Harper College

Spring 2026 Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC)
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 PNC Application Dates………………………….. **June 15, 2025 – August 15, 2025**

No entrance exam required!!! Less coursework required for admission. Please read the entire document for details.

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 at:
  https://harper.secure.force.com/events/#/search?type=Health%20Career%20Info%20Session for the meeting schedule.

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 at
  https://harpercollege.force.com/apply/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fapply%2FTargetX_Portal__PB or in person at the One Stop, Building A, room 250.

Submit the (PNC) Program Application

- Submit your program application by going to the PNC web page at
  https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/nursing/practical-nursing-admission.php within the time frame indicated above.

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Program Requirements

1)
- 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 not current according to the above criteria, you may be able to recertify please use this link for information https://www.nurseaidetesting.com/recertification-process/
  - 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 below:
    - Spring applicants must be on the registry by December 19th
    - Fall applicants must be on the registry by July 1st

2) **Harper Grade Point Average (if courses taken at Harper)**
- Current or previously enrolled Harper students must have a minimum **2.0 grade point average** at the time of application. **If your GPA is below a 2.0, your application cannot be processed.**

3) **English - Placement into ENG101**
Can be satisfied by one of the following options below. Please check the Testing webpage https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/english-placement-grid.php full list of options.

- Completion of ENG 101 (or higher- level English course) at Harper with a grade of C or better
- 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
- Cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 or higher on a 5.0 scale (7th semester or later HS transcript)
- Harper's English placement exam with a score of 4 or higher
- 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
- Passing grade ("C-" or better) in an aligned English course administered at a participating district 211, 214, and 220 high schools.

There is no time limit on the English requirement.

4) **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

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5) **Official High School Transcript OR High School Equivalency (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 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.

Re-entry Permission – If you were previously enrolled in either of Harper's nursing programs and were unsuccessful, department permission is required for re-entry.

Courses are not required but if completed must be within the past 5 years

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

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 does not guarantee acceptance, but students with complete files will have priority over those with items outstanding.
- Decision emails will be sent within 3 weeks of the application closing date to all applicants.
- Students with a complete file by the application deadline will be given priority for admissions.
- **NOT REQUIRED/BONUS COURSES** Students who have completed the first semester courses listed below (not required) may be eligible to start the 2nd semester NUR courses in Spring 2026 pending availability. Those students will be ranked according to the following chart and by date file is completed.

Following are not required BONUS if completed			
Course	5 points	15 points	20 points
BIO260 Human Anatomy*	C	B	A
ENG101 English Composition	C	B	A
PSY228 Psychology of Human Development	C	B	A
SPE215 Intercultural Communication	C	B	A

*If BIO260 Human Anatomy is taken more than 2 times unsuccessfully withing the 5 year time limit, no points will be awarded. Example W/F/B = 0 points.

Submit Additional Documentation

Note: **Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College (emails are not official)**
Official College Transcripts – You will need to submit transcripts from other colleges attended if the documents show completion of coursework you think may fulfill course admission requirements or support coursework applicable to the Harper College Practical Nursing Certificate Program. Transcripts should be sent to processing@harpercollege.edu.

- Foreign college transcripts must first be evaluated by World Education Services (wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ece.org).
- 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 the evaluation is completed.

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Important Notes

Students will be admitted based on residency (Harper in district and those whose home college does not offer an LPN/PNC program receive priority). Residency is based on the address listed on your Harper account – **Working in district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment selection purposes.**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all requirements are met and all documentation is on file.
- Accepted applicants must be 18 years of age before the program starts.
- All correspondence regarding your application will be emailed to the address given on your application and your Harper email address. It is your responsibility to see that your address information is current. To update your addresses (and/or phone number), you will need to contact the One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.
- 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 3 - 4 weeks to process. Questions about transcript evaluations can be sent to evaluation@harpercollege.edu.
- **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 **Registration and Records** 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.

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Location	Phone
Health Careers Division Office Limited Enrollment	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 Counseling Services	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 I, Room I117 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php Building I, Room I103	847.925.6266
Assessment and Testing	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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