

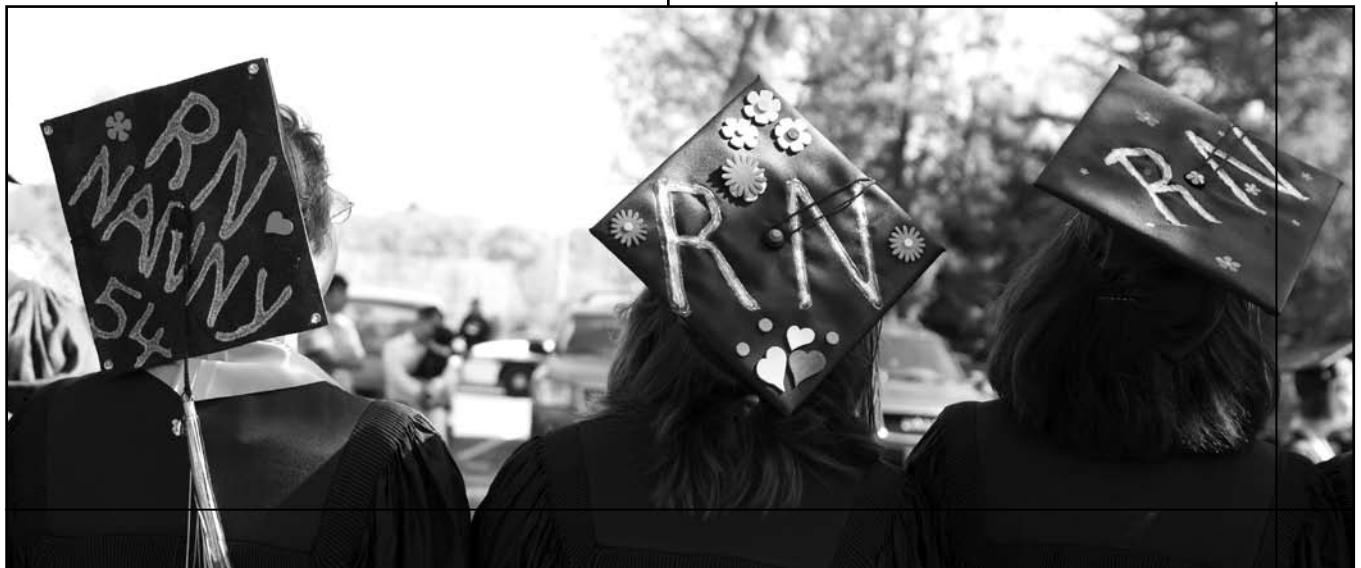


NURSING PROGRAMS

PN to ADN Option

Graduates of Highland's PN program may transfer their first two semesters of nursing core courses of the PN program into Highland's ADN program. However, there are limitations.

1. The LPN must submit a new Request for Admittance into the Nursing Program .
3. All ADN admission criteria must be met.
4. Current LPN license must be on file in the Nursing office.
5. A GPA of 2.5 overall.
6. All LPN applicants are required to complete the ATI PN Comp Exit Exam. The exam is taken in the nursing department and the cost is \$35.00 (cost is subject to change). Contact the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator to schedule testing. ATI PN Exit Exam is the test administered to all HCC PN students in the weeks prior to their graduation from the program and is highly predictive of NCLEX-PN success. Applicants may be required to repeat nursing courses depending on results of the ATI exam.
7. Three acceptable references from those who are familiar with the applicant's nursing practice. This includes letters from a Director of Nursing or Unit Supervisor, RN, and service-to-others supervisor.
8. Admission into ADN program is not guaranteed and is based on a number of factors, including grades on the above named pre-requisite courses, space availability, ATI score, and residency.





PRACTICAL NURSING (419)

Certificate Program

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This program prepares students to take the NCLEX-PN exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the student is eligible to become licensed as a Practical Nurse (LPN).

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for LPNs in both acute and long-term care facilities, home health, hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics. Employment is available nationwide. A critical shortage of all nurses is expected to continue through the year 2020. **All but six credits from the PN program transfer into Highland's ADN program.**

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The ability to care, to be flexible, to have positive interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and ability to work hard and be a team player will increase the student's chances of being successful in this program.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland for the following program contacts:

Dr. Shannon Lizer, Director of Nursing, 815-599-3434
Ms. Cecilia Gloden, Student Advisor, 815-599-3512
Ms. Cassie Mekeel, B.S., Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator & Learning Specialist, 815-599-3679
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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

1. A completed high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) on file with the Admission's Department.
2. Submission of transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Admissions Department and Nursing Department.
3. Completion of MATH 065 or equivalent as determined by the College Placement Test.
4. The first level student's score on the TEAS must be and 85%* or higher in reading and 75%* or higher total score.
5. Completion of all prerequisite courses and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
6. Current CNA certificate or equivalent on file with Cassie Mekeel, Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator & Learning Specialist. <http://www.idph.state.il.us/nav/home.htm>
7. Submission of three satisfactory references. This includes letters from a Director of Nursing or Unit Supervisor, RN, and service to others supervisor for all working LPNs and CNAs. For all others, 1 Service to Others Supervisor, and any two of the following: Instructors or teachers, immediate supervisors, and community leaders.
8. Submission of a personal statement responding to the following questions:
 - a. What are ideal attributes of a nurse? And
 - b. What would be your contribution to nursing?
9. Proof of service to others which may include, but not be limited to volunteer work, community activities, leadership experience with projects that affect others, and other similar activities.

* Score values are tentative and may change.



PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES **11/12 Credit Hours**

* BIOL	117	Basic Nutrition	3
* BIOL	120	Foundations of Anatomy & Physiology	5
* CHEM	120	General, Organic, and Bio Chemistry	3/4

NOTE: CHEM 101, high school chemistry, or permission of instructor and one year of high school algebra or MATH 065 or placement into MATH 162 are the prerequisites to CHEM 120.

SUPPORT COURSES **7 Credit Hours**

**ENGL	121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
**MATH	065	Basic Algebra	4

CORE CURRICULUM Fall Semester **14 Credit Hours**

BIOL	103	Principles of Pharmacology	1
NURS	191	Clinical Development I	6
NURS	194	Gerontology	3
NURS	188	Pathophysiology	3
NURS	185	Intro to Mental Health Nurs. Concepts	1

Spring - First Year **15 Credit Hours**

NURS	192	Clinical Development II	9
BIOL	104	Pharmacology	3
NURS	296	Physical Assessment for Nurses	3

Summer Session **7 Credit Hours**

NURS	099	Practical Nursing and the Family	6
NURS	193	Nursing Perspectives	1

Total Hours = 54/55

- * Course MUST be taken prior to program entry
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