

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Nursing (RN) Degree Program Admission Requirements

The information in this document is not designed to be a contractual agreement with an applicant. The program reserves the right to change without notice such things as program admission or completion requirements, costs and curriculum as needed and in accordance with Harper College policy.

Important Dates

Fall 2021 Nursing Application Dates.....**October 1, 2020– March 1, 2021***

Spring 2022 Nursing Application Dates.....**June 1, 2021 – September 15, 2021***

***March 1, 2021 (for Fall 2021) and September 15, 2021 (for Spring 2022) are the application deadlines;
check the program web site for information on the application status.**

Attend an Information Meeting (Optional)

- Learn more about the nursing career and the Harper College nursing curriculum, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Check the Harper web site at www.harpercollege.edu for the “in-person” meeting schedule, and reserve your seat online.

Submit College Application and Fee

- If you have not previously applied to the College, this is your first step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online or in person.

Submit the Program Application with a Valid National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission RN Exam Score Report

- Submit your program application by going to the NUR web page at <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/nursing/registered-nurse-admission.php> within the time frame indicated above. **If you have previously been accepted into the Nursing (RN) Degree Program, you will need Coordinator approval to submit another application.** Your Harper College Application must already be on file, you must have participated in a program information meeting within the past year, and you must attach a valid copy of your **NLN Pre Admission RN Exam** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied.
- You can apply to either the Nursing (RN) Degree program or the Practical Nursing Certificate program, but not both.

Valid NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam Report – You must satisfy **each** of the minimum percentile scores:

<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>NLN Score Report</i>
Composite: 60 th percentile or higher	<p>Once scores are posted, you will want to check the section entitled RN Program Applicants to find your results.</p> <p>The Composite, Verbal, Math and Science percentile scores are listed under the RN Percentile Rank.</p>
Verbal: 40 th percentile or higher	
Science: 40 th percentile or higher	
Math: 40 th percentile or higher	

- **You can access information on NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam registration and payment steps from the Testing Center web site.** Go to harpercollege.edu; click on **Academics**; scroll down to **Assessment and Testing Center**; then click on **Limited Enrollment (NLN Entrance Exam)**.
- Scores from an NLN Pre-Admission RN Test are valid for three years. (Refer to the chart later in this document for detailed information regarding expiration dates)
- For details on how to interpret your NLN score report, please refer to the program web site. Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have concerns regarding your test results.
- Resources for test preparation include the Review Guide for NLN-RN Pre-Entrance Exam, Third Edition available at the Harper Store, online and through retail bookstores; a course offered through Harper's Continuing Education division titled: NLN Pre-Entrance Exam Preparation; McGraw-Hill's NLN PAX-RN Prep app, Magoosh.com, PrepSTEP, formally the Learning Express Library (check the Harper College library for information), study guides for the ACT or SAT, youtube for vocabulary, and the Tutoring Center at Harper for math.
- NLN Scores must be from testing completed after January 1, 2018 for Fall 2021, and January 1, 2019 for Spring 2022.
(Test dates that are close to an application deadline do tend to fill quickly, so please plan accordingly.)

Submit Additional Documentation

Note: Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College.

Official High School Transcript OR GED Results – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the GED report must show passing scores.

- Applicants who have completed high school in another country need to submit a document-to-document evaluation of their high school transcript completed by Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma.**

Note: If chemistry completed in a foreign high school is being used to satisfy the chemistry admission requirement, a course-by-course evaluation will be necessary. WES does not provide course-by-course high school evaluations; ECE does.

- This high school transcript requirement can be waived if official documentation is provided demonstrating completion of the equivalent of a U.S. associate or higher degree.

Official College Transcripts – You will need to submit transcripts from other colleges attended if the documents show completion of courses you think may fulfill course admission requirements or support course work applicable to the Harper College Nursing Program.

- Foreign college transcripts must first be evaluated by World Education Services (wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ece.org). A copy of the completed course-by-course WES or ECE evaluation must be submitted to the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.
- To learn if/how credits from other colleges will transfer to Harper, applicants must complete the evaluation request form available online at harpercollege.edu (Harper does not charge for this service.)

Re-entry Permission –If you were previously enrolled in either of Harper’s nursing programs (Practical Nursing Certificate or RN associate degree) and were not successful, departmental permission is required for re-entry. Without this department approval, your file is incomplete.

Program Prerequisites

Illinois CNA Registry

- You must provide proof of your having passed the Illinois State CNA registry exam and have **current registry** status (within the **past 2 years**) and/or actively employed under the Employment Verification section on the registry. Go to <http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm> to print a copy of your registry from the Illinois Department of Public Health web site.
- If you are currently enrolled in a CNA course, you must have the above completed as stated before the program begins.
- If you are not current according to the above criteria in the first bullet, please contact Elizabeth Pagenkopf, CNA Coordinator, at: epagenko@harpercollege.edu.

Harper Grade Point Average

- Current or previously enrolled Harper students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

English Composition - ENG 101 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the English Composition course requirement.

Introduction to Psychology - PSY 101 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the psychology course requirement

Chemistry Course - At least two semesters of high school chemistry each with grades of C or better or at least one semester of college chemistry with a grade of C or better.

- Once college course work has been completed in chemistry, only college course work will be used to determine if the chemistry admission requirement has been fulfilled.
- The course must have a chemistry prefix or a chemistry course title in order to be considered; courses with titles such as “Science” or “Science and Technology” would not satisfy this requirement. Also, the course must have chemistry content as its focus in order to satisfy this chemistry admission requirement.
- If chemistry completed in a foreign high school is being used to satisfy the chemistry admission requirement, a course-by-course evaluation is necessary. World Education Services (wes.org) does not provide course-by-course high school evaluations; Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ece.org) does.
- There is no expiration date on the chemistry course requirement.

Human Anatomy - BIO 160 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Human Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

Human Physiology - BIO 161 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

Math Assessment – Demonstrate competency in Harper’s Intermediate Algebra or higher level with one of the testing or course options listed below; there is no time limit on any of the following for admission:

NOTE: Testing rules apply for math course registration.

Testing Options	Course Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALEKS Math Placement Test Score of 46 or higher • COMPASS Algebra Placement Test Score of 53 or higher • SAT Math Score of 530 or higher (from testing completed after March 2016) • ACT Math Score of 22 or higher • Passing Score on the MTH 080 Final Exam (applicable to those who tested while attending one of Harper’s partner high schools) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harper’s MTH 085 with MTH 165 pathway with a C or better (or equivalent transfer course) • Credit earned for Harper’s MTH 080 or MTH 101 or MTH 103-299 (or equivalent transfer course) with a grade of C or better • Aligned High School Math 080 with a grade of C or better

Completion of an approved statistics course is required to continue your education for a BSN, i.e. MTH 165.

The following table lists admission requirements along with the time limits currently in place:

	For the Fall, 2021 Program Start	For the Spring, 2022 Program Start
BIO 160 – ANATOMY	Must be completed after January 1, 2016	Must be completed after January 1, 2017
BIO 161 – PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed after January 1, 2016	Must be completed after January 1, 2017
NLN TEST SCORES*	Must be completed after January 1, 2018	Must be completed after January 1, 2019

*National League for Nursing Entrance Exam Results

Admission Decisions

- Ranking scores will be calculated based on a point system with a maximum of 90 points. You can calculate your ranking score based on the following chart. **(No points will be added to an admission score for coursework completed after the priority deadline.)**

Factor	0 points	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
NLN Composite Percentile	60 – 69		70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
NLN Verbal Percentile	40 – 49		50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 160	C			B	A
BIO 161	C			B	A
BIO 130*		C	B or A		

*BIO 130 is not required for admission; however, applicants who have completed this course with a grade of C or better within the five-year time limit and before admission decisions are made will earn additional points as indicated above.

***If you have taken and/or withdrew from BIO 160 and/or BIO 161 and/or BIO 130 more than two (2) times before earning a C or better within the 5-year time limit, points will not be given toward the admission score.**

- **EARLY ADMISSION OPTION: Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If qualified, we will send notification of acceptance by the email address provided on the application. To be eligible for this option, applicants must meet specific conditions as follows:**
 - Applicant must be a resident of Harper’s district, or a community college district which does not offer a Nursing degree program **and** whose college district is a member of the CAREER consortium; and
 - The file must be complete—**all academic and document requirements must be satisfied**; and
 - The ranking score must be **50 or higher**; and
 - The applicant must submit the application and meet all admission requirements by **January 15, 2020 for Fall, 2020, and July 15, 2020 for Spring 2021**. If the program should fill prior to the Early Admission deadline, applicants will be placed into Standard Admissions.

Applications received after the Early Admission deadlines and applications that do not meet all four of the above conditions will be considered under the Standard Admission Option. There will be no exceptions to the above criteria.
- **STANDARD ADMISSION OPTION: (For seats remaining following Early Admission) The files of all applicants who have submitted their applications by the program deadline (and who were not already accepted through Early Admission) will be reviewed by the admission selection committee.**
 - This file review meeting will be held as soon as possible following the program deadline.
 - A “final” minimum admission score will be determined, and those applicants whose ranking scores are at or above that minimum will be considered.
 - Admission cannot be guaranteed, and will depend upon ranking score, residency and number of seats available.
 - If there are more applicants who meet the minimum score than space available, the following will factor into the admission decision process:
 - Permanent residents and residents of community college districts which do not offer a Nursing program **and** whose college districts are members of the CAREER consortium, who have satisfied the minimum admission score and applied by the application deadline will receive priority consideration in the Standard Admission process.
 - Residency is determined by the Registrar’s Office; the address on record with the College will be used by the admission selection committee when they determine admission decisions. Working in district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment selection purposes.
 - Depending on the number of qualified applicants eligible for admission when admission decisions are made, it is possible that contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing an admission requirement (except for the NLN percentile minimums, which must be satisfied in order to submit a program application). **When/If contingency offers are extended, the contingent requirement(s) must be satisfied within the semester in which the deadline falls.**
 - Provided a program is open past the published deadline, any qualified applicant who submits an application after that date will be considered after all qualified applicants who applied by deadline. Applications will continue to be accepted until the program is closed. Check the web site for information on the application status.
- It is not possible to predict what the lowest ranking score an applicant will need in order to be accepted through the Standard Admission process. However, NLN scores in the 80’s and 90’s and A’s and B’s in BIO 160 and BIO 161 make applicants more competitive in the selection process. Although

satisfaction of minimum admission requirements will result in an admission decision, it does not guarantee acceptance.

Important Admission Notes

- **The Nursing Program is a very rigorous full-time program. If you are accustomed to taking one or two courses per semester, be aware that acceptance into the program will require a significant increase in study time.**
- It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that all requirements are met and all documentation is on file.
- All correspondence regarding your limited enrollment application will be sent to the email address you have provided on your application. It is your responsibility to see that your Personal Profile information is current. You can check your information on the Student Portal on the My Harper tab under Personal Profile. To update your email address (and/or mailing address and phone number), you will need to contact the OneStop Center, Building A, Room A250. Residency is determined by the mailing address on record with the College as of the program deadline date and will be used by the admission selection committee when admission decisions are made.
- Applicants not accepted into the program who wish to be considered in the selection process for a future term **must reapply**.
- Applicants should be aware that it may take up to three weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Once the transcripts you have listed on your program application have been received, it can take another one to three weeks before you will receive your written evaluation of transfer credit in the mail. If there are courses which require departmental contact, your evaluation will require more time. Please plan accordingly.
- **Once your program application has been processed, you will be able to monitor your limited enrollment file online.** Go to harpercollege.edu and log into your **My Harper Student Portal**; limited enrollment information can be found under the **Records and Registration** section.
- Qualified applicants not selected will be placed on a temporary wait list and identified as alternates. Alternate lists do not carry over from one application cycle to the next; therefore, alternates who are not admitted to a program will need to submit a new program application for a future program start.
- Applicants can submit an application for one limited enrollment program; however, if identified as an alternate, or if denied admission to a program, the applicant has the option of submitting an application for another open program. Once an applicant accepts an offer of admission to a program, he/she relinquishes his/her alternate status for the other program.

- A higher tuition rate—200 % of the standard tuition—is assessed for the career-specific courses in this program. The out-of-district rate for all NUR-prefixed courses is more than twice as much as the doubled in-district rate. It is very important that you make financial aid preparations well in advance of any deadlines so that you know exactly what resources are available to you.

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Location	Phone Number
One Stop Center (financial aid and registration, transcripts, etc.)	Building A, Room A250	847.925.6710
Admissions Outreach (Have not applied to Harper)	Building C, Room C103	847.925.6700
Academic Advising and Counseling Services	New Students: (applied but has not enrolled) Building C, Room C104	847.925.6208
	Previous or currently enrolled Harper students: Building I, Room I117	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	Building I, Room I 103	847.925.6266
Assessment and Testing	Building A, Room A148	847.925.6541
Harper Bookstore	Building L, Room L260	847.925.6275
Limited Enrollment Programs Health Careers Division Office	Building X, Room X250	847.925.6533

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