

Practical Nursing Program Application Checklist

UPDATE: Please note that beginning Fall 2010, the NET will no longer be required for acceptance into the Practical Nursing program. Beginning Fall 2011, the speech requirement will change: Public Speaking will be required and Interpersonal Communication will no longer be accepted. Please read the explanation below for more detail, or contact the Admissions Office at 712.325.3277.

Fall Term (August) – Priority deadline is January 31st
Spring Term (January) – Priority deadline is September 1st

Eligibility Requirements	
1. Meet with an Admissions Advisor in Enrollment Services in Clark Hall	
2. Complete an Application to Iowa Western Community College	
3. Submit all official transcripts (high school and college)	
4. Successfully complete the 75 hour Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) course and submit either a course transcript or course completion certificate. <i>Students must take the 75 hour CNA course; testing out is not accepted. Only 75 hour CNA courses completed after 1996 will be accepted, due to new OSHA guidelines. If the CNA course was completed prior to 1996, students must show proof of completion of continuing education relating to the new OSHA guidelines.</i>	
5. * Take a Placement test <u>and</u> meet minimum Reading, Writing, and Math score requirements:	
COMPASS Writing score of 70 or higher	ACT English score of 20 or higher
COMPASS Reading score of 71 or higher	ACT Reading score of 16 or higher
COMPASS Pre-Algebra score of 51 or higher	ACT Math score of 15 or higher
ASSET Writing score of 41 or higher	
ASSET Reading score of 38 or higher	
ASSET Numerical Skills score of 42 or higher	
<i>*Scores expire after two years. In order to be valid, scores cannot be more than two years old at the start of the term for which you have applied. If you do not have valid test scores, you may schedule a time to take the COMPASS test by calling Enrollment Services at 800.432.5852 extension 3277 or 712.325.3277, select option 5.</i>	
6. Attend a Nursing Information Night: Please call 800.432.5852 ext. 3392 or 712.325.3392 to register. Information is available at http://www.iwcc.edu/programs/departments/Nursing-Practical.asp .	
7. Spring 2010: Take the Nursing Entrance Test (NET) <u>and</u> meet the minimum composite score of 60. Fall 2010 and after: Applicants are not required to complete the NET.	
Requirements 1-6 must be completed before scheduling the NET.	
8. Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or better:	
Spring 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011: Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking; Public Speaking is strongly recommended, and may be required for the Associate Degree Nursing program	
Fall 2011: Public Speaking is required; Interpersonal Communication will not be accepted	
English Composition I	
Developmental Psychology	
Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Labs	
Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Labs	

Admission to the Practical Nursing program will be granted to students who complete the requirements for their intended start term, with priority given to those students who complete all requirements by the priority deadline; however, if space allows we will continue to accept students after the priority deadline until the program is full. For Spring 2010, if there are more eligible students than seats available at the priority deadline, we will admit applicants with the highest NET composite scores. Beginning Fall 2010, if there are more eligible students than seats available at the priority deadline, preference will be given to students with the highest number of prerequisite courses completed at Iowa Western, with GPA in Anatomy and Physiology I and II used as a tie breaker. **It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that all items are documented in the Admissions Office.**

64 students will be accepted to the fall program and 32 into the spring program.

Updated 8/11/2009: Admissions requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date version of this checklist, visit www.iwcc.edu

Please contact the Office of Admissions with any questions:
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