



## ASN-RN Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are the prerequisites to enter the program?

1. Complete the following courses with at least a "C," or be enrolled in them during the application cycle. They must be completed before starting Nursing classes.

\*English Composition I

\*College Algebra

\*Human Anatomy & Physiology I

(pre-req course: **Biology for Science Majors**)

\*Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab

(pre-req course: **Biology for Science Majors lab**)

\*History Elective

NTCC requires you to take **Intro to Psych, Biology for Science Majors lecture and lab** classes in order to progress to some NTCC degree courses

2. Must have at least a 2.8 GPA in all degree courses\* taken and a 2.0 GPA overall.

You must have a "C" or better in all these courses in addition to the 2.8 GPA:  
*English Comp I, College Algebra, Human Anatomy and Physiology I lecture and lab, History Elective, English Comp II, Human Anatomy and Physiology II lecture and lab, Medical Microbiology lecture and lab, Developmental Psychology, Statistics, and Fine Arts Elective*

3. Complete TEAS7 Test within 3 attempts, per semester, with at least a 65%. TEAS must be taken at the Hammond or Lacombe Campus

\*See Course Catalog for description and course information. Some classes will have prerequisites or score requirements if taken at Northshore\*

#### What campuses offer the RN program?

As of Spring 2024, Lacombe is the only campus that offers the RN program. The Nursing classes are currently being held at a satellite space called the St. Tammany Academic Center in Covington.

**How long is the Nursing program?**

It is a 5-semester program. You must be admitted to the program to attend Semesters 2-5. It will take 2 years once you get admitted to the Nursing program (Semester 2)

**Can I combine Nursing classes on the degree plan to finish sooner?**

No, Nursing classes must be taken as they are designed on the curriculum.

**Can I take the other general education courses on the degree plan before being accepted into the nursing program?**

Yes. You can complete any or all general education course on the curriculum before entering. However, classes from other colleges may not transfer as the correct course.

**Can I test out of any general education courses?**

Contact Student Services for most current recommendations. Advanced Placement, CLEP, Accuplacer/ACT are options available.

Visit <https://www.northshorecollege.edu/testing-services/index> to learn more about CLEP testing.

**Do my general education courses time out?**

All Math and Science courses time out after 10 years. (does not apply to Biology for Science Majors). If you are not sure if this applies to you, set up an advising session.

**What if I have withdrawn from a class on the degree plan?**

All pre-requisite courses (Semester 1) must be complete to progress in the nursing program.

**When do I start clinicals after being accepted into the nursing program and how do they work?**

Clinicals begin the day you enter the nursing program. Clinical sites may include a hospital setting or a classroom setting.

**Is there an LPN-RN bridge program?**

As of Spring 2024, there is not a bridge program.

**How many seats are available for the program?**

Seats range between 24-32 per semester.

**How long does it take to know if I will be accepted?**

Acceptance occurs in 2 steps. Initial acceptance occurs within two weeks of application due dates. The final step requires LSBN approval which may take up to 1 week before courses begin.

**Is there a waiting list?**

No. Students must apply each semester.

**How are applicants ranked?**

Faculty will review each ASN Clinical Nursing Program application packet. Selection to the program will be made based upon the following ranking system:

1. Overall cumulative GPA minimum 2.0
2. GPA minimum 2.8 for all completed ASN Degree Courses
  - Courses completed at Northshore Technical Community College
  - Courses transferred
3. TEAS exam minimum score 65
4. Student holds a degree, certificate, or license in the healthcare field (Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Technician, Medical Assistant, LPN, or EMT)

**I have an Advisor Hold and need to get enrolled in classes, how do I do this?**

If you are a new student to NTCC, you may be asked to schedule with an advisor to lift a hold on your account. You must bring a valid ID to Student Services in order for them to lift your hold. They can also assist you in getting enrolled in your classes.

You enroll in your classes online through your LoLA account. If you have any issues you can do a walk-in appointment with Student Services. First-come-first-served. You may be able to call our main number and selecting the campus of your choice for a quick question at 985-545-1500.

**How do I schedule an Advising meeting and who do I choose?**

Ask your campus Student Services team how to schedule an appointment with your campus's Health Science and Nursing Advisor. Some Advisors you can schedule Advising sessions if you have program-related questions, by going to [northshorecollege.edu](http://northshorecollege.edu) under the "Students" drop down menu, select "Academic Advising." You would choose the Advisor with the words "Nursing" behind their name. However, if your questions pertain to how to enroll in the courses, please see Student Services team.

**Does the program go through the summer?**

Nursing courses do not go through the summer- some general education courses are offered through the summer, though.

**Does NTCC offer online classes for the general education prerequisites?**

Yes. Most classes will be offered online during every semester. The only classes that are not offered online are the laboratory classes.

**Are the Nursing courses offered online or as night classes?**

The Nursing courses are in person and there are no night classes.

**How long will the pre-reqs take to complete?**

The prerequisites to enter the program will take two semesters to complete if taken at NTCC. General biology courses are not required at some schools, but they are required before taking A&P and Medical Microbiology at NTCC. Intro to Psychology is another pre-requisite needed before taking Developmental Psychology.

**Can I take general education courses during the Summer?**

Yes. Most classes will be available but they are limited. Students can only take 9 credit hours during the Summer.

**What does it mean that 20% of my courses have to be taken through Northshore?**

Once you are entered into the ASN-RN program your Nursing classes will account for 20% of the degree. Which means if you are a transfer student, you will achieve this 20% or greater by simply finishing out your Nursing courses.

**What is the TEAS exam?**

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) tests Reading, English usage, Math and Science. It is the timed entrance exam for the Registered Nursing program. It is described as the ACT of Nursing.

**When should I take the TEAS?**

It is recommended to take the TEAS after completion of Human Anatomy I. Human Anatomy and Physiology is a large component of the TEAS test, which could affect your score. However, you can take it when you feel you are ready. The test score will be valid for 3 years. We take your newest score, not the best score.

**How do I know if my classes from other colleges will transfer?**

After admission to NTCC, out of state official transcripts will need to be officially submitted to NTCC and articulated to determine if the courses will transfer. In-state courses can be discussed in an advising appointment prior to admission, but there is a possibility some classes will not transfer as the same course.

**How do I send transcripts?**

Transcripts must be sent from all previous colleges to NTCC at [transcripts@northshorecollege.edu](mailto:transcripts@northshorecollege.edu), or mailed to the address of the campus you plan to attend with attention to the Registered Nursing Department. The transcripts must be unopened, official, and issued to Northshore Technical Community College.

**How is the class schedule set up when you enter the Nursing program if you still have General Education courses to complete? How many days?**

It is set up like a traditional college schedule. Nursing classes will work around the general education classes that are already in the curriculum.