Spring/Fall 2026 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 2026 Nursing Application Dates………..………**May 15, 2025 – September 15, 2025**
July 15, 2025 is the "Early Admission" deadline for Spring 2026

Fall 2026 Nursing Application Dates………..………**October 1, 2025 – March 15, 2026**
January 15, 2026 is the "Early Admission" deadline for Fall 2026
See Early Admission Option section for details

NEW for 2026: Attend a MANDATORY Information Meeting

- Learn more about the nursing career and the Harper College nursing curriculum, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Check the Harper web site link Events for the meeting schedule.

Submit Harper 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 HERE or in person.

Submit the Nursing Degree (RN) Program Application with
TEAS Exam Score Report (required)

- Submit your program application by going to the Nursing web page scroll down to **Apply Here** within the time frame indicated above. **If you have previously been accepted into the Nursing (RN) Degree Program, you will need department 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).
- TEAS scores must also be sent to Harper College officially. On the TEAS Test page go to the section titled **Sending TEAS Score Reports** for instructions on sending scores.
- Note: If official TEAS scores are not sent to Harper, your application will not be processed

Re-entry Permission – If you were previously enrolled in either of Harper's nursing programs (Practical Nursing Certificate or RN associate degree) and were unsuccessful, departmental permission is required for re-entry. Without department approval, your file is incomplete.

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)](#) or [World Education Services (WES)](#) stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma.**
- The high school transcript requirement can be waived if applicant has completed an associate or bachelor's degree (or the U.S. equivalent). Official documentation must be provided.
    Note: Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College.

Official College Transcripts – If prerequisite courses were taken at another college or university, you will need to submit official transcripts for evaluation. Requests can be made at the institution website.

- 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 have transfer credit awarded, applicants must have an official transcript sent from each college or university attended. Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received.
- IMPORTANT NOTE ON TRANSCRIPTS: It may take up to 3 weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Once the transcripts have been received, it can take another 8-12 weeks for them to be evaluated for credit. If there are courses requiring departmental review, the evaluation will take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Program Prerequisites
Must be completed by the end of the semester in which the deadline falls, unless otherwise noted.
If you are currently enrolled in prerequisite courses, proof is required (such as transcripts)

Illinois CNA Registry
- If you are enrolled in a CNA course when you apply to the nursing program, you must be on the Illinois Department of Public Health CNA Registry before the program begins as follows:
    - Spring applicants must be on the registry by December 19th
    - Fall applicants must be on the registry by July 1st
- If you are a CNA, 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 the [IL Dept. of Public Health website](#) to obtain a copy of your registry from the Illinois Department of Public Health web site.
- If you are working as a CNA but are not current according to the above criteria, please contact the IDPH for recertification. Click [HERE](#)

TEAS Test with Required Minimum Scores:
- Visit Harper's [TEAS Testing webpage](#) for information on how to register for the TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam. Be sure to select Harper College AH as the receiving institution.
- The Allied Health exam is preferred but the Nursing exam is also accepted

- **MINIMUM TEAS SCORES:** Meeting the minimums on the TEAS exam will NOT result in an admissions offer. Each of the minimum scores must be satisfied on the same test

    Note: TEAS scores are rounded down: For example - Total Score of 59.5 would be scored as 59

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

- TEAS Pre-Admission Exam scores are valid for three years. Refer to the chart in the "Prerequisites with Time Limits" section for information regarding expiration dates.
- For details on how to interpret your TEAS score report, please refer to the program admissions page.
- Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have questions on test results.
- TEAS test study apps: Pocket Prep ATI TEAS and/or ATI TEAS Prep mobile app
- TEAS prep course offered through Harper College Non-Credit Community Education - click HERE
- TEAS Scores must be completed AFTER January 1, 2023.

Harper Grade Point Average
- Current and previous Harper students must have a minimum **2.0 grade point average** at the time of application to the Nursing Program. **If 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 5-year time limit on the Human Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart in the next section for details on expiration dates.
- NOTE: If you have taken and/or withdrawn from BIO 260 more than two times before earning C or better within the 5-year time limit, points will not be awarded (Example: 1st attempt D, 2nd attempt W, 3rd attempt A = 0 points)

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 5-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.
- NOTE: If you have taken and/or withdrawn from BIO 261 more than two times before earning C or better within the 5-year time limit, points will not be awarded. (Example: 1st attempt D, 2nd attempt W, 3rd attempt A = 0 points)

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NOTE on Anatomy & Physiology: If completing A & P and A & P II at another college, both courses must be completed with a C or better to receive transfer credit for Harper's BIO 260 and BIO 261 (official transcripts must be provided).

Math Assessment – demonstrate college level placement in mathematics with one of the testing or course options below. Click HERE to view the FULL list of testing and course options. There is no time limit on any of the following for DHY admissions. (Time limits do apply to register for math course work.)

Math Testing and Placement Options	Math Course Options (use link above for additional options)
• High school GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale) with C or better in 4 years of high school math • ALEKS Math Placement Exam Score of 46 or higher • ACT Math Score 22 or higher OR SAT Math scores of 530 or higher • Score of 165 or higher on Math section of the GED • Placement into College Level math via high school portable math or high school aligned math course	• Successful completion of college level math with support • Successful completion of Intermediate Algebra at another college or university (not available at Harper) • AP score of "3" of higher on the AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics exams

PREREQUISITES WITH TIME LIMITS

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

Course	For the 2026 Program Start
BIO 260 HUMAN ANATOMY	Must be completed **after January 1, 2021**
BIO 261 HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed **after January 1, 2021**
BIO 230 MICROBIOLOGY**	Must be completed **after January 1, 2021**
TEAS TEST SCORES*	Must be completed **after January 1, 2023**

* 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 Score Calculation

PLEASE NOTE: Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.
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 application deadline**.)

TEAS Factor	0 points	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
Total TEAS Score	60 – 69		70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
TEAS English & Language score	40 – 49		50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 260 Human Anatomy	C			B	A
BIO 261 Human Physiology	C			B	A
Following course not required BONUS POINTS given if completed					
BIO 230* Microbiology		C	B or A		

*BIO 230 (formerly BIO130) is not required for admission; however, applicants who have completed this course with a grade of C or better within the 5-year time limit will earn bonus points as indicated above.

Calculate your admission score

course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	Bonus Course Not required	Grade	Points	TEAS Total	TEAS Eng/Lang	TEAS Points	**Total Admission Score**
Anatomy			Physiology			Microbiology						

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EARLY ADMISSION OPTION

Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If accepted, we will send notification to the email address provided on the application and your Harper email.

To be eligible for this option _all 4 items below must be met:_

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
2. The file must be complete—all prerequisites and document requirements must be satisfied
3. The ranking score must be 50 points or higher
4. Applicants must meet all admission requirements by July 15, 2025 for Spring 2026 program start and by Jan 15, 2026 for Fall 2026 program start.

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: All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the admission selection committee.**
- Admission is not guaranteed, and will depend upon ranking score, residency, and number of seats available.
- A "final" minimum admission score will be determined, and applicants whose ranking scores are at or above that minimum will be considered.
- If there are more applicants who meet the minimum score than space available, the following will factor into the admission decision process:
  - In-district residents and residents of community college districts which do not offer a Nursing program **and** whose college districts are members of the CAREER consortium 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 the lowest ranking score that will 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 Anatomy and BIO 261 Physiology make applicants more competitive in the selection process.

Important Admission Notes

- NOTE: **International students are _not eligible_** for limited enrollment programs.

- Depending on the number of qualified applicants, some contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing an admission requirement such as CNA certification. **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 may apply again for a future term.

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- 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. (Please check your spam folder as some email accounts send Harper emails to spam.)

- It is your responsibility to ensure that your information is current in your Student Profile. You can update your phone number, personal email, and/or address in your Student Portal. Your Student Profile can be found in the Registration and Records card in your portal.

- Residency is determined by the mailing address on record with the College (as seen in your Student Profile) as of the program deadline date and will be used by the admission selection committee when admission decisions are made.

- **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 in the case a space becomes available. Alternates who are not admitted to a program will need to submit a new 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.

- The Nursing Program is a very **rigorous full-time program**. If you are accustomed to taking 1-2 courses per semester, be aware that the nursing program will require a significant increase in study time.

- Questions can be directed to LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu

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Office	Email & Website	Phone Number
Health Careers Academic Advisors	LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6220
Admissions	admissions@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/apply/index.php	847.925.6700
New Student Advising – CNSO	admissions@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php	847.925.6208
Hawks Care Resource Center and Counseling Services	hawkscare@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/counseling/index.php	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	ads@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php	847.925.6266
Testing and Assessment Canter	testing@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php	847.925.6541
Business Office/Payment information	businessoffice@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php	847.925.6880
Harper Book Store	1341mgr@follett.com https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php	847.925.6275
One Stop Center	onestop@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/onestop/index.php	847.925.6710
Transfer credit evaluation	evaluation@harpercollege.edu	847.925.6500
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/registrar/index.php	847.925.6500

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