Harper College

Spring/Fall 2024 Nursing (RN) Degree
(Traditional 2 year program)
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

Spring 2024 Nursing Application Dates………………**June 1, 2023 – September 15, 2023**
Fall 2024 Nursing Application Dates………..………**October 1, 2023 – March 15, 2024**
July 15, 2023 is the "Early Admission" deadline for Spring
January 15, 2024 is the "Early Admission" deadline for Fall for those who qualify
Questions can be directed to le@harpercollege.edu

To be eligible to submit an application to the Nursing Program, you must have successfully taken the entrance exam and have a 2.0 GPA. See details below.

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

- ☐ Your first step is to apply to the college if you have not previously applied.
- This application and fee can be submitted online at
  https://harpercollege.my.site.com/apply/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fapply%2FTargetX_Portal__PB
  or in person.

Submit the Program Application with
Pre-entrance Exam Score Report (required)

- Submit your program application by going to the NUR web page scroll down to **Apply Here**
  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.
- Must attach a valid copy of your **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied on the same test (only one test is required).

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Pre-Admission Exam Report – Each of the minimum percentile scores must be satisfied on the same test:

TEAS Minimum Scores
Total Score: 60th percentile or higher
English and Language Usage Score: 40th percentile or higher
Science: 40th percentile or higher
Math: 40th percentile or higher

- Visit Harper's TEAS Testing webpage: https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/teastest/index.php for information on how to register for the TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam.
- TEAS Pre-Admission Exam scores are valid for three years. (Refer to the chart on page 4 for information regarding expiration dates)
- For details on how to interpret your TEAS score report, please refer to the program website.
- Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have questions on test results.
- Visit https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ati-teas-pocket-prep/id509838037 and/or https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep/ati-teas-mobile-app for study material on TEAS.
- TEAS Scores must completed AFTER January 1, 2021.

Submit Additional Documentation

- ☐ **Official High School Transcript OR HSE Results** – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the HSE 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 (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma.**
- 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.
    Note: Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College.

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

- Requests can be made at the institution website or https://www.studentclearinghouse.org/students/.
- 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 processing@harpercollege.edu , Admissions Processing, or the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.
- To learn if/how credits from other colleges will transfer to Harper, applicants must have an official transcript sent from each college or university attended. Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received and students will receive an email to their Harper email account when they have been evaluated.

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.

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Program Prerequisites
Must be completed by the end of the semester in which the deadline falls unless otherwise noted

☐ **Illinois CNA Registry**

- You must provide proof of 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 obtain a copy of your registry from the Illinois Department of Public Health web site.
- If you are working but are not current according to the above criteria, please contact the IDPH at this link for recertification https://www.nurseaidetesting.com/recertification-process/
- If you are enrolled in a CNA course, you must be on the Illinois Department of Public Health CNA Registry before the program begins as follows:
  - o Spring applicants must be on the registry by November 1st
  - o Fall applicants must be on the registry by July 1st

☐ **Harper Grade Point Average**

- Current or previously enrolled Harper students must have a minimum **2.0 grade point average** at the time of application to the Nursing Program. **If your GPA is below a 2.0, your application cannot be processed.**

☐ **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

☐ **Human Anatomy** - BIO 260 (previously 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 Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

☐ **Human Physiology** - BIO 261 (previously 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.

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☐ **Math Assessment** – demonstrate college level placement in mathematics with one of the testing or course options below. Visit https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/mathplacement.php to view FULL list of testing and course options. There is "no time limit" on any of the following for NUR admissions. But time limits do apply to register for course work.

Math Testing Options	Math Course Options (use link above for additional options)
• Math GPA Placement Waiver determined by Testing • ALEKS Math Placement Exam Score of 46 or higher • ACT Math Score 22 or higher <u>OR</u> SAT Math scores of 530 or higher no time limit • Score of "165" or higher on the "Math" section of the GED	• Completion of intermediate algebra or college level math with a grade of "C" or better • Suggested course option at Harper MTH085/165* • AP score of "3" of higher on the AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics exams

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

The following table lists time limits currently in place for the following courses and Entrance Exam testing:

Course	For the 2024 Program Start
BIO 260 (was 160) – ANATOMY	Must be completed **after January 1, 2019**
BIO 261 (was 161) – PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed **after January 1, 2019**
BIO 230 (was 130) – MICROBIOLOGY**	Must be completed **after January 1, 2019**
TEST SCORES*	Must be completed **after January 1, 2021**

* Test of Essential Academic Skills Entrance Exam Results
** BIO 230 (previously 130) is not required for admission but can be used for additional points toward the admission score if taken

Admission Decisions

PLEASE NOTE: Although satisfaction of admission requirements will result in an admission decision, it <u>does not guarantee</u> acceptance.

• 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 <u>after</u> the priority deadline**.)

TEAS Factor	0 points	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
Total Score	60 – 69		70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
English & Language Usage score	40 – 49		50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 260 (was 160)	C			B	A
BIO 261 (was 161)	C			B	A
BIO 230 (was 130) *		C	B or A		

*BIO 230 (was 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 will earn bonus points as indicated above.

*If you have taken and/or withdrawn from BIO 260 (previously 160) and/or BIO 261 (previously 161) and/or BIO 230 (previously 130) more than two (2) times before earning a C or better within the 5-year time limit, <u>points will not be given toward the admission score.</u>

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EARLY ADMISSION OPTION (all 4 items below must be met)

Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If qualified, we will send notification of acceptance to the email address provided on the application and the Harper email. To be eligible for this option, applicants must meet specific conditions as follows:

1. 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
2. The file must be complete—**all academic and document requirements must be satisfied**; and
3. The ranking score must be **50 or higher**; and
4. The applicant must submit the application and meet all admission requirements by **July 15, 2023 for Spring 2024 and January 15, 2024 for Fall 2024**. 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.
- 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, TEAS scores in the 80's and 90's and A's and B's in BIO 260 (previously 160) and BIO 261 (previously 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.

  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.

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Important Admission Notes

- 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.

- 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 TEAS percentile minimums and Harper GPA of 2.0 or higher, which both must be satisfied in order to be eligible 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**. If the contingency is not met by the given date, the offer will be rescinded.

- Accepted applicants must be 18 years of age before the program starts.

- It is the applicant's responsibility to meet all requirements and ensure all documentation is on file.

- Applicants not accepted into the program who wish to be considered for a future term must reapply.

- Academic admission requirements must be met by the end of the semester in which the deadline falls unless otherwise noted.

- All correspondence regarding your limited enrollment application will be sent to the email address you have provided on your application and your Harper email. 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. Please check your spam folder as some emails (gmail, yahoo) send Harper emails to spam.

- 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 may be 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.

- 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.

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Office	Location	Phone Number
Health Careers Division Office Limited Enrollment Programs	le@harpercollege.edu Building X, Room X250	847.925.6533
Admissions Outreach	admissions@harpercollege.edu Building C, Room C103	847.925.6700
Academic Advising and	New Students: Building C, Room C104 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php	847.925.6208
	Previous or currently enrolled at Harper Building A, Room A364 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6220
Hawks Care Resource Center and Counseling Services	Building I, Room I117 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/counseling/index.php	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php Building I, Room I103	847.925.6266
Testing and Assessment Canter	https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php Building A, Room A148	847.925.6541
Business Office/Payment information	https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php Building A, Room A214	847.925.6880
Harper Book Store	https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php Building L, Room L260	847.925.6275
One Stop Center	onestop@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room A250	847.925.6710
Transfer credit evaluation	evaluation@harpercollege.edu	847.925.6500
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room 213	847.925.6500

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