

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE-  
REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM (RN)**

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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.

**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). 1 1.5 years for LPN's based on the LPN Articulation with entrance into 2<sup>nd</sup> nursing course (NSG 120).

**3. What are the program hours?**

The day division hours are approximately 8:00am- 3:00pm, the evening division hours are approximately 5:30pm - 11:30pm/12:30am, and the weekend division hours are evening lectures Friday beginning at 5:30pm, Saturday and/or Sunday and maybe 1 additional evening per week.

**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.

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

Applicants are admitted on a "rolling admission" basis. Applicants are accepted until the program reaches the maximum capacity. Nursing admissions are **fall semester** only. Spring semester for current LPN's. 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 Information Sheet <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/academic-pathways/nursing-health/nursing-as/nursing-form.html>

**7. What are the requirements before I may be accepted?**

- Submit a Nursing Program Information Sheet 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*)
- 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 NLN Pre-entrance Exam-RN (RN percentile rank) acceptable SAT scores, or acceptable scores on the ATI TEAS Exam.

**As of MAY 1, 2023- Exam required- only ATI TES Exam. Exam must be in-person/at a testing site-location (Remote testing is NOT ACCEPTED) and exam must be within the last 3 years.**

### 8. Is an entrance exam required?

Yes. You will receive information regarding the options for the required entrance exams after your Nursing Program Information Sheet has been received.

**\*The three options for Pre- entrances exams for the Nursing Program are:**

**NLN PAX Exam-** RN Percentile rank of at least 50% in each section on the RN percentile rank (verbal, math, and science) is required.

**SAT Exam-** minimum score of at least 500 verbal (reading) and 500 math. Scores must be sent directly to the Nursing Program.

**ATI TEAS EXAM-** minimum of 60% score is required in all areas (reading, math, science and English). Scores must be sent directly to the Nursing Program.

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

Yes! There are recommended 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 Information sheet.

### 10. What happens after I take the required entrance exam?

Once you have taken one of the exams the Nursing Program Admissions e will review the scores. If you have achieved an acceptable score you may receive a letter for a personal interview. You will also be informed of the necessary information required to complete your file. Once all items are received and your file is complete, the Admissions Committee of the Nursing Program will review your file.

**11. 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. Sciences course must be less than 5 years old.

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

The passing grade for all nursing courses is 80.

**13. 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.

**14. Are there any fees required in addition to nursing tuition/lab fees?**

Yes, after acceptance the following fees are required before beginning nursing clinical courses:

Assessment & Testing Package Fee: \$250.00-\$275.00 (Per semester)

Student Nursing Uniforms: \$80.00- \$90.00

Criminal Background Check: \$ 48.00 - \$85.00 (*Additional fees may apply*)

Drug Screening: \$ 62.00- \$65.00

Malpractice Insurance: \$ 42.00 - \$45.00 (Per Year)

Viewpoint Screening \$ 45.00 (For 2-year tracking)

CPR Certification: \$ 60.00- \$100.00 (Price varies by location)

Health Insurance: Personal Health Insurance-(Price varies)

**15. 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 at (201) 360- 4767/ 4765 [lcieckiewicz@hccc.edu](mailto:lcieckiewicz@hccc.edu) or 201-360 4767 [ssamson@hccc.edu](mailto:ssamson@hccc.edu) .

Or view the web site at:

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

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