



**NURSING PROGRAM  
APPLICATION INFORMATION 2009  
ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS  
WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE**

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Western Nevada College offers one nursing program. Applicants who reside in a rural community in WNC's service area, including but not limited to Fallon, Hawthorne, Yerington, and Lovelock should apply for admission to the rural location. The primary teaching/learning site for the rural residents is the Fallon campus. All applicants who reside in other cities are invited to apply for the Carson City location. Applicants may apply to only one campus location.

Applicants who have or are eligible for an LPN license who wish to apply for the second year of the program must submit this application and contact Dianne Hilliard in Admissions and Records prior to the April 1, 2009 deadline for additional instructions to the process of applying to the second year.

A student who matriculated into the nursing program may be readmitted one time following a withdrawal/failure. A written request for an exemption to the policy for such reasons as medical and military will be considered by the Nursing Program Readmission Committee. The Nursing Program Readmission Committee will review applications of students who are seeking readmission into the program. The committee acknowledges the responsibility to readmit students, who in the judgment of the committee, satisfies the requirements of scholarship and professional suitability for nursing. The committee reserves the right to deny readmission based on a history of unprofessional conduct which violates the ANA Code of Ethics.

**Selection Criteria**

A point system is utilized to select applicants into the nursing program. Students must follow the program requirements and selective admissions criteria in effect at the time of application. The following is the criteria for those applying during the spring 2009 semester for entrance into the 2009-10 nursing program:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Maximum points possible (in parentheses)</b>			
<b>1. Science GPA</b>	2.0-2.49	2.5-3.0	3.1-3.49	3.5-4.0
BIOL & CHEM	(2)	(4)	(6)	(8)
Prerequisite courses				
<b>2. GPA</b>	2.0-2.49	2.5-3.0	3.1-3.49	3.5-4.0
Pre-and corequisite courses	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>(A grade of C or better is required for all pre and corequisite courses in the nursing program)</i>				
<b>3. Test of Essential Academic Skills</b>	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-100
(TEAS)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>(A minimum cut-off score of 60 percent is required for each subscale)</i>				
<b>4. Completion of corequisites</b>	3-6 credits	7-9 credits		
	(1)	(2)		

*Maximum possible points: 18*

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

It is anticipated that students will be notified regarding their admission status on **approximately** June 16, 2009. Students will be notified by letter that will be mailed to the address that is in WNC's student records system. Admissions and Records will not provide information on admission status until letters have 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 are highly encouraged to contact Admissions and Records to discuss their travel plans and indicate where they can be reached.

Students who are accepted into the nursing program will be required to enroll in all nursing courses required for each semester; students may not enroll for a portion of the nursing courses regardless of previous completion of nursing courses. Students must successfully pass all nursing courses (grade of C or better) within each semester to continue in the program and/or graduate.

### **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**

TEAS is a scholastic aptitude test that measures math, reading, English and science knowledge. All students applying for the nursing program must receive a minimum cut-off score of 60 percent or above for each sub-test to be considered for admission into the nursing program. TEAS is a timed test, with a maximum testing time of three hours and 29 minutes. Papers, textbooks or other reference materials and calculators may not be used during the test. To take the TEAS test:

- 1) Sign up for a test date by calling the Office of Nursing and Allied Health in Carson City at 775-445-3294 or the Fallon campus at 775-423-7565.
- 2) Create an account number through ATI (the company that administers the TEAS). Go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) and click on "Create New Account" and follow the screen prompts. Your ID number will be displayed under account information. Print your ID number and bring it with you to the TEAS test (you must have this ID number with you). If you have taken the TEAS test in the past contact Maureen Lockey at 775-445-3294 for instructions on how to obtain your ID number.
- 3) The test fee of \$25 is paid online with a credit card on the day of the test.
- 4) Arrive at the test site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the test; bring a picture ID.

Students who took the TEAS test in 2007 or later are not required to retest providing they achieved a minimum cut-off score of 60% or better for each sub-scale score. **Students may take the test once each semester; repeats are not allowed within the same semester.** Sub-scale scores will not be combined from multiple tests; a student must receive a 60% or better for each sub-scale during one test administration. For students that take the TEAS test more than once, the highest adjusted individual total score will be used for points towards admission provided all sub-scale scores are 60% or greater. Students may purchase a TEAS study guide and/or take practice tests for a fee available at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) - click on the link "Students."

#### **Carson City 2009 TEAS testing dates:**

Friday, February 20	9 am to 12:30 pm
Friday, February 27	9 am to 12:30 pm
Friday, March 13	9 am to 12:30 pm

#### **Rural 2009 TEAS testing (Fallon):**

Friday, February 13	9 am – 12:30 pm
Friday March 6	9 am – 12:30 pm
Saturday, March 14	9 am – 12:30 pm

Space is limited for each TEAS test administration date, so early sign-ups are highly recommended. WNC offers TEAS testing only to WNC nursing program applicants.

### **Health and Immunization Requirements**

Health and immunization requirements will be explained at the first nursing program orientation session in June which is held after students are accepted into the 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. A social security number is required for the background check.

### **Scholarships**

All students applying to the nursing program are strongly encouraged to submit a WNC scholarship application by April 1, 2009. Information may be found at <http://www.wnc.edu/student-services/financial/funding-scholarships.php> or by calling WNC Financial Assistance at 445-3264.



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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2009**

**Select only one campus location: \_\_\_\_\_ Carson \_\_\_\_\_ Rural**

To be eligible for admission into the rural campus location, applicants must reside in a rural community in WNC's service area, including, but not limited to Fallon, Fernley, Hawthorne, Yerington, Silver Springs, and Lovelock. Proof of physical residence may be required.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI) (Maiden)

Social Security or Student ID (W) Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Information will be mailed to the address that is currently in WNC's student records system. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep address and phone number information current through Web-REG.

**PREREQUISITE COURSE COMPLETION**

**Students must complete all prerequisites with a grade of "C" or higher as listed below or equivalent by the end of the spring 2009 semester to be considered for admission into the fall 2009 nursing program.**

\*+Biology 223 and 224 and 251(4 credits each)  
English 101 (3 credits)

Math 120, 126 or higher (3 credits)  
Psychology or Sociology 101 (3 credits)

\*Chemistry 121 (4 credits) or \*\*one year high school chemistry  
(\*CHEM 110 is also acceptable in lieu of CHEM 121)

\* Must be completed within the last ten years of date of application

\*\*Must be completed within the last three years of date of application

+If completed at an institution other than within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), Biology 223 & 224 must be completed at the same college or university.

**NURSING PROGRAM COREQUISITES:**

English 102 (3 credits)

Psychology or Sociology 101(3 credits)

US/NV Constitutions (3-6 credits) (PSC 103, HIST 111, CH 203, or HIST 101 and one of the following: 102, 217 or PSC 208)

**TEAS SCORES**

All applicants must submit a copy of their TEAS scores to Admissions and Records by April 1, 2009. Taking the test at WNC does not satisfy the TEAS requirement; applicants must submit a copy of their scores.

**BACKGROUND CHECKS**

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. A social security number is required.

**SUBMISSION OF 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, 2009.

Students who are currently enrolled in prerequisite or corequisite course(s) at another institution at the time of application must submit a transcript or letter from the records office of the applicable college verifying current enrollment.

High school chemistry can only be accepted in lieu of CHEM 121 if completed within 3 years of application at a regionally accredited high school. An official high school transcript must be submitted by the April 1, 2009 deadline if the applicant is documenting a high school chemistry course.

NOTE: An unofficial transcript is acceptable ONLY for coursework in progress at the time of application. Prerequisite and corequisite courses that were completed prior to January, 2009 must be on an official transcript received by Admissions and Records no later than April 1, 2009.

**If WNC Admissions and Records does not have evidence of satisfactory completion (official transcript only) or current enrollment in all required prerequisites for an applicant by April 1, the application will not be considered.**

For students enrolled in pre or corequisite courses at the time of application, a final **official** college transcript showing completion of spring 2009 prerequisite or corequisite course(s) must be on file with Admissions & Records by June 1, 2009. If WNC Admissions and Records do not have evidence of completion of all required prerequisites for an applicant by June 1, 2009 the application will not be considered.

### **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (defined)**

A transcript from another college, university, high school, educational testing source, etc. is considered official only if it is sent directly to Admissions and Records by mail (or electronically from a NSHE school) from the applicable institution to be considered official; 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.

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY**

**It is the student's responsibility to ensure that WNC Admissions & Records has received the required documents by the deadlines listed. Submission of documents to other WNC offices or proof of ordering a transcript from another institution does not satisfy these requirements.** If a student requests transcripts to be sent by mail it is highly recommended the applicant check with Admissions and Records on the Carson City campus prior to the deadline to ensure the documents have been received. Applicants may also check which transcripts have been received through "admission status" on Web-REG.

**An applicant will not be considered for admission into the fall 2009 nursing program if Admissions and Records has not received the following documents by the stated deadlines. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**By April 1, 2009:**

- 1) A WNC application for admission (applies only to new students who never enrolled a WNC**
- 2) An application to the nursing program**
- 3) Official transcripts from other colleges or other acceptable credit sources (if applicable) showing completion of prerequisite and/or corequisite courses**
- 4) For applicants currently enrolled in a prerequisite course at another college, transcripts or letter from records office showing in progress courses, followed by an official transcript to be received by Admissions and Records no later than June 1, 2009**
- 5) Copy of TEAS scores**

### **APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

**I accept complete responsibility for providing all required documents.** I understand the transcript and TEAS test requirements and deadlines, and **understand that my application to the 2009 nursing program will not be considered if the required documents are not received by WNC Admissions and Records by the deadlines.** If I have or am eligible for an LPN license and wish to apply to the second year I understand I must contact Dianne Hilliard in Admissions and Records by April 1. I authorize the evaluation of my transcripts from other institutions (if applicable). I understand that it is my responsibility to keep my name, address and phone number current through Web-REG. I understand that if I am accepted into the nursing program, I will be required to submit health and immunization records and evidence of an acceptable background check 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)

**WNC NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION 2009  
STUDENT CHECKLIST**

The following list is provided to students applying to the nursing program as a reminder of what must be submitted to WNC Admissions and Records to be considered for admission into the fall 2009 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, 2009
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) **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, 2009
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) **If you are currently enrolled in any prerequisite or corequisite course at another college, a copy of a transcript or letter from the college records office showing current enrollment**  
Deadline: April 1, 2009
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) **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 1, 2009
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) **Copy of TEAS test score**  
Deadline: April 1, 2009
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) **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 in Web-REG or with Admissions and Records to ensure the documents have been received by the required deadlines.** Access Web-REG and click on "Admission Status," all transcripts that have been received will be listed "received. You may also visit Admissions and Records at the Carson City campus or call 775-445-3277 and indicate that you are a nursing applicant and ask to speak with Lisa or Dianne.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) **Check your address and phone number** in Web-REG to make sure it is current.