



**Nursing (R.N.)  
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (R.N.)  
Associate in Applied Science**

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## NURSING APPLICATION PROCESS

The Nursing program has special admissions criteria and limited enrollment. Applicants are responsible for meeting all requirements of the program and provide all requested documents to JJC. Only complete files are considered.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

**Nursing (R.N.) Applicants** – All applicants must complete a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course at JJC or elsewhere, be eligible on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry, and have passed the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certification exam.

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (R.N.) Applicants** – All applicants must have a valid LPN license in the state of Illinois and prior learning as evidenced by a valid Illinois LPN license which will allow 13 nursing credits to be awarded after student successfully completes NURS 170 – LPN to RN Transition (6 credits) which is taken prior to the nursing course sequence.

**Vaccines** - All nursing programs strongly recommend that all students be fully vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19 prior to entrance into the program in order to complete the clinical requirements of the program. Proof of other immunities and/or vaccinations, a drug screen and criminal background check are also required and will be communicated to applicants when provisionally accepted into the program. If a student is accepted into the program and fails the criminal background check or drug screen and/or does not have the mandatory vaccinations, the student will be removed from the program.

### APPLICATION PERIODS

#### **Nursing (R.N.) Program**

##### **Begin Nursing in the Fall Semester (August 2025)**

*Apply between May 15 - 31 (transcripts must be submitted by March 1)*

##### **Begin Nursing in the Spring Semester (January 2026)**

*Apply between October 15 - 31 (transcripts must be submitted by August 1)*

*If a student is not admitted into the program, they must reapply.*

#### **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (R.N.) Pathway**

##### **Begin Nursing in the Spring Semester (January 2026)**

*Apply between October 15 - 31 (transcripts must be submitted by August 1)*

**NOTE:** *The LPN to RN NURS 170 course will not run in the FL25 semester.*

### NURSING ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT

Students must:

1. Meet [residency requirements](#). *Students who are considered residents of the JJC district will be awarded a seat per ranking (see below). If there are seats available after in-district students are awarded a seat, then students who are considered out-of-district residents will be awarded a seat based on their ranking.*
2. Complete the [JJC Application](#). Follow all steps outlined on the Admitted Students page.
3. Submit official transcripts from any college attended before the nursing application deadline (if applicable). Complete a transcript evaluation form. Make sure to select "Associate in Arts" and the correct applicant type located under the Transfer Evaluation Request Information section. Then, order official transcripts from your former college to be sent to the JJC Transfer Credit Evaluation Office. Questions? Email [transfercredit@jjc.edu](mailto:transfercredit@jjc.edu).
4. Placement Test/ACT/SAT Scores - Students must meet at least one of following requirements.
  - Complete a JJC placement test or submit valid ACT/SAT scores or
  - Complete the required developmental course sequence based on placement test scores (if applicable).
  - Complete previous college credit in English and/or Math with a grade "C" or better (from another institution)
5. Schedule an appointment with the general advising center - 815.280.2673.
6. Complete all required general education courses with a grade "C" or better.
7. **Complete the Nursing Program Entrance Exam - ATI-TEAS (see below).**
8. Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0 in required general education courses.
9. **Complete the Online Nursing Application during the application periods only.**

## NURSING PROGRAM ENTRANCE EXAM

The ATI-TEAS (Test of the Essential Academic Skills Version 7) exam evaluates math skills, reading comprehension, English, and science proficiency.

### How to Study for the Exam

- TEAS prep study sessions at the JJC Tutoring and Learning Center
- Study guides available for purchase via ATI Testing
- Study guides available in the JJC Library and the Learning Resource Center at the Romeoville Campus

### What You Need to Know About the Exam

- Cost: approximately \$97.00 + tax
- Scores from other schools will not be considered
- Must be taken in the JJC Testing Services Office (Main Campus or Romeoville Campus)
- Must be scheduled in advance and paid online
- Must be completed before the application period; can only be taken once per semester
- Only three attempts allowed in a five-year period. Only the first test score of the semester will be considered. You should only take the TEAS test once per semester (scores do not expire).

### TEAS Scores & Eligibility

Students who score an 82 or above on the TEAS Composite are guaranteed to be admitted into JJC's nursing program depending on:

- your background check and drug screening
- if there are more students than available seats, ranking will be used to determine who is admitted first (see below). Students who score below 82 will also be ranked. The minimum composite score is 60.

## RANKING

Each eligible application is given a number for anonymity and all demographic data is removed. Applications are sent to the Nursing Admissions Committee for final review.

### When will I know I have been accepted into the program?

Within 3-5 weeks of submitting the nursing application, applicants will receive an email from the admissions department sent to their JJC email account informing them if they qualified. Approximately 3-4 weeks following the qualification email, an acceptance/denial email is sent from the nursing education department to applicants JJC email account.

### Applicants will be ranked based on:

- TEAS Composite Score – weighted at 40%.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher required on courses specific to the required general education courses. All courses must have a grade "C" or better. GPA will be weighted at 60%.

*\*If a course was taken more than once, the most recent grade will be used. If a student has "clepped" out of a course (CLEP Test), the grade will count as a "C".*

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

General education requirements must include the following (28 semester hours). All general education courses **MUST** be completed with a grade "C" or better **PRIOR** to submitting a nursing application beginning with the May 2025 application period.

### GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

BIO 250 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)  
BIO 251 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)  
BIO 240 – Microbiology (4 credits)  
COMM 101\* – Principles of Communication (3 credits)  
ENG 101\* – Rhetoric I (3 credits)  
HEAL 109 – Principles of Normal Nutrition (2 credits)  
NURS 100 – Introduction to Nursing (1 credit)  
PSYC 101\* (General Psychology) (3 credits)

### PREREQUISITES

BIO 149 or BIO 151  
BIO 250  
BIO 149 or BIO 151  
Placement in ENG 101  
Placement or ENG 021/ENG 099  
None (BIO 250 recommended)  
None  
None

**Elective Course Requirement** (4 credits) – Students should use BIO 149 or BIO 151 to satisfy this requirement and fulfill the prerequisite for upper level BIO courses.

*\*Dual credit course offered at many high schools.*

NURSING (R.N.) TRADITIONAL PATHWAY COMPLETION GUIDE (FALL COHORT)	NURSING (R.N.) TRADITIONAL PATHWAY COMPLETION GUIDE (SPRING COHORT)
<p><b><u>First Semester (Fall)</u></b>            BIO 149 – Principles of Biology . . . . . (4 credits)            ENG 101 – Rhetoric . . . . .(3 credits)            HEAL 109 – Principles of Normal Nutrition . . . . .(2 credits)            NURS 100 – Introduction to Nursing . . . . .(1 credit)</p>	<p><b><u>First Semester (Spring)</u></b>            BIO 149 – Principles of Biology . . . . . (4 credits)            ENG 101 – Rhetoric . . . . .(3 credits)            HEAL 109 – Principles of Normal Nutrition . . . . .(2 credits)            NURS 100 – Introduction to Nursing . . . . .(1 credit)</p>
<p><b><u>Second Semester (Spring)</u></b>            BIO 250 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I . . . . .(4 credits)            COMM 101 – Principles of Communication . . . . .(3 credits)            PSYC 101 – General Psychology . . . . . (3 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Second Semester (Summer)</u></b>            BIO 240 – Microbiology. . . . . (4 credits)            BIO 250 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I . . . . .(4 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Third Semester (Summer)</u></b>            BIO 251 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II . . . . .(4 credits)            BIO 240 – Microbiology. . . . . (4 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Third Semester (Fall)</u></b>            BIO 251 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II . . . . .(4 credits)            COMM 101 – Principles of Communication . . . . .(3 credits)            PSYC 101 – General Psychology . . . . . (3 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Fourth Semester (Fall)</u></b>            NURS 112 – Concepts of Nursing Fundamentals . . . . . (4 credits)            NURS 122 – Concepts of Nursing I . . . . .(5 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Semester (Spring)</u></b>            NURS 112 – Concepts of Nursing Fundamentals . . . . . (4 credits)            NURS 122 – Concepts of Nursing I . . . . .(5 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Fifth Semester (Spring) *</u></b>            NURS 132 – Concepts of Nursing II . . . . . (5 credits)            NURS 142 – Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing . . . . . (5 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Fifth Semester (Fall) *</u></b>            NURS 132 – Concepts of Nursing II . . . . . (5 credits)            NURS 142 – Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing . . . . . (5 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Sixth Semester (Fall)</u></b>            NURS 212 – Concepts of Nursing III . . . . . (5 credits)            NURS 222 – Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing . . .(3 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Sixth Semester (Spring)</u></b>            NURS 212 – Concepts of Nursing III . . . . . (5 credits)            NURS 222 – Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing . . .(3 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Seventh Semester (Spring)</u></b>            NURS 232 – Concepts of Nursing IV . . . . . (4 credits)            NURS 242 – Concepts of Nursing Leadership . . . . .(4 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Seventh Semester (Fall)</u></b>            NURS 232 – Concepts of Nursing IV . . . . . (4 credits)            NURS 242 – Concepts of Nursing Leadership . . . . .(4 credits)</p>
<p><i>*After one year of Nursing, students receive a Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing making them eligible for NCLEX-PN (licensure exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse - LPN).</i></p>	
LPN TO RN TRANSITION PATHWAY COMPLETION GUIDE (FALL COHORT)	LPN TO RN TRANSITION PATHWAY COMPLETION GUIDE (SPRING COHORT)
<p><b><u>First Semester (Fall)</u></b>            NURS 170 – LPN to ADN Transition . . . . . (6 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>First Semester (Spring)</u></b>            NURS 170 – LPN to ADN Transition . . . . . (6 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Second Semester (Spring)</u></b>            NURS 212 – Concepts of Nursing III . . . . . (5 credits)            NURS 222 – Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing . . .(3 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Second Semester (Fall)</u></b>            NURS 212 – Concepts of Nursing III . . . . . (5 credits)            NURS 222 – Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing . . .(3 credits)</p>
<p><b><u>Third Semester (Fall)</u></b>            NURS 232 – Concepts of Nursing IV . . . . . (4 credits)            NURS 242 – Concepts of Nursing Leadership . . . . .(4 credits)</p>	<p><b><u>Third Semester (Spring)</u></b>            NURS 232 – Concepts of Nursing IV . . . . . (4 credits)            NURS 242 – Concepts of Nursing Leadership . . . . .(4 credits)</p>

**Transfer for your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**

Students who want to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing should complete JJC's Associate of Applied Science degree first and then enroll in an RN to BSN program at a four-year college/university.

Another option for students is complete the Associate in Arts degree and transfer to a college/university with a pre-licensure nursing program or nursing major.

JJC has agreements with several institutions. Meet with a nursing advisor to learn more.

**Thinking of becoming a nurse out of state?**

Before you start at JJC, contact the nursing licensing agency in your chosen state. Ask them if JJC coursework meets requirements for you to take the nursing exam in that state. [Learn more about nursing state requirements.](#)

**IMPORTANT**

*Criteria is subject to change.*

*It is the applicant's responsibility to review the criteria on the JJC website on a regular basis.*