

ADVANCED STANDING (LPN TO RN) NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST (EFFECTIVE FALL 2025)



DMACC's Associate Degree Nursing program is a ladder program with the first year being Practical Nursing content and the second year being Registered Nurse (RN) level content. Current LPNs who meet our Admission Requirements have the opportunity to complete our RN year and prepare for the NCLEX-RN to become licensed as a Registered Nurse.

Students must choose one nursing campus for their application for admission: Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, or Urban (downtown Des Moines).

You must meet these minimum requirements (#1-9) to be eligible to be admitted to the nursing program. Admission is based on seat availability.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Application for Admission

Complete an online DMACC application and select "Nursing (RN) – AAS" as your major. (Notify DMACC immediately if your name, address, or phone number changes after you apply.) <https://www.dmacc.edu/admissions/index.html>

2. Nursing Information Session

Attend a required Nursing Information Session. <https://www.dmacc.edu/pathways/hsf/nursing.html>

3. Proof of LPN Licensure

Submit documentation/proof of current LPN license to admissions@dmacc.edu

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Courses may be in progress when an application is submitted
- Science courses may have prerequisite courses required
- It is recommended that science courses be taken within the last five years
- Courses listed in #4-8 must be taken for college credit
- If you have completed college coursework elsewhere, you must have official transcripts sent for transfer evaluation.
Send to: Des Moines Area Community College, Admissions Office-Building 1, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA, 50023

4. Proof of MAT 156: Completion

A minimum grade of "C" or higher in college level Statistics (MAT156) or equivalent

5. BIO 168: Anatomy & Physiology I

A minimum grade of "B" or higher in college level Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 168) or equivalent

6. BIO 173: Anatomy & Physiology II

A minimum grade of "B" or higher in college level Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 173) or equivalent

7. PSY 121: Developmental Psychology

A minimum grade of "B" or higher in college level Developmental Psychology (PSY 121) or equivalent

8. ENG 105: English Composition I

A minimum grade of "C" or higher in college level Composition I (ENG 105) or equivalent

TESTING REQUIREMENT

9. Submit one of the following:

- ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Probability Score of 92% or higher. This test is given during your second semester of DMACC's nursing program as you near the end of the first year. Email a copy of your score to admissions@dmacc.edu
-OR-
- ATI TEAS Composite Score of 65%. This test must be taken in person at a DMACC Testing Center.

I'VE COMPLETED MY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS, WHAT'S NEXT?

When all entry requirements (items 1-9) are met:

- DMACC Admissions will notify you that you have been placed on "standby." Standby simply means you have met the admission requirements and are waiting to be admitted.
- When a seat becomes available for you, you will be notified by Admissions. DMACC accepts students 4-6 months prior to the start of the cohort: Fall start cohorts are accepted in February, and Spring start cohorts are accepted in September.
- You do not have to be enrolled at DMACC to maintain your place on the standby list.
- If your contact information changes, change your information in Banner Self-Service or notify DMACC Admissions immediately.

WHAT CAN I DO UNTIL I START THE NURSING PROGRAM?

- Take courses that will satisfy liberal arts requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Work with your Academic Advisor to discuss courses and options.
- Work and save money now so you might be able to reduce your work hours once you begin the nursing program. Working full-time while in nursing school is very challenging.

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Please reach out to the Academic Advisor on the campus you wish to complete the nursing program:

CAMPUS	ACADEMIC ADVISOR	PHONE	EMAIL
Ankeny	Allison Kipp -OR- Abbie Moffatt	515-964-6467 515-964-6385	amkipp@dmacc.edu ajmoffatt@dmacc.edu
Boone	Karin Lawton-Dunn	515-433-5024	kldunn@dmacc.edu
Carroll	Val Enenbach	712-792-8331	vdenenbach@dmacc.edu
Newton	Jody Stiles	641-791-1722	jlstiles1@dmacc.edu
Urban	Kate Candler Ernst -OR- Ivon Mihura	515-248-7255 515-697-7763	kachandlerernst@dmacc.edu imihura@dmacc.edu
All Campuses	Sue Mixdorf (Pathway Navigator)	515-964-6651	scmixdorf@dmacc.edu