

# ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN) PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Welcome! We are glad of your interest in our Practical Nursing program. There are several requirements that students must complete prior to acceptance into the Practical Nursing (LPN) program.

The Ellsworth Community College program is designed to be completed in two academic semesters and one five-week summer session. The program consists of courses in nursing care with supervised clinical experience, as well as courses in behavioral, biological, and physical sciences. Below is a checklist of items to be completed prior to acceptance.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### ECC APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

- Complete an online ECC application and select "Nursing, Practical (LPN) 1yr Dipl" as your program of study. ECC Application.
- For international students use this application: International Student Application.

#### OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT OR GED EQUIVALENCY REQUIRED.

#### OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

- Send official transcripts from other colleges you have attended, if applicable. An official transcript must be sent directly from the previous college to the ECC Admissions Office either electronically at [ECCinfo@iavalley.edu](mailto:ECCinfo@iavalley.edu) or by mail to: Admissions Office Ellsworth Community College, 1100 College Avenue Iowa Falls, IA 50126

#### CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE (CNA) REQUIREMENT

- Submit proof of completion of the Nurse Aide written and skills tests for placement on the Direct Care Worker registry. A transcript showing you passed both tests or a registry card will serve as verification. You must also provide your registry ID number. Submit this documentation to [Jan Sauerbrei](#).

### PRE- REQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C- and maintain a GPA of 2.70 or higher.

#### ALL SCIENCE (BIO) COURSES MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS.

- BIO151: Nutrition (3 credits)
- BIO168: Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
- BIO173: Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
- BIO186: Microbiology (4 credits)
- EDU160: Human Growth & Development (3 credits) or PSY121: Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

### TEST REQUIREMENTS

#### YOU MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

ACT composite score of 18, or

#### ATI TEAS EXAM (MUST BE PASSED BEFORE ACCEPTANCE).

Minimum TEAS Scores:

- Reading: 47.6%
- Math: 46.7%
- Science: 33%
- English & Language Usage: 40%

**Important: You must pass BIO 168 with a C- or higher prior to taking the TEAS exam.**

**If you have a Bachelor's Degree, TEAS will be waved.**

## TO REGISTER FOR THE TEAS EXAM

EMAIL JAN SAUERBREI AT [JAN.SAUERBREI@IAVALLEY.EDU](mailto:JAN.SAUERBREI@IAVALLEY.EDU)

TOEFL REQUIREMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

If you graduated from a high school outside the U.S., you may need to take the TOEFL exam unless your country is on the Exempt countries for TOEFL scores.



## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is your responsibility to ensure all required documents are submitted and received by the application deadline. Incomplete or inaccurate documentation may result in an invalid application.

Applications for the program are accepted throughout the year with a new class beginning each fall. Your nursing admissions folder must be completed by March 15 for full consideration. Applications completed after the deadline will be considered accordingly.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

NOTE: Upon acceptance into the PN program, students will be required to pass a criminal background check plus completing all clinical requirements by the program deadline. Requirements include a health physical, immunizations, CPR certification, dependent adult/child abuse mandatory reporter training, etc.

## OPTIONS TO WORK TOWARD THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

- ENG105 Composition I (3 credits)
- PSY111 Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
- SOC110 Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

The Practical Nursing program is a full-time, on-campus program.  
The length of the program is two full semesters (fall and spring) plus a five-week summer session.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

**Jan Sauerbrei, Nursing Program Office Associate**

641-648-8647

ECC Nursing Department

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