

## Nursing Program – Harford Community College

# NURSING

Harford Community College (HCC) offers an Associate of Sciences Degree in Nursing (RN), which prepares students for the licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN).

There are specific admission requirements which must be completed to qualify for the program. Harford Community College accepts applications from November 15 thru February 15 for Day Accelerated and/or fall Traditional tracks, and July 1 through September 15 for spring Traditional track.

**The following documents MUST be submitted as a package to the Office of Registration and Records:**

1. An **Application for Enrollment** to Harford Community College. This must be on file and active and a program of study (NURP) declared. Transcripts are not evaluated for students who have not declared a program of study. If you are a currently enrolled Harford Community college student, this is already on file.
  2. An **Application for the Nursing Program**.
  3. **Official transcripts** from other colleges, military training or standardized exams. These are required for any prerequisite courses not completed at Harford Community College.
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## **How long does the Nursing Program take to complete?**

Once a student is admitted into the Nursing Program it will take 4 semesters to complete.

For the traditional student, without interruption in progress, the program will take two years to complete. Courses will be completed during the fall and spring semesters, without summer nursing coursework.

For the accelerated student, without interruption in progression, the program will take 15 months to complete. Coursework will be completed during the summer/fall/spring/summer semesters.

## **What do I need to do to be eligible to apply to the Nursing Program?**

To be considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program, students must meet the following criteria:

- By February 15 for admission to the summer accelerated class and/or fall class, by September 15 for admission to the spring class: complete and submit application to HCC if not a current student, apply to the Nursing Program, and submit all official transcripts from other colleges. Application(s) and official transcripts must be received together as a package. PLEASE NOTE: If submitting an Application for Enrollment to HCC, a program of study (NURP) must be declared. Transcripts are not evaluated for students who have not declared a program of study.
- To meet the math requirement to qualify for the Nursing Program, students must do one of the following:  
Receive a qualifying score on the HCC math assessment test (score valid for 2 years), or  
Achieve a 550+ score on SAT mathematics (score valid for 2 years), or  
Complete the highest transitional math course at HCC (017, 018, 023, 026 or 027), or  
Complete a college-level general education math course (101, 102, 216, etc.)
- Complete a minimum of 16 college credits which must include:
  - ENG 101\* – English Composition
  - BIO 203\* – Anatomy and Physiology I
  - PSY 101 – General Psychology
  - AND
  - Two courses from the following:
    - PSY 214\* – Human Development Across the Life Span
    - BIO 204\* – Anatomy and Physiology II
    - BIO 205\* – Microbiology
    - SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology
    - MATH elective requirement

\*A grade of C or better must be earned in these courses.

- Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.50 on the courses applicable to the Associate of Sciences Degree Nursing Program.
- Complete TEAS testing with a minimum score of 58.7 (less than 58.7 not eligible to apply).
- Submit satisfactory health evaluation and proof of health insurance upon acceptance into the Nursing Program.
- Maintain good Academic Standing.

**The Program is highly competitive and completion of the admission criteria may not result in admission to the Program.**

**What are my first steps to apply to your Program?**

Apply to the college and have official transcripts for any colleges that you have attended sent to Records and Registration at the college. Once you are notified that the transcripts have been received, make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor to plan your course of study.

**Do you offer evening/weekend classes?**

Classes for the traditional program and the accelerated day program are offered Monday through Friday during the day with some evening and weekend clinical hours.

**What if I already have an LPN license?**

You may be eligible for advanced standing in the LPN-RN Program. Complete an application to the college and have your official transcripts sent to the college. Complete an LPN to RN application and submit by February 15 for admission to the fall class or by September 15 for admission to the spring class. Once you are notified that the transcripts have been received, make an appointment with an academic advisor to help you plan a course of study.

**How many students do you admit each year/semester?**

Forty-eight students are admitted in the fall and spring semesters. Thirty-two students are admitted in the summer accelerated program. Ten LPN to RN students are admitted in the fall and spring semesters.

**What is the acceptance rate for applicants to your program?**

There are often as many as 250 applicants that meet the admission requirements each semester. Only 48 applicants can be accepted into the traditional program in each fall and spring semester. In the summer, an additional 32 students are accepted into the day accelerated program.

### **What is the total cost to complete this program?**

To complete the entire program at HCC, including prerequisites, costs approximately \$15,000 - \$16,000 at current tuition rates. Following is a rough breakdown of some expected costs; all figures are approximated and may be higher or lower based on a student's needs:

Tuition and Fees (in-county)	\$	8,680
Consolidated fees	\$	1,736
Course fees	\$	1,449
Books	\$	2,000
Uniforms and equipment	\$	350
Graduation – NCLEX application, etc.	\$	700
Physical, immunizations, etc.	\$	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,315</b>

### **Is there a separate application for the nursing program? If so, what are the deadline dates?**

Yes, there is a separate application for the Nursing Program. To be considered for the Nursing Program, a student must apply to both the college and the Nursing Program. The application deadlines for the Nursing Program are as follows:

- February 15 for fall and accelerated programs
- September 15 for spring program

### **Is there a separate process for international students:**

Yes, if a student is truly an F-1 international student, the international application can be located on the admissions webpage:

<http://www.harford.edu/admissions/intistudents.asp>

### **I already have a bachelor degree in another field; how do I find out how many of these courses will count toward the nursing degree?**

Apply to the college and have official transcripts sent to Records and Registration. You will receive notification that your transcripts have been received. Once you receive this notification, make an appointment to see an academic advisor to help identify which courses can be used toward your degree in nursing.

### **Do I need to have a 4.0 GPA to be accepted into the program? Should I repeat courses I have earned less than an A in, in order to be accepted?**

A 4.0 GPA is not necessary in order to be accepted in the Nursing Program; however, most students who are accepted into the program have above a 3.0 GPA. Sometimes repeating a

course helps the student to gain the knowledge, skill and abilities necessary to be successful in the Nursing Program. However, it is not generally advised to repeat courses unless it will provide a beneficial learning experience or is critical to being selected in the program.

**Do you have a waiting list?**

No. Students are rank ordered based on the selection criteria. Once classes begin, the rank order is no longer operational and the process will be repeated with the next admission group.

**I started a nursing program at another school; can I transfer into your program?**

Transfers and advanced placement are permitted on an individual, limited basis depending on space. Often a transfer student loses some of the nursing credit for previous coursework done at other nursing schools because nursing curricula differ a great deal. Students who have failed a nursing course at another nursing program are not eligible for transfer with advance standing but may apply to the Nursing Program as a new student.

**I did not get accepted into the program when I applied; what should I do next?**

Meet with an academic advisor to review the selection criteria and develop ways to strengthen your standing in the selection process.