

Fall 2026 Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC) Requirements

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Important Dates

Fall 2026 PNC Application Dates..... **February 15, 2026 – April 15, 2026**

New for Fall 2026: Attend a MANDATORY Information Meeting

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

Submit Harper 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 [HERE](#) or in person.

Submit the PNC Program Application with TEAS Exam Score Report (required)

- Submit your program application by going to the PNC web page at [PNC Admission Process and Criteria: Harper College](#) within the time frame indicated above.
- 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

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.

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.

Program Requirements

Illinois Health Care worker Registry – active as a Certified Nursing Assistant

- 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](#)
- If you are enrolled in a CNA course, you must complete the course(s) with a C or better and pass the licensure exam and be listed on the Illinois Dept of Public Health Care Registry by the deadlines above.

New for Fall 2026

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

<i>TEAS Minimum Scores</i>	
Total Score:	60 th percentile or higher
English and Language Usage Score:	40 th percentile or higher
Science:	40 th percentile or higher
Math:	40 th 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 (for courses taken at Harper)

- 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 Assessment: **College Level English placement** may be satisfied by one of the following options below. Please check the [Testing webpage](#) for a full list of options, which include:

- Completion of ENG 101 (or 101+ENG095 or 101+ESP095) at Harper with a grade of C or better
- Harper's English placement exam with a score of 4 or higher
- ACT English score of 19 or higher **AND** ACT Reading score of 20 or higher
- SAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing score of 480 or higher
- High School GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale **or** 4.0 or higher on a 5.0 scale. Based on seventh semester or later cumulative unweighted High School GPA.
- Completion of the appropriate ESL courses that satisfy placement into ENG 101
- GED score of 165 or higher on Reasoning Through Language Arts sub-section, completed in English
- Grade of C- or better in an aligned English course taken at a participating district 211, 214, or 220 high school
- There is no time limit on the English requirement.

Math Assessment: – demonstrate **College Level Math** 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 program 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 <u>OR</u> 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" or higher on the AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics exams

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 40 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		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

Admission Decisions

- Applications will be processed within 5 – 10 business days. Students will receive an email to the email on the application and/or their Harper email stating if their file is complete or if there are outstanding items. A complete file does not guarantee acceptance, but students with complete files will have priority over those with items outstanding.
- 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.
- Decision emails will be sent a few weeks after the application closing date.

Important Admission Notes

- **NOTE: International students are not eligible** for limited enrollment programs.
- Priority is given to in-district applicants (based on residency) and those whose home college does not offer an LPN/PNC program.
- 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.
- **Working in district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment selection purposes.**
- 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.
- 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.)
- 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. Results can be viewed online through the student portal. Transcript evaluations may take 10 - 12 weeks to process. Questions about transcript evaluations can be directed to the evaluation team.

- 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.
- **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.
- 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.
- All semester courses must be completed to move on to the next semester. This program has a prescribed curriculum and must be followed as outlined Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate: Harper College
- Questions can be directed to LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Department	Email & Website	Phone
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	cnso@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php	847.925.6208
Access and Disability Services	ads@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php	847.925.6266
Assessment and Testing	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