

# Nursing Information Session

Traditional RN and LPN Transition Pathways

\*For New Curriculum



# Admission Process

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1. Meet residency requirements. *Students who are considered to be residents of the JJC district will be awarded a seat per ranking. 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.
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 (See next slide).
5. Schedule an appointment with the general advising center at 815-280-2673.
6. Complete the required general education courses with a grade of "C" or better
7. Schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor at 815-280-2435 after you have completed your first semester of general education coursework at JJC.
8. Complete the Nursing Program Entrance Exam - ATI-TEAS (highly recommend meeting with a nursing advisor PRIOR to taking the TEAS exam, as you can only take this exam three times within five years, once per semester).
9. Complete the Online Nursing Application during the application periods only.



# Admission Process Cont.


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- **ACT & SAT scores- good for 4 years and must be sent to the Office of Admissions.**
    - **ACT English: 19 or greater: ENG 101**
    - **ACT Math: 22 or greater: Math 128**
    - **SAT English: 480 or greater: English 101**
    - **SAT Math: 530 or greater: Math 128**
    - **If no ACT/SAT: Accuplacer (Reading/Writing) & ALEKS (Math) at JJC**
    - **Please review the JJC testing webpage for the most recent placement score information.**
  - Applicants must place into ENG 101 and MATH 090. If you do not place into ENG 101 and MATH 090 you must take the required developmental courses with an earned grade of "C" or better to place into ENG 101 and MATH 090.
  - ENG 101 and MATH 098 are required pre-requisites for science courses, and an earned grade of "C" or better in lower level sequenced ENG and MATH coursework that are pre-requisites to ENG 101 and MATH 098 (if applicable).
  - You can be awarded previous college credit in ENG and/or MATH from another institution, but we will need to do transfer evaluation.

# Admission Requirements

- All **traditional (RN) nursing applicants** must complete a CNA course (NA-101) at JJC or elsewhere, be eligible on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry, and have passed the CNA certification exam.
- All LPN Transition applicants must be a licensed LPN in the state of Illinois.
- 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% for admission.
- ATI TEAS: Applicants must have a minimum score of 60 on the composite section **prior to the start of the application submission period**. Guaranteed admission is a TEAS composite score of 82 or higher, completion of all general education courses with a grade “C” or better and a GPA of 2.0 or higher on courses specific to the required general education courses. TEAS will be weighted at 40% for admission.

# Admission is Contingent...

Guaranteed Admission & Regular Admission is **STILL** contingent on your background check and drug screen!



You must also provide proof of immunity to certain diseases or immunizations.

# Traditional RN Application Periods

**For Fall 2025 Start and Beyond- This is for applicants who are not a licensed LPN in the state of Illinois.**

\* Start Nursing in the Fall Semester (August 2025)

Apply between May 15-31st, 2025

\* Start Nursing in the Spring Semester (January 2026)

Apply between October 15-31st, 2025

- All communication is through your JJC email account. Please note, it will be deleted after one year of non-enrollment.

THERE IS NO WAITING LIST AT JJC FOR NURSING – competitive entry based on GPA and TEAS score!

\*Must be a CNA, eligible on the Illinois Health care registry, and passed the CNA state exam.

# LPN to RN Pathway Application Period

**This is for applicants who are a licensed LPN in the state of Illinois.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE: The LPN to RN Transition Course will not run in Fall 2025. (No application is available for Fall 2025)**

\* For Applicants wanting to start Nursing in the Spring Semester (January 2026)

Apply between October 15-31st, 2025

- All communication is through your JJC email account. Please note, it will be deleted after one year of non-enrollment.

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# General Education Courses (Traditional RN and LPN Transition)

Must have a “C” or better in all gen ed courses

**Beginning with Fall 2025 Cohort (application May 15-31, 2025)**

**CNA requirement for Traditional RN applicants ONLY.**

- ENG 101
- PSYC 101
- HEAL 109
- BIO 250
- BIO 251
- BIO 240
- COMM 101
- NURS 100
- A 4-credit elective course completed with a grade "C" or better will be required prior to completion of the nursing program. This may be taken prior to or concurrently with the nursing program and can be any course the student selects. \*BIO 149 continues to be a pre-requisite to BIO 250 and BIO 240 and can be used as the elective.



# Nursing Pathways

## Traditional RN Pathway (4 semesters)

### PN Portion

- First Semester:
  - NURS 112
  - NURS 122
- Second Semester
  - NURS 132
  - NURS 142
- Students are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN after they complete the second semester.

### RN Portion

- Third Semester
  - NURS 212
  - NURS 222
- Fourth Semester
  - NURS 232
  - NURS 242

## LPN Transition Pathway (3 semesters)

### LPN Pathway

- First Semester:
  - NURS 170
- Second Semester
  - NURS 212
  - NURS 222
- Third Semester
  - NURS 232
  - NURS 242

# Competitive Admission Traditional RN Pathway

Class beginning Fall 2024

- 200 applicants
- 157 qualified applicants
- Average TEAS: 75.46
- 27 had guaranteed admission (>82 on TEAS)
- Average GPA: 3.17

Class beginning Spring 2025

- 193 applicants
- 139 qualified applicants
- Average TEAS: 71.95
- 13 had guaranteed admission (>82 on TEAS)
- Average GPA: 3.21

# NCLEX and PN Pass Rates

- **NCLEX-RN First-time Pass Rates (state & national averages)**

- 2023: 97% (85%, 89%)
- 2022: 87% (80%; 77%)
- 2021: 95% (82%; 82%)
- 2020: 96% (88%; 87%)
- 2019: 99% (88%; 88%)
- 2018: 93% (88%; 88%)
- 2017: 95% (86%; 87%)
- 2016: 92% (85%; 85%)

- **NCLEX-PN First-time Pass Rates (state and national averages)**

- 2023: 96% (88%, 87%)
- 2022: 100% (80%; 77%)
- 2021: 88% (83%; 80%)
- 2020: 100% (87%; 83%)
- 2019: 99% (89%; 86%)
- 2018: 100% (89%; 86%)
- 2017: 98% (86%; 84%)
- 2016: 100% (91%; 84%)

# Accreditation

Joliet Junior College is accredited by the  
**Higher Learning Commission**

The JJC Nursing Program has full  
accreditation through the Accreditation  
Commission for Education in Nursing (**ACEN**)  
through 2025



# Final Recommendations

- Class or clinical: 3-4 days a week plus **A LOT** of homework
- Difficult to work full-time and be successful in nursing program
- Schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor after you meet with a general advisor, taken your placement testing, had your transcripts evaluated (if applicable) and have your general education courses planned.



# Questions?

For general information or to schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor, please contact 815-280-2435.

Thank you!

