Post Vaccination Titer (Mandatory for Nursing and Nursing Assistant students):
	Date: _____ Results: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
	
	If titer is negative (anti-HBs <10mIU/mL), please provide proof of AT LEAST one additional dose of HepB vaccine, followed by anti-HBs testing 1-2 months later. Discuss options below with your health care provider.
	
	OPTION 1 / **OPTION 2**
	
	OPTION 1:
	Hep B #4 Date: _____ Signature: _____
	Post Vaccination Titer:
	Date: ___ Results: ___ Sig: _____
	If 2ⁿᵈ titer is STILL negative (anti-HBs <10mIU/mL), provide proof of two additional doses of HepB vaccine, followed by anti-HBs testing 1-2 months later.
	Hep B #5 Date: _____ Signature: _____
	Hep B #6 Date: _____ Signature: _____
	Final Post Vaccination Titer:
	Date: ___ Results: ___ Signature: _____
	
	OPTION 2:
	Hep B #4 Date: _____ Signature: _____
	Hep B #5 Date: _____ Signature: _____
	Hep B #6 Date: _____ Signature: _____
	
	Final Post Vaccination Titer:
	Date: ___ Results: ___ Sig: _____

Influenza: 1 dose of the most current influenza vaccine annually.	Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ **2ⁿᵈ Year (Nursing Students):** Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____
COVID-19: 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna, or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson *Booster shots may be required by clinical agencies	COVID-19 #1 Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ COVID-19 #2 Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____ Manufacturer: _____ COVID-19 Booster Date: _____ Signature, Title, Agency: _____