Nursing Program Application Information 2016

Selection Criteria

A point system is utilized to select applicants into the Western Nevada College (WNC) nursing program. Applicants must successfully complete all nursing program prerequisites and submit TEAS test scores as instructed to be considered for application to the WNC nursing program. The following selection criteria are applicable for entrance for the fall 2016 nursing program:

1. **Science GPA.** Grades for prerequisite and corequisite Biology and Chemistry courses (see section on prerequisite and corequisite requirements) If a course has been repeated, only the highest applicable grade will be considered.

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2. **GPA – Grades for all prerequisite and corequisite courses completed by spring 2016.** If a course has been repeated, only the highest applicable grade will be considered. Grades from NURS 129 or 130 are not calculated into this GPA.

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3. **TEAS Test - Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version V**

A minimum cut-off score of 60 percent is required for the subscales of English, math and reading; a minimum cut-off score of 41.3 percent is required for the sub-scale of science

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4. **Nevada Resident**

An applicant who is classified as a Nevada resident for tuition purposes at Western Nevada College at the time of nursing program application (spring 2016) will be awarded one (1) point in the nursing admission selection criteria. The deadline to submit residency applications with all required documents to Admissions and Records for the spring 2016 semester is February 5, 2016. Only applicants classified as in state Nevada residents for fee/tuition at WNC for the spring 2016 semester will be granted this selection point; there will be no exceptions.

**Maximum possible points: 17**

Eligible applicants will be numerically ranked according to total points. Admission will be offered to the applicants with the highest points. In the event of applicants having an equal number of points, lots will be drawn to decide eligibility.
Notification of Acceptance

It is anticipated that applicants will be notified by email regarding their admission status on approximately June 17, 2016. **It is the applicant’s responsibility to keep his/her email information current through myWNC.** Information on admission status will not be provided until notification has been sent to all applicants. Applicants who are offered a position in the nursing program will have a limited time to accept the position. Therefore, applicants who have travel plans in June and who will not have access to email are highly encouraged to contact Admissions and Records to discuss where and how they can be reached.

Prerequisite and Corequisite Requirements

All nursing program required courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher to be considered successfully completed; a grade of C- does not apply.

Science and Nursing Assistant courses, including Biology 190, 190L, 223, 224, 251, Chemistry 121, Nursing 129 and 130, must be completed within 5 years of application; classes completed from spring 2011 through spring 2016 will be accepted. Classes in these areas completed prior to spring 2011 will not be accepted. Biology 223 and 224 taken outside of an NSHE institution must be completed at the same college or university.

Applicants must successfully complete all the following prerequisites by the end of the spring 2016 semester (May 21, 2016) or equivalent at other institutions to be considered for admission into the fall 2016 nursing program:

**Prerequisite Courses**

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<td>Biology 223 and 224 (4 units each)</td>
<td>Math 120, 126 or higher level (3 units)</td>
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<td>Chemistry 121 or Biology 190 and 190L (4 units)</td>
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<td>(CHEM 110 is also acceptable in lieu of CHEM 121)</td>
<td>English 101 (3 units)</td>
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<td>Current CNA Certification or completion of NURS 129 or NURS 130 within the past 5 years</td>
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**Corequisite Courses**

Completion of the following corequisite courses is not required for admission into the fall 2016 program; courses that are successfully completed by the end of the spring 2016 semester will be calculated into the selection criteria GPA. For the US/Nevada constitution requirement, courses must be completed in both US and Nevada constitutions to be entered in the selection criteria GPA.

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<td>English 102 (3 units)</td>
<td>Biology 251(4 units)</td>
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<td>US/NV Constitutions (3-6 units) (PSC 103, HIST 111, CH 203, or HIST 101 and one of the following: HIST 102, 217 or PSC 208)</td>
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Nursing Assistant Certification

Applicants must provide a copy of current state certification for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or complete NURS 130 or 129 with a grade of C or better within the last five years (from spring 2011 to spring 2016).

Transfer Courses and Transcripts

Applicants who will transfer courses and/or applicable test scores to fulfill nursing program prerequisite and/or corequisite requirements must submit official transcripts. Official transcripts (defined below) from any other institution, testing source, etc. showing completed program prerequisite or corequisite course(s) must be received by WNC Admissions & Records by April 1, 2016. **If WNC Admissions and Records does not have evidence of satisfactory completion or current enrollment in all required prerequisites from an applicant by April 1, the application will not be considered. Faxed or other unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.**

If an applicant is enrolled in courses at other colleges during the spring 2016 semester that are to be used to fulfill program prerequisite and/or corequisite requirements, the applicant must submit an official transcript showing the in progress course(s) that must be received by April 1, 2016, and then must submit a second official transcript showing completion of the course(s) that must be received by June 6, 2015.

Note for students attending Lake Tahoe Community College: LTCC does not list in progress classes on transcripts. Students enrolled in nursing program prerequisite or corequisite classes at LTCC during LTCC’s 2016 winter quarter should request a letter listing in progress classes from the LTCC Director of Enrollment Services. The letter must be received by April 1, 2016, followed by an official transcript showing completion of winter quarter classes that must be received by June 6, 2015. The letter may be used for winter 2016 classes only – for any LTCC courses completed prior, an official transcript must be received by the April 1, 2016 deadline.

Applicants enrolled in prerequisite or corequisite classes at any other college that does not list in progress classes may submit a letter from the college’s records office listing specific classes for current enrollment only; official transcripts must be received for any applicable class completed prior to the spring 2016 semester.
Official Transcripts (defined)
A transcript from another college, university, high school, the College Board or other educational testing source, is considered official only if it is sent directly to Admissions and Records by mail (or electronically from a NSHE school or approved transcript company) from the applicable institution; faxed copies will not be accepted. A transcript that is hand carried in a sealed envelope to Admissions and Records that was mailed to the student directly from the applicable institution may be accepted as official provided the envelope has not been opened.
A transcript delivered in any other manner is considered unofficial and will not be used for nursing program requirements.

Grade Changes
Applicants who have consulted with an instructor and anticipate a grade change for a course to fulfill a nursing program requirement at any time during the spring 2016 should notify Admissions and Records. Without notification, the new grade may not be factored into the selection GPA, regardless of the date of the change.

TEAS Entrance Test
The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) measures skills in English, math, reading, and science and is required for nursing program admission. A minimum cut-off score of 60 percent is required for the subscales of English, math and reading; a minimum cut-off score of 41.3 percent is required for the sub-scale of science. Applicants must achieve minimum scores on each sub-scale of the TEAS during one test administration; sub-scale scores will not be combined from multiple tests. All applicants are required to take the TEAS test at WNC within 2 years of application. Only tests taken at WNC in 2014 or later with acceptable scores will be accepted for this 2016 nursing program application.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit (or resubmit for prior nursing program applicants) the TEAS test scores via the TEAS Individual Performance Profile they wish to use for 2016 program admission; the TEAS test scores must be received by Admissions and Records by April 1, 2016. (Test scores submitted to Admissions and Records in prior years by previous applicants will not be accepted.) Taking the test at WNC without submitting scores to Admissions and Records does not satisfy the TEAS requirement.

Further information, including dates the TEAS test is given, may be found on the WNC Nursing Program/Degree website. Students may take the test once each semester; repeats are not allowed within the same semester Please be advised that sign-ups are taken on a first come first serve basis and only continue through mid-March.

Students Readmits
A student who matriculated into the WNC nursing program may be readmitted one time following a withdrawal/failure. The nursing program faculty reserves the right to deny readmission based on a history of unprofessional conduct which violates the ANA Code of Ethics.

Health and Immunization Requirements
Health and immunization requirements will be explained at the first nursing program orientation on June 23, 2016; students must fulfill all requirements by the deadline specified at the orientation to start or continue in the nursing program.

Background Check
Students who are admitted into the nursing program will be required to submit evidence of an acceptable background check in order to start or continue in the program. Any student receiving an adverse finding will not be considered for admission.

Mandatory Nursing Program Orientations
Students offered admission and those who are alternates for admission into the nursing program are required to attend a mandatory orientation session scheduled from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Accepted students must attend a second mandatory orientation on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 8 am to 4 pm. The offer for admission or alternate status to the nursing program will be withdrawn if a student is not present for the entire orientation sessions.
Nursing Program Application Fall 2016
Western Nevada College, Admissions and Records
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
775-445-3277, fax 775-445-3147
APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2016

Name:_________________________________________  (Last)  ________________  (First)  ________________  (MI)  ________________  (Maiden or other name used)

Student ID Number: ________________________________  E-mail: ____________________________________________________________

Telephones: (Day) ____________________  (Evening) ____________________  (Cell) ____________________

If courses completed from another college, university, or test scores (CLEP or AP) are to be evaluated for the nursing program, list each source below. If a college and/or educational source is not listed, it may not be evaluated for nursing program admission. If an official transcript is not received by the deadline(s), courses or test credit from the transfer source will not be evaluated for the nursing program. See section on transfer courses and transcripts for important information.

List ALL official transcripts from OTHER COLLEGES (not WNC), Certificates, CLEP, College Board scores, etc. to be evaluated on the lines below:

1. ____________________________________________________________  2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________  4. ____________________________________________________________

If currently enrolled in any prerequisites and/or corequisites for the spring 2016 semester in any college other than WNC, list below. Note:spring 2016 courses not listed may not be evaluated for the fall 2016 nursing program.

1. Course (i.e. ENG 102) ____________________________  College/institution: ____________________________
2. Course (i.e. ENG 102) ____________________________  College/institution: ____________________________
3. Course (i.e. ENG 102) ____________________________  College/institution: ____________________________
4. Course (i.e. ENG 102) ____________________________  College/institution: ____________________________

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION
I accept complete responsibility for submitting all required documents to WNC Admissions and Records by the April 1, 2016 deadline:
1) A WNC application for admission (for students who have not taken a credit class at WNC within the last 2 years)
2) An application to the nursing program
3) Copy of TEAS test scores
4) If applicable, official transcripts from other colleges or other acceptable credit sources showing completion of prerequisite and/or corequisite courses. Current CNA certification (if applicable).
5) If currently enrolled in a prerequisite course at another college, an official transcript or letter showing in progress courses by April 1, followed by an official transcript no later than June 6, 2016. The same deadlines apply if currently enrolled in a corequisite course at another college and wish the course to be used in the GPA selection criteria.

I have read and acknowledged the “Nursing Program Application Information 2016” provided in the information section of this application and understand that I am responsible to know all information provided. I understand that I will not be considered for admission into the WNC Nursing program if WNC Admissions and Records has not received the required documents by the deadlines, and that there are no exceptions. I understand that submission of documents to another WNC office or proof of ordering a transcript from another school does not satisfy the requirements. I authorize the evaluation of my transcripts from other institutions (if applicable). I understand that it is my responsibility to keep my name, email address, address and phone number current through myWNC. I understand that if I am accepted into the nursing program I will be required to attend mandatory orientations on June 23 and August 19 and must submit health and immunization records and evidence of an acceptable background check by required deadlines in order to start or continue in the program. I authorize the WNC Office of Nursing and Allied Health to submit my name to health clinical sites as a potential nursing applicant for the purpose of review of my background check.

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature  Date
The following list is provided to applicants applying to the nursing program as a reminder of what must be received by WNC Admissions and Records to be considered for admission into the fall 2016 nursing program at WNC:

_____1) If you have never taken a WNC course or applied for admission, a WNC application for admission.
   Deadline: April 1, 2016

_____2) If any prerequisite or corequisite course has been completed at another college or university, or through another source (AP tests, etc), an official copy of each transcript.
   Deadline: April 1, 2016

_____3) If you are currently enrolled in any prerequisite or corequisite course at another college, an official transcript. LTCC students must submit a letter from the Director of Enrollment Services listing the in progress course(s).
   Deadline: April 1, 2016

_____4) If you are currently enrolled in any prerequisite or corequisite course(s) at another college, an official transcript from the college showing course completion.
   Deadline: June 6, 2016

_____5) Copy of TEAS test scores
   Deadline: April 1, 2016

_____6) If you have had college transcripts or any other required documents submitted by mail or any other source other than delivering the documents directly to Admissions and Records, check with Admissions and Records to ensure the documents have been received by the required deadlines, unless an email has been received confirming receipt of a transcript.

_____7) If you have are currently certified as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), a copy of your current state CNA Certification

_____8) Check your email address, address and phone number in myWNC to make sure it is current.