

Nursing Admission Information



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Abbreviations

ACT	American College Testing Assessment
ADN	Associate of Science Degree in Nursing
BSN	Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
CPN	Certificate of Proficiency in Practical Nursing
GPA	Grade Point Average
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
RN	Registered Nurse

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the CPN and ADN programs offered by Wor-Wic Community College. We have compiled this booklet to help you understand the selection process and to guide you through the procedures you **must** follow to apply to these limited admission programs.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE BOOKLET. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL FORMS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION ARE PROVIDED BY THE STATED DEADLINES.

If you have any questions, please write or call us at the following:

Admissions
Wor-Wic Community College
32000 Campus Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804
(410) 334-2895
or
(410) 572-8700

Accreditation

Wor-Wic is a state-approved two-year college. It is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Our nursing programs are approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing.

Costs

Prospective nursing students should see the college catalog for current tuition rates. In addition to tuition, other semester costs include registration fees, books, course fees, laboratory fees, uniforms and insurance. For information about financial aid, call our director of financial aid at (410) 334-2904.

CPN Program

Description

The CPN program is the first step in the CPN-ADN career ladder. After you successfully complete the CPN program, you can take the licensure examination to become an LPN. This program is approved as part of Maryland's statewide LPN to ADN articulation agreement.

Admission Requirements

DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE NURSING PROGRAM, SELECTION IS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS. SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN NO WAY GUARANTEES THAT YOU WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM.

In order to be considered for admission into the CPN program in September, you must complete **ALL** of the following requirements by the **first Friday in June**. In order to be considered for admission into the CPN program in January, you must complete **ALL** of the following requirements by the **first Friday in October**.

1. Complete both sides of our admission application and send it to the director of admissions.
2. Submit an official transcript from a U.S. state-accredited high school or program confirming receipt of a high school diploma or the equivalent and official college transcripts to the director of admissions. You can submit your application when you are a high school senior, but you must complete high school and submit your final transcript no later than the **first Friday in August**. Proficiency examinations and transfer credit hours cannot equal more than 60 percent of the credit hours needed for a certificate of proficiency in practical nursing (unless an exception is approved by the vice president for academic and student affairs). High school or college courses in biology and chemistry are strongly recommended. Foreign students who want to be admitted as high school graduates or who want to transfer college credits into Wor-Wic must have their high school and college transcripts evaluated by an acceptable academic credential evaluation service, at their own expense. The registrar maintains a list of acceptable academic credential evaluation services.
3. Take our diagnostic assessments if you have not successfully completed college-level English and Mathematics courses. If the assessments indicate that you need "Introduction to Writing" (ENG 086), "Basic Reading" (ENG 084), "College Reading" (ENG 095), "Basic Writing" (ENG 096) and/or "Prealgebra" (MTH 091), you must complete these courses with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Meet with a nursing faculty advisor to discuss the admission requirements and program options to determine the one that best suits your needs.

5. Determine whether you want your admission to be based on your GPA *or* ACT. Students applying for admission in January will have their admission based on their GPA **ONLY**.
 - a. If you want your admission to be based on your GPA, you must enter the GPA admission option and complete the five pre-nursing courses with a GPA of at least 2.00 and a grade of “C” or better in “Anatomy and Physiology I” (BIO 202) and “Anatomy and Physiology II” (BIO 203). The GPA that is used for admission purposes is based **only** on the grades earned in the five pre-nursing courses, regardless of whether they were completed at Wor-Wic or at another accredited college or university.
 - b. If you want your admission to be based on your ACT, you must have your ACT scores sent to the student development office. The minimum ACT scores are listed in this booklet under “Selection Criteria.” You may obtain an ACT registration packet from the Student Development Office or you may obtain it online at www.act.org If you are selected for admission, you **must** enter the ACT admission option.
6. Meet with a nursing faculty advisor and complete a program preference form.
7. For Fall admission, the director of admissions will mail you a letter of acceptance or alternate status by the end of June. For Spring admission, the director of admissions will mail you a letter of acceptance or alternate status by the end of October. ***PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE ALTERNATE STATUS MUST REAPPLY TO THE PROGRAM IF THEY WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.***

CPN Program

GPA Admission Option

This option may be for you if you have been out of school for a long time, if you have family responsibilities or work obligations, or if you prefer to concentrate on only a few courses at a time. If you select this option, your admission is based on your GPA in the five pre-nursing courses. The pre-nursing courses and the remaining courses in this option are offered during the day and in the evening/weekend hours. “Evening” hours can begin as early as 2:30pm

Fall and Spring Admission Pre-Nursing Courses

		<u>Credit Hours</u>
BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 203	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
* ENG 101	Fundamentals of English I	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 251	Human Growth and Development	3
SDV 100	Fundamentals of College Study	1
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Remaining Courses

Fall Semester (Fall Cohort) & Spring Semester (Spring Cohort)

* NUR 101	Nursing Fundamentals	6
◆ BIO 120	Nutrition	<u>3</u>
		9

Spring Semester (Fall Cohort) & Summer Sessions (Spring Cohort)

* NUR 103	Nursing in Society	1
* NUR 151	Adult Nursing	<u>6</u>
		7

Summer Sessions (Fall Cohort) & Fall Semester (Spring Cohort)

* NUR 154	Maternal-Child Nursing	4
* NUR 157	Psychiatric Nursing	<u>4</u>
		8

*This course has a prerequisite.

◆This course can be taken before being accepted into the nursing program.

CPN Program

ACT Admission Option

This option may be for you if you are highly motivated and self-disciplined, if you have previous college credits or if you have only a few outside responsibilities. If you select this option, your admission is based on your ACT. The nursing courses in this option are **ONLY** offered during the day. **This option is NOT available for students seeking spring admission.**

Summer II Session

◆ SDV 100	Fundamentals of College Study	<u>Credit Hours</u> 1
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Fall Semester

* NUR 101	Nursing Fundamentals	<u>Credit Hours</u> 6
◆ BIO 120	Nutrition	3
◆ BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
◆ PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	<u>3</u>
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Spring Semester

* NUR 103	Nursing in Society	<u>Credit Hours</u> 1
* NUR 151	Adult Nursing	6
◆ * BIO 203	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
◆ * ENG 101	Fundamentals of English I	3
◆ * PSY 251	Human Growth and Development	<u>3</u>
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Summer Session

* NUR 154

* NUR 157

Maternal-Child Nursing

Psychiatric Nursing

Credit Hours

4

4

8

*This course has a prerequisite.

◆This course can be taken before being accepted into the nursing program.

ADN Program

Description

The ADN program is for anyone who has **completed** a practical nursing program. After you successfully complete the ADN program, you can take the licensure examination to become a RN. This program is approved as part of Maryland's statewide RN to BSN articulation model.

Graduates are granted up to 70 non-nursing credit hours for their Wor-Wic course work when they enroll in one of the BSN programs in the University of Maryland system. Individuals with an active unencumbered Maryland or Compact RN license are awarded a minimum of 30 upper division nursing credits.

Direct Progression from CPN Program

NOTE: All students progressing directly into the ADN program should note that due to limited evening slots, seats are competitively granted.

In-county students enrolled in Wor-Wic's CPN program, can proceed directly into the ADN program if you complete ***All*** of the following requirements by the first Friday in June or for Spring admission, the first Friday in October (**Out of county and out-of-state students enrolled in Wor-Wic's CPN program will be admitted into the ADN program on a competitive basis**).

1. Meet with a nursing faculty advisor to discuss the ADN program requirements and complete a program preference form.
2. Maintain a GPA of 2.00 or higher and a grade of "C" or better in all the nursing and biology courses in your CPN program.
3. Have taken a mathematics diagnostic assessment and are eligible for "Elementary Statistics" (MTH 152). If the assessment indicates that you need "Elementary Algebra" (MTH 092), you must complete this course with a grade of "C" or better **before the first Friday in June for Fall admission or the first Friday in October for the Spring admission.**
4. Complete all CPN program and college graduation requirements.
5. By the end of June, the director of admissions will mail you a letter of acceptance or alternate status for the fall admission and by the end of October for the spring admission **PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE ALTERNATE**

STATUS MUST REAPPLY TO THE PROGRAM IF THEY WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Admission Requirements

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If you are not proceeding directly from Wor-Wic's CPN program into the ADN program and want to be considered for admission into our ADN program in September, you must complete **ALL** of the following requirements by the **first Friday in June**. If you want to be considered for admission into our ADN program in January, you must complete **ALL** of the following requirements by the **first Friday in October**.

1. Complete both sides of our admission application and send it to the director of admissions.
2. Submit official practical nursing program and/or college transcripts to the director of admissions. A high school or college chemistry course is strongly recommended.
3. Take our mathematics diagnostic assessment. If the assessment indicates that you need "Elementary Algebra" (MTH 092), you must complete this course with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Complete all of the courses required in Wor-Wic's CPN program.
5. Determine whether you want your admission to be based on your GPA or ACT.
 - a. If you want your admission to be based on your GPA, you must have a GPA of at least 2.00 in the five pre-nursing courses and a grade of "C" or better in the two biology courses. The GPA that is used for admission purposes is based only on the grades earned in the five pre-nursing courses, regardless of whether they were completed at Wor-Wic or at another accredited college or university.
 - b. If you want your admission to be based on your ACT, you must have your ACT scores sent to the student development office. The minimum ACT scores are listed in this booklet under "Selection Criteria." You may obtain an ACT registration packet from the Student Development Office or you may obtain it online at www.act.org
6. Meet with a nursing faculty advisor and complete a program preference form.
7. By the end of June, the director of admissions will mail you a letter of acceptance or alternate status for the fall admission and by the end of October for the Spring admission. **PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE ALTERNATE STATUS MUST REAPPLY TO THE PROGRAM IF THEY WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

Transfer and Proficiency Requirements

If you graduated from a practical nursing program at a regionally accredited degree-granting institution, you can receive credit for the courses you completed. The

determination of transfer credit is made by the registrar after a review of your official transcripts. **ALL** nursing courses must be officially documented through transfer credit, passing proficiency examination or an active unencumbered Maryland or compact LPN license.

If you graduated from a non-collegiate practical nursing program, you must pass proficiency examinations in **ALL** of the nursing courses in order to receive college credit for your practical nursing education or have an active unencumbered Maryland or compact LPN license.

If you graduated from a practical nursing program approved under the terms of Maryland’s statewide LPN to ADN articulation model, you do not need to take proficiency examinations. You can receive credit for **ALL** of the nursing courses in Wor-Wic’s CPN program without being tested **AFTER** successfully completing a “bridge” or transition course.

You can also earn credit through proficiency examinations and standardized testing programs such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or the Advanced Placement Test. General information about these tests can be obtained by calling admissions at (410) 334-2895.

Proficiency examinations and transfer credit hours cannot equal more than 65 percent of the credit hours needed for an associate of science degree in nursing (unless an exception is approved by the vice president for academic and student affairs).

Associate Degree Program Requirement

<u>Fall Semester or Spring Semester</u>	Credit Hours
* NUR 202 Advanced Nursing I	6
* NUR 253 Issues in Nursing	1
◆* BIO 220 Microbiology	4
◆* ENG 151 Fundamentals of English II	<u>3</u>
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<u>Spring Semester or Summer Sessions</u>	
* NUR 252 Advanced Nursing II	6
◆* MTH 152 Elementary Statistics	3
◆ SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
◆ SPH 101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication	<u>3</u>
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*This course has a prerequisite.

◆This course can be taken before being accepted into the nursing program.

Selection Criteria

DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE NURSING PROGRAM, SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM SINCE FINAL SELECTION IS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS. In order to be considered for admission, you must receive an acceptable score in one of the selection criteria listed below:

<u>1. GPA</u>	<u>Selection Points Awarded</u>
4.00-3.33	100
3.32-2.67	67
2.66-2.00	33
1.99 or below	unacceptable
<u>2. ACT score if tested Oct. 1, 1989 or after</u>	
22 or above	100
20-21	67
18-19	33
17 or below	unacceptable
<u>ACT score if tested before Oct. 1, 1989</u>	
21 or above	100
18-20	67
15-17	33
14 or below	unacceptable

Selection Priorities

Applicants are ranked and chosen by the number of selection points they receive in descending order until all the spaces are filled. If there is a tie in selection points and there are more qualified applicants than available spaces, the admission of CPN students is based on actual ACT scores or actual GPA in descending order before lottery procedures are used. If there is a tie in selection points and there are more qualified applicants than available spaces, the admission of ADN students is based on lottery selection.

Preference is given to residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties. Secondary preference is given to other Maryland residents, with third selection priority to out-of-state residents.

Selection Requirements

If you are selected for admission you must submit an acceptance form by July 1 for the fall admission and by October 30 for the Spring admission. Students selected into the nursing program must also submit the results of a health examination performed by their primary health care provider at their own cost, as well as proof of cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers.

It is the policy of Wor-Wic Community College not to discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, martial status, sexual orientation or disability in the admission and treatment of students, access to educational programs and activities, and terms and conditions of employment.

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