

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE-**  
**Nursing Program (RN)**  
870 Bergen Avenue- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)**

**1. What type of program do you offer?**

The Nursing Program is an Associate Degree Program at Hudson County Community College (AS- Nursing).

**2. How long is the program?**

The program is designed to be completed in 2 years after the start of the first nursing course (NSG 110) in the fall semester. The program is 1 and 1.5 years for LPN's based on the LPN Articulation with entrance into the 2<sup>nd</sup> nursing course (NSG 120) in the spring semester.

**3. What are the Nursing Program hours?**

- **Day Division:** A student enrolled in the day division attend lecture classes 2:00pm/3:00pm – 5:00pm/6:00pm Average clinical day can be 8:00am-3:00pm.
- **Evening Division:** Evening division classes attend lecture classes 2:00pm/3:00pm – 5:00pm/6:00pm. Average evening clinical can be 5:30pm – 11:30pm/12:30am.
- **Weekend Division:** Weekend division lecture classes are offered during the evening hours after 5:30pm (Friday) and clinical experiences are offered during the day on Saturday and/or Sunday. There may also be one additional evening required.

**4. Is financial aid or student loans available?**

Yes! Financial aid and student loan information is available at the Hudson County Community College Financial Aid Department, if you qualify.

*NJ Pay It Forward* aims to help low-income NJ career seekers complete training programs that would be otherwise inaccessible due to limited resources. This program will provide students with no-interest, no-fee loans.

**5. How often are classes admitted and is there a deadline?**

**-Seats are limited.** Nursing Applicants are accepted each fall semester (Spring semester for current LPN's) Applicants are admitted on a "rolling admission" basis. The Nursing Program has a certain number of seats available for applicants. Once students submit all required items, the application will then be reviewed. If all the nursing admission requirements are met and there are still seats available, you may be accepted. If there are no seats available, students may be placed on a wait-list or accepted for the next following academic year.

As more and more applicants apply and get accepted, the available seats in the program start to fill up. HCCC Nursing Program receives far more applications than there are available seats. *The College does not guarantee entry into the Nursing Program.* Students who are not admitted may re-apply again in the future.

General education courses are offered at HCCC every semester (fall, winter, spring, summer).

#### 6. How can I begin the process of acceptance?

You must complete a Hudson County Community College application <https://www.hccc.edu/admissions/applyinghccc/index.html> and a Nursing Program application <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/academic-pathways/nursing-health/nursing-as/nursing-form.html>

#### 7. What are the requirements for admission?

- Submit a Nursing Program Application and Hudson County Community College application with appropriate fee.
- High School diploma or GED
- Complete a high school or college level chemistry course or CHP 100 at HCCC. (Course *must be completed within the last 5 years and grade of C or above*)
- Overall GPA of at least 2.5 (if less than 12 college credits, High School GPA of at least 2.5)
- Acceptable score on the ATI TEAS Exam.  
Score of at least 60% is required in all areas of the exam (reading, math, science, English). *ATI Teas Exam must be in-person/at a testing site-location (Remote testing is NOT ACCEPTED) and exam must be within the last 3 years.*
- Availability of space in each Nursing Program division (day, evening, weekend)

#### 8. Is an entrance exam required?

Yes. You will receive information regarding the required ATI TEAS EXAM after the Nursing Program Application has been received.

**NURSING PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM- The ATI TEAS EXAM (Test of Essential Academic Skills).** The TEAS Exam assesses knowledge and skills in reading math, science and English Language. The Nursing Program uses this test for admission to determine the readiness of the student for the rigor of the program.

**At least a minimum of 60% SCORE IS REQUIRED IN ALL AREAS (Reading, Math, Science and English) of the exam.** Acceptable scores must be achieved in a single testing date.

**ATI Teas Exam must be in-person/at a testing site-location (Remote testing is NOT ACCEPTED) and exam must be within the last 3 years.**

Applicants may test at HCCC Testing Center or any other ATI TEAS Testing Center location (*in person*). Please request scores to be sent directly to the HCCC Nursing Program using code: **HCCC-ADN**.

**9. Is there any preparation for the Pre-Entrance Exam?**

*All entrance exams are timed test. Students should prepare themselves and practice taking these tests*

Yes! There are suggested books/study guides to review material for these types of exams. These suggested materials will be provided to you once you have submitted your Nursing Program Application and are available on the ATI TEAS Exam website.

**10. May I re-take the exam if score is not acceptable?**

Yes! Students may re-test. Students are recommended to re-test **no fewer than 2 weeks to 30 days** to provide time for remediation and exam preparation. Students will need to re-test the entire exam (all sections of Exam).

**11. What happens after I take and submit the required entrance exam?**

Once you have taken and submitted scores from the required exams the Nursing Program Admissions Committee will review the submitted Nursing Program Application, exam scores and current overall GPA.

Students will also be informed of any necessary information required to complete the file. The Admissions Committee of the Nursing Program will then review each Nursing Program file.

**12. Can I transfer college credits from another college/university?**

To have your college credits evaluated you must send an official transcript to Hudson County Community College. Applicants who wish to transfer credits from an accredited US college or University to HCCC may be granted up to 30 credits for courses completed with a grade of "C" or better that are applicable to the program. All sciences course must be less than 5 years old.

**13. What is the passing grade for Nursing courses?**

The passing grade for all nursing courses is 80.

**14. Do I need to complete all my required college courses before I can apply to the Nursing Program?**

No, students may apply directly to the Nursing Program as soon as possible.

However, there are REQUIRED pre-requisite courses before students may begin the first nursing course (NSG 110). These include CSS 100, PSY 101, MAT 100 or MAT 114 and CHP 100 or a chemistry course (*completed within the last 5 years with grade of C or above*).

**15. What Programs are offered at the HCCC Nursing Program?**

The HCCC Nursing Program offers Day, Evening and weekend Division RN programs.

**16. How long is my Nursing program Application good for?**

The Nursing Program will keep all Nursing applications on file for a period of 1 year.

**17. Are there any fees required in addition to HCCC nursing tuition and Nursing lab fees?**

Yes, after acceptance to the Nursing Program the following requirement fees are required before beginning nursing clinical courses and are in addition to tuition fees:

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| Student Nursing Uniforms:   | \$75.00- \$100.00   |
| Criminal Background Check:  | \$ 48.00 - \$85.00 ( <i>Additional fees may apply</i> )                 |
| Drug Screening:             | \$ 62.00- \$65.00   |
| Malpractice Insurance:      | \$ 43.00 - \$45.00 (Per Year)   |
| Viewpoint Screening Portal: | \$ 45.00 (For 2-year tracking)  |
| CPR Certification:          | \$ 65.00- \$125.00- (2- year Certification)<br>Price varies by location |
| Health/Medical Insurance:   | Personal Health Insurance- (Price varies)                               |

*This specific information and guidelines for submission of above listed items will be sent to accepted students closer to the start of the Nursing clinical courses.*

**18. Where should I direct specific questions about this program?**

You may contact the Nursing Program directly at (201) 360-4754 or the Nursing Program Admissions Department:

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[jrosal@hccc.edu](mailto:jrosal@hccc.edu) 201-360-4798

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You may also view the HCCC Nursing Program (RN) web site at:

<https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/academic-pathways/nursing-health/nursing-as/index.html>

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