# Fall 2026 Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC) Requirements

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## Important Dates

Fall 2026 PNC Application Dates………………………... **January 15, 2026 – March 15, 2026**

### New for 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.
- The Harper application and fee can be submitted online HERE or in person.

### Submit the PNC Program Application

- Submit your program application by going to the PNC web page at PNC Admission Process and Criteria: Harper College within application dates indicated above.

### 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

- 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.

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

# Admission Decisions

- Satisfaction of all requirements **does not guarantee acceptance** to the program**. Space is limited.**

- 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 <u>does not guarantee acceptance</u>, but students with complete files will have priority over those with items outstanding.

- Decision emails will be sent a few weeks after the application closing date.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Start Option for Accepted Students

- **Accepted students** who have completed **ALL of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester PNC courses** prior to the program start, *may* have the opportunity to start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the program. 1<sup>st</sup> semester courses are listed here: <u>Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate: Harper College</u>. (please see Important Notes section below for time limits on Human Anatomy course)

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester start option is determined by the program coordinator and **based on availability**.

- Eligible students will be contacted directly.

# Important 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 evaluation@harpercollege.edu

- 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.

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- **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

- If **Human Anatomy or Human Physiology** are taken prior to the start of the program, please note that these courses have a 5-year time limit

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| **BIO 260 (160) – HUMAN ANATOMY** | Must be completed **after January 1, 2021** |
| **BIO 261 (161) – HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY** | Must be completed **after January 1, 2021** |

- Questions can be directed to LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu

## HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

| Department | Email & Website | Phone |
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| **Health Careers Academic Advisors** | LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php | 847.925.6220 |
| **Admissions** | admissions@harpercollege.edu<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/apply/index.php | 847.925.6700 |
| **New Student Advising - CNSO** | cnso@harpercollege.edu<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php | 847.925.6208 |
| **Access and Disability Services** | ads@harpercollege.edu<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php | 847.925.6266 |
| **Assessment and Testing** | testing@harpercollege.edu<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php | 847.925.6541 |
| **Business Office/Payment information** | businessoffice@harpercollege.edu<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php | 847.925.6880 |
| **Harper Book Store** | 1341mgr@follett.com<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php | 847.925.6275 |
| **One Stop Center** | onestop@harpercollege.edu<br>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<br>https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/registrar/index.php | 847.925.6500 |

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