

# WOR-WIC

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**NURSING**

**ADMISSION INFORMATION PACKET**

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## Health Professions Division

### Mission Statement

The Health Professions division advocates for and ensures adherence to the professional standards, facilitates faculty development, and coordinates resourcing for the health programs involved to promote student success in entering the local community workforce as well-prepared healthcare professionals.

### Values

- **Professionalism** – Health profession students accept constructive feedback, self-evaluate personal performance, and practice safety in the clinical practicum according to professional standards. Professionalism is practiced by demonstrating respect for students, faculty, staff, and patients.
- **Community** – Health profession students practice civility, are advocates for patients and peers, and promote health through community service.
- **Integrity** – Health profession students exhibit honest and ethical behavior, assume responsibility for actions and are accountable for academic performance.
- **Compassion** – Health profession students deliver compassionate care to patients, are empathetic and understanding of patient needs, and serve as ambassadors for the health programs in clinical agencies.
- **Cultural Competence** – Health profession students are respectful of diverse opinions, open-minded to new ideas, provide unbiased patient care, promote the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belongingness when interacting with students, faculty, and patients.
- **Scholarship** – Health profession students engage in life-long learning opportunities to develop technical skill and clinical judgment competencies necessary to serve as future leaders in the health care industry.
- **Excellence** – Health profession students adhere to the highest standards of performance, model professionalism, and engage in collaborative learning experiences to advance the health professions division.

### Nursing Accreditation Information

The Wor-Wic Community College Practical Nursing and Associate Degree in Nursing Programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037

### Health Professions Admission Eligibility Requirements

Wor-Wic Health Care programs are separately accredited by external agencies and must demonstrate compliance following professional standards as prescribed by the programmatic accreditor. Students seeking acceptance into a health care program must meet eligibility requirements for program entry and participation in the clinical experience. Clinical partners determine student eligibility for placement into practicum and field experience. Prospective student must meet minimum professional practice standards for eligibility to participate in clinical practicum, fieldwork, and laboratory experiences conducted on the college campus and external agencies. Please refer to the program information packets for specific professional standards related to each health care program.

## **Background Check/Drug Screen Requirements**

Acceptance into a health care program is contingent upon successful completion of a background check and drug screening process. An unsatisfactory background check or positive drug screen prevents student participation in a health care program and access to clinical placements. Background checks and drug screens may be required multiple times, at student expense, during enrollment in a health care program.

Students with felony or certain misdemeanor convictions documented on the completed background check are not eligible for acceptance into a health care program or participation in a clinical experience.

Effective fall 2025 semester, all students admitted to the certificate program in practical nursing (CPN and associate of science degree nursing (ADN) programs will be required to complete background checks and drug screens via SentryMD/PreCheck prior to entry into each program. Failure to do so by the designated deadline dates will result in loss of the student's seat in the program.

## **Student Conduct**

Students enrolled into health care programs must abide by college, program, and clinical site conduct policies. Demonstration of unsafe or unprofessional behaviors in classroom simulation or in the clinical environment, may result in program dismissal. If a student is dismissed from a program pending due process, the student is not allowed to attend class or clinicals. For any program dismissal for conduct, the student will receive a letter from the department outlining the reason for dismissal and if the student is eligible for re-entry to the program or not. If the student is eligible for re-entry, the letter will detail the process and steps for re-entry. If the student is not eligible for re-entry, the student has the right to petition their case through the college's judicial process. Students must adhere to academic and behavioral standards as indicated in the Appendix G of the college catalog.

## **Essential and Technical Professional Practice Standards**

Prospective and enrolled students shall possess the ability to perform essential functions and technical standards of the professional program so that they can provide care and treatment for their patients. Students must continually meet safety and technical standards throughout the health care programs. Students who are unable to meet the standards must notify the department chair of the circumstances immediately.

Wor-Wic's health care programs are separately accredited by external agencies. As per programmatic accreditation guidelines and professional code of ethics, students must safely perform skills and advocate for the wellbeing of mock or standardized patients within their care. Failure to adhere to safety regulations and follow clinical guidelines for the health care program, may result in program dismissal. If a student is dismissed from a program pending due process, the student is not allowed to attend class or clinicals. For any program dismissal for conduct, the student will receive a letter from the department outlining the reason for dismissal and if the student is eligible for re-entry to the program or not. If the student is eligible for re-entry, the letter will detail the process and steps for re-entry. If the student is not eligible for re-entry, the student has the right to petition their case through the college's judicial process. Students must adhere to academic and behavioral standards as indicated in the Appendix G of the college catalog. Individual clinical sites may have additional disqualifiers that would prevent a student from fulfilling their clinical rotation and therefore impact their continued enrollment in the program.

### **Nursing Program Application Deadlines**

- Fall Admission Deadline: The last Friday in May by 4 p.m.
- Spring Admission Deadline: The first Friday in November by 4 p.m.
- For questions regarding program admission please contact the Nursing Associate at: 410-572-8701 or Admissions at: 410-334-2895

### **Nursing Program Admission Requirements/Checklist**

- Apply to Wor-Wic at <https://www.worwic.edu/Apply-Register> if you have never completed a Wor-Wic admissions application
- Submit all high school and college transcripts to the Registrar's Office at [registrar@worwic.edu](mailto:registrar@worwic.edu)
- Attend a prospective student meeting. Dates are listed on the Nursing website <https://www.worwic.edu/Programs-Courses/Credit-Programs/Nursing>

Please call 410-572-8700 or 410-572-8701 to reserve your seat today.

- Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or higher
  - ❖ ENG 101
  - ❖ PSY 101
  - ❖ MTH 152
  - ❖ BIO 202
  - ❖ BIO 203
  - ❖ SDV 100
  - ❖ BIO 220 \*required for admission into the ADN program
  - ❖ PSY 251 \*required for admission into the ADN program: LPN to ADN Pathway

- Complete the TEAS exam with a score of 58.7% or higher
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Submit an online Limited Admission Application by the required date/time  
<https://worwic.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login>

### **Additional Nursing Program Admission Points**

- Previous College Degree
- Health Care Licensure/Certification

## Worksheet for Determining Nursing Admission Points

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Point Earned Rules</u>
ENG 101	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	3 pts for an A on 1st/2nd attempt 2 pts for a B on 1st/2nd attempt 1 pt for a C on 1st/2nd attempt 0 pts for more than 2 attempts/course withdraw
PSY 101	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
MTH 152	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
BIO 202	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
BIO 203	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
SDV 100	<b>Y/N</b>	
TOTAL GRADE POINTS ( /15)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	
Previous College Degree	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	2 pts for any previous college degree
Health Care Licensure/Certification	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	3 pts for Licensure/Certification in direct patient care profession
TEAS Test Score	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	10 pts for a score equal to or greater than 86% 5 pts for a score equal to or greater than 72% and less than 86% 2 pts for a score equal to or greater than 58.7% and less than 72%  <i>(A maximum of 10 points may be earned for the TEAS test score)</i>
<b><u>Total Score ( /30)</u></b> <b>Total Points</b>	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	

## **Nursing Program Applicant Ranking Process**

Once each eligible applicant is assigned a point total (refer to the worksheet on pg.6), students are given preference using the following additional criteria and procedures. In the event two or more applicants have the same number of points within a preference group, a blind lottery selection is performed to determine the order of those specific applicants.

The nursing program admission process is calculated from a total of 30 points. The following describes the ranking for the nursing programs:

### **First Preference**

Applicants with a total of **23 to 30 points** are ranked in the following order:

- In-County Residents are first priority
- Out-of-County, Out-of-State, and International students are second priority

### **Second Preference**

Applicants with a total of **15 to 22 points** are ranked in the following order:

- In-County Residents are first priority
- Out-of-County, Out-of-State, and International students are second priority

### **Third Preference**

Applicants with **less than or equal to 14 points** are ranked in the following order:

- In-County Residents are first priority
- Out-of-County, Out-of-State, and International students are second priority

Due to the limited number of spaces available in the nursing programs, 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. Preference for placement in the ADN program is given to students who are directly progressing from the college's CPN program.

Prospective students who receive wait-list status and are not admitted **MUST REAPPLY** to the program if they want to be considered for the next admission cycle.

All official transcripts must be submitted from ALL colleges or universities previously attended. Failure to submit transcripts constitutes fraud and will result in dismissal from the college.

## **Explanation of Admission Criteria**

### **Grades in the pre-requisite courses (Maximum of 15 points)**

Students are responsible to have any necessary high school or college transcripts sent to the Registrar's Office for evaluation and entry into the system. To be considered, college transcripts must be official, sealed college transcripts sent from the appropriate institution. Unofficial or unsealed college transcripts will not be accepted. Points for pre-requisite courses are awarded based upon the grade earned on the first or second attempt. No points are earned for course withdraw or grades earned in subsequent course attempts. Last grade attempt stands.

No points are awarded for SDV 100, however the course must be completed and passed or waived by the Registrar's office.

### **Previous College/University Degree (Maximum of 2 points)**

- 2 points for any degree conferred with an official transcript

Applicants must have official transcripts sent to Wor-Wic Community College, indicating the degree awarded. Students are responsible for providing proof of the completed degree. Failure to submit official transcripts by the admission deadline results in no points earned for the previous college degree.

### **Healthcare Licensure/Certification (Maximum of 3 points)**

- 3 points for current Licensure/Certification in direct patient care profession.

All health care licensure/certification submitted for admission points will be verified by the Director of Admissions and the Dean of Health Professions.

### **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Score (Maximum of 10 points)**

Applicants are required to submit a TEAS score to be considered for program acceptance. The TEAS test is a valid and reliable predictor of student success in an allied health education program. The applicant is responsible for any fees associated with completing the TEAS test. For a test score to be accepted, it must be an official Assessment of Technologies (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Score Report. Students are encouraged to take the TEAS test at Wor-Wic Community College. An applicant with a TEAS score below 58.7% will not be eligible for consideration.

For more information about the TEAS: <https://www.worwic.edu/services-support/testing-services/teas-testing/>

### **GPA Calculation**

Students are not awarded admission points for GPA. To be admitted into the nursing program (LPN or ADN), a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 is required. A student's GPA is calculated based upon courses completed at Wor-Wic Community College. If the student has not completed courses at Wor-Wic Community College, the GPA is calculated as described in the transferring general education credits section. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information: 410-334-2895.



## **Transfer Students**

### **Transferring General Education Credits from Another College or University**

A student who completes their pre-requisite courses at another college or university and wishes to apply for admission to Wor-Wic's CPN or ADN program will be considered based upon the following criteria:

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) is calculated based upon courses completed at Wor-Wic Community College;
- If the student has not completed courses at Wor-Wic Community College, the GPA is calculated based upon grades earned at the other college(s) or university(s);
- Overall cumulative grade GPA is calculated including all prior attempts at courses;

All transfer students MUST:

- Submit official, sealed transcripts from all prior colleges or universities attended, which must be accredited institutions;
- Meet all eligibility requirements of the program;
- Compete for admission into the nursing program based upon seat availability.

### **CPN Program: Transferring Nursing Course Credits from Another College or University**

A student who wishes to transfer to Wor-Wic Community College's CPN program after they have completed a nursing course or courses in another nursing program, must meet the following requirements:

- Submit official, sealed transcripts from all prior nursing programs, which must be accredited institutions;
- Be in good academic standing and successfully progressing through previous nursing program;
- Meet all institutional requirements for transfer;
- Compete for admission into the nursing program.

To receive transfer credits from a prior nursing program, the Nursing Department must receive a letter directly from the department chair/director of the prior nursing program which states the student left the program in good academic standing and is eligible to return to that nursing program. This letter must be on college or university letterhead, signed and dated by the department chair/director.

Placement into the CPN program's second semester and credits awarded may vary according to previously completed nursing courses in other programs, the curriculum taught in those courses and the credits awarded for the courses. Wor-Wic nursing courses must be completed in sequential order as documented in the college catalog. Transfer into the college's nursing program is permitted on space availability.

## **ADN Program: LPN to ADN Pathway**

### **Transfer and Proficiency Requirements**

If you graduated from a practical nursing program at a regionally accredited degree-granting institution that is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing, you can receive credit for the courses you completed. To receive transfer credits from a prior nursing program, the Nursing Department must receive a letter directly from the department chair/director of the prior nursing program which states the student left the program in good academic standing and is eligible to return to that nursing program. This letter must be on college or university letterhead, signed and dated by the department chair/director.

The determination of transfer credit is made by the Registrar after a review of your official transcripts. All nursing courses completed prior to transfer to Wor-Wic must be officially documented through transfer credit validated by official transcripts confirming completion of an approved CPN (LPN) program and proof of an active, unencumbered Maryland or compact LPN license. Admission to the college's associate of science degree nursing program is permitted on a space available, competitive basis.

### **NUR 221: LPN to ADN Transition Course**

- NUR 221 is a Pre-ADN course, not part of the nursing program, and is required for admission to the ADN program under the LPN to ADN pathway.
- Students in NUR 221 must still complete an application and compete for a seat in the 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. Preference for placement in the ADN program is given to students who are directly progressing from the college's CPN program.
- Students in NUR 221 must maintain a 2.5 institutional Wor-Wic GPA to be eligible for the program.
  - If NUR 221 is a student's only Wor-Wic class, a B or better is needed in NUR 221 to meet this GPA requirement.

## **Reenrollment/Admission Following Withdrawal from Nursing Program**

The policy guidelines for reenrolling a previously admitted and enrolled nursing student are the same for the CPN and ADN programs. A student who withdraws for any reason, with the exception of approved extenuating circumstances, and where the student is in good academic standing, is permitted to reenroll one (1) time to repeat a semester in the certificate practical nursing program *or* one (1) time to repeat a semester in the associate degree nursing program.

1. The student **must have completed** an "exit" interview.
2. **Repeating/Returning Students.**
  - a. Students wishing to reenter the nursing program at the beginning of the course sequence must meet all requirements, including a 2.5 GPA, and complete the online application process for admission to **NUR 101 or NUR 222**. Applicants will compete with all other applicants for program entry.
  - b. Students who wish to reenter the nursing program to repeat **NUR 111, NUR 121 or NUR 223**, and are eligible to return/repeat the course, with a 2.0 GPA, do so with the understanding that re-entry into the desired nursing course is on a space available basis, and students will be ranked and admitted according to their admission preference.
  - c. Students who wish to reenter the nursing program to repeat **NUR 115, NUR 216, or NUR 260** and are eligible to return/repeat the course, with a 2.0 GPA, do so with the understanding that re-entry to the desired nursing course is on a space available basis. Reenrollment into either of these courses does not mean automatic progression to the next core nursing course, such as NUR 111, NUR 121, or NUR 222, as enrollment in these courses is also on a space available basis and/or admission to a nursing program.
3. **First preference will be given to students who withdraw for approved extenuating circumstances.**
4. A student who has interrupted academic study and seeks reenrollment may be required to audit or repeat a preceding nursing course. A student who returns to the nursing program following an absence of two calendar years or more from the program will be required to audit or repeat additional nursing courses as recommended by the Department Head and Dean on a case-by-case basis.
5. All returning students to the CPN and ADN program following an absence for one semester or more will be required to complete background checks and drug screens via SentryMD/PreCheck prior to re-entry into the program. Failure to do so by the designated deadline dates will result in loss of the student's seat.