

# NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST



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 level content.

At the end of the first year of the nursing program students can choose to take the NCLEX-PN to become licensed as a Practical Nurse and/or go on to the second year to prepare for the NCLEX-RN to become licensed as a Registered Nurse. Students must meet requirements to progress to the second year (see page 2).

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. Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)

- Submit proof of completion of Nurse Aide written (NRAO858) and skills (NRAO859) tests for placement on the Direct Care Worker Registry. A transcript indicating you passed both tests (or a registry card) will serve as verification.
- Although not required, DMACC strongly recommends that in addition to the above items, students also complete a 120-hour state-approved Certified Nurse Aide program or the equivalent. At DMACC, students would take HSC 172: Basic Nurse Aide, followed by HSC 182: Advanced Nurse Aide.

DMACC Nurse Aide information is available at this link: <https://www.dmacc.edu/pathways/hsf/nursing-details.html>

### 4. Satisfy proof of math competency to be eligible to take MAT 156 in Term 1 by one of the following:

- A score of 30 or greater on the ALEKS math assessment (must be current within 18 months of starting the program) -OR-
- Completion of MAT 064: College Prep with a grade of "C-" or better
- A minimum grade of "C" or higher in MAT 156: Statistics (or higher-level statistics). This would fulfill math competency for admission and the degree requirement in the program.

## 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 #5-8 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

### 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. ATI TEAS: Nursing Program Admission Test

Adjusted Individual Total Score of 55% or higher is required.

*\*Must be taken in person at a DMACC Testing Center* <https://www.dmacc.edu/testing-center/>

## HOW DO I VIEW MY CHECKLIST?

It is important to view your checklist to monitor your progress. Reach out to [admissions@dmacc.edu](mailto:admissions@dmacc.edu) or your Academic Advisor if you have questions about your checklist.

1. Log on to myDMACC
2. Locate the Tools section in the blue menu on the left side of your screen and click on Academic Records
3. Click on Admissions Applications

## 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 usually accepted in late February or early March, and Spring start cohorts are usually accepted in late September or early October. Students will continue to be admitted until all seats are filled.
- 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.

## IMPORTANT: PROGRESSION TO THE SECOND YEAR (RN YEAR) OF THE PROGRAM:

Admission to the second year of the ADN program (RN year) is not guaranteed. In order to be eligible to progress to the second year of DMACC's nursing program, students must successfully complete the first year of the ADN program AND provide proof of one of the following:

1. 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.  
-OR-
2. ATI TEAS Composite Score of 65% or higher (Please note this is higher than the 55% percent required for admission to the first year of the ADN program). \*This test must be taken in person at a DMACC Testing Center.

## WHAT CAN I DO UNTIL I START THE NURSING PROGRAM?

1. Complete MAT 156: Statistics, which is part of the first semester of the nursing program. This will reduce your course load while you are in the nursing program, giving you more time to devote to your nursing classes.
2. 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.
3. 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. Consider working as a CNA to gain some hands-on experience!

## 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	515-964-6467	amkipp@dmacc.edu
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	Abbie Moffatt	515-964-6385	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 Chandler Ernst	515-248-7255	kachandlerernst@dmacc.edu
	-OR-		
	Ivon Mihura	515-697-7763	imihura@dmacc.edu
All locations	Sue Mixdorf (Pathway Navigator)	515-964-6651	scmixdorf@dmacc.edu