

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 Nursing (RN) Degree Program Admission Requirements

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Important Dates

Fall 2017 Nursing Application Dates.....**October 1, 2016– March 1, 2017***

Spring 2018 Nursing Application Dates.....**June 1, 2017 – September 15, 2017***

***March 1, 2017 (for Fall 2017) and September 15, 2017 (for Spring 2018) are the application deadlines; check the program web site for information on the application status.**

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

- If you have not previously applied to the College, this is your next step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online or in person.

Submit the Program Application with a Valid National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission RN Exam Score Report

- Submit your Nursing Application to the Health Careers Division Office, Avanté Center, Room X250, within the appropriate time frame indicated above. Your **Harper College Application** must already be on file, and you must attach a valid copy of your **NLN Pre Admission RN Exam** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied in order for Admissions Processing to accept your Nursing Application.
- You can apply to either the Nursing (RN) Degree program or the Practical Nursing Certificate program, but not both.

Meet with Director of Nursing

- **As a prospective or new Nursing Program applicant, you will need to email the Director of Nursing, Julie D’Agostino, at jdagost2@harpercollege.edu to schedule an individualized planning session. This mandatory meeting, which will take approximately 15 minutes, is designed to provide you with an opportunity to learn about the commitments that are required of Nursing students and the options that are available to you at Harper College. This conversation will not influence your admission decision.**

Valid NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam Report – You must satisfy **each** of the minimum percentile scores:

<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>NLN Score Report</i>
Composite: 60 th percentile or higher	<p>Once scores are posted, you will want to check the section entitled RN Program Applicants to find your results.</p> <p>The Composite, Verbal, Math and Science percentile scores are listed under the RN Percentile Rank.</p>
Verbal: 40 th percentile or higher	
Science: 40 th percentile or higher	
Math: 40 th percentile or higher	

- **You can access information on NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam registration and payment steps from the Testing Center web site.** Go to harpercollege.edu; click on **Academics**; scroll down to **Assessment and Testing Center**; then click on **Limited Enrollment (NLN Entrance Exam)**.
- Scores from an NLN Pre-Admission RN Test are valid for three years. (Refer to the chart later in this document for detailed information regarding expiration dates)
- For details on how to interpret your NLN score report, please refer to the program web site. Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have concerns regarding your test results.
- Resources for test preparation include the Review Guide for NLN-RN Pre-entrance Exam, Third Edition available at the HarperStore, online and through retail bookstores; a course offered through Harper’s Continuing Education division titled: NLN Pre-Entrance Exam Preparation; and McGraw Hill’s NLN PAX-RN Prep app. Other test preparation tools that have been suggested include Magoosh, Learning Express Library and study guides for the ACT or SAT.

Submit Additional Documentation

Note: Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College.

Official High School Transcript OR GED Results – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the GED 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, INC (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma**.

Note: If chemistry completed in a foreign high school is being used to satisfy the chemistry admission requirement, a course-by-course evaluation will be necessary. WES does not provide course-by-course high school evaluations; ECE does.

- 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.

Official College Transcripts – If you have attended colleges other than Harper, you must submit transcripts from each college attended. This step is mandatory.

- 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 the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.
- To learn if/how credits from other colleges will transfer to Harper, applicants must complete the evaluation request form available online at harpercollege.edu (Harper does not charge for this service.)

Illinois CNA Registry – You must provide proof of your having passed the state CNA registry exam and having current registry status as an Illinois CNA. 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.

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

Academic Prerequisites

Harper Grade Point Average

- Current or previously enrolled Harper students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

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

Chemistry Course - At least two semesters of high school chemistry each with grades of C or better or at least one semester of college chemistry with a grade of C or better.

- Once college course work has been completed in chemistry, only college course work will be used to determine if the chemistry admission requirement has been fulfilled.
- The course must have a chemistry prefix or a chemistry course title in order to be considered; courses with titles such as “Science” or “Science and Technology” would not satisfy this requirement. Also, the course must have chemistry content as its focus in order to satisfy this chemistry admission requirement.
- If chemistry completed in a foreign high school is being used to satisfy the chemistry admission requirement, a course-by-course evaluation is necessary. World Education Services (wes.org) does not provide course-by-course high school evaluations; Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ece.org) does.
- There is no expiration date on the chemistry course requirement.

Human Anatomy - BIO 160 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 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.

Math Assessment – Demonstrate algebra competency with one of the testing or course options listed below; there is no time limit for any of the following:

Testing Options	Course Options
COMPASS Algebra Placement Test Score of 35 or higher	Harper’s MTH 060 or 063 or 065 or 068 or 082 with a C or better
ALEKS Math Placement Test Score of 30 or higher	(or equivalent transfer course)
ACT Math Score 22 or higher	Credit earned for Harper’s MTH 080 or MTH 101 or MTH 103-299 or MGT 225
Passing Score on the MTH 080 Final Exam (applicable to those who tested while attending one of Harper’s feeder high schools)	(or equivalent transfer course)

Completion of an approved statistics course is recommended if your intentions are to continue your education for a BSN, i.e. MTH 165.

The following table lists admission requirements along with the time limits currently in place:

	For the Fall, 2017 Program Start	For the Spring, 2018 Program Start
BIO 160 – ANATOMY	Must be completed after January 1, 2012	Must be completed after January 1, 2013
BIO 161 – PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed after January 1, 2012	Must be completed after January 1, 2013
NLN TEST SCORES*	Must be completed after January 1, 2014	Must be completed after January 1, 2015

*National League for Nursing Entrance Exam Results

Admission Decisions

- 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 priority deadline.)**

Factor	0 points	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
NLN Composite Percentile	60 – 69		70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
NLN Verbal Percentile	40 – 49		50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 160	C			B	A
BIO 161	C			B	A
BIO 130*		C	B or A		

*BIO 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 and before admission decisions are made will earn additional points as indicated above.

Multiple enrollments in BIO 160 and/or BIO 161 and/or BIO 130 before earning a C or better may negatively impact your acceptance into a Nursing program at Harper.

- **Early Admission Option:** Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for early admission. To be eligible for this option, applicants must meet specific conditions as follows:
 - Applicant must be a resident of Harper’s district, or a community college district with which Harper has a cooperative agreement; and
 - The file must be complete—**all academic and document requirements must be satisfied**; and
 - The ranking score must be **50 or higher**; and
 - The applicant must submit the application and meet all admission requirements by **January 18, 2017 for Fall, 2017 and July 17, 2017 for Spring 2018**. If the program should fill prior to the early admission deadline, qualified applicants will be placed on an alternate list.

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 who have satisfied the minimum admission score and who have applied by the application deadline will be admitted (in accordance with college agreements) in ranking score order, before any out-of-district applicants.
 - 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.
 - 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 NLN percentile minimums, which must be satisfied in order 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.**
 - 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.
- It is not possible to predict what ranking score an applicant will need in order to be accepted through the Standard Admission process. However, NLN scores in the 80’s and 90’s and A’s and B’s in BIO 160 and BIO 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.

Important Admission Notes

- **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.**
- It is the applicant’s responsibility to insure that all requirements are met and all documentation is on file.
- All correspondence regarding your limited enrollment application will be mailed to your address of record at Harper College. It is your responsibility to see that your address information is current. To update your address (and/or phone number), you will need to contact the One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250. (The address on record with the College as of the program deadline will be used by the admission selection committee when they determine admission decisions.)
- 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.

- Applicants not accepted into the program who wish to be considered in the selection process for a future term **must reapply**.
- **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 **MyHarper Student Portal**; limited enrollment information can be found under the **My Academic Record** section of the **My Harper** tab.
- Qualified applicants not selected will be placed on a temporary wait list and 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.
- Applicants can submit an application for one limited enrollment program; however, if identified as an alternate, or if denied admission to a program, the applicant has the option of submitting an application for another open program. Once an applicant accepts an offer of admission to a program, he/she relinquishes his/her alternate status for the other program.
- A higher tuition rate—200 % of the standard tuition—is assessed for the career-specific courses in this program. The out-of-district rate for all NUR-prefixed courses is more than twice as much as the doubled in-district rate. 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 Number
Admissions Processing for Limited Enrollment Programs	Avanté Center, Room X250	847.925.6533
Admissions Outreach	Bldg C, Room C103	847.925.6700
Academic Advising and Counseling Services	New Students: Bldg C, Room C104	847.925.6208
	Previous or currently enrolled Harper students: Bldg I, Room I117	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	Bldg I, Room I 103	847.925.6266
Assessment and Testing	Bldg A, Room A148	847.925.6541
Business Office	Bldg A, Room A214	847.925.6880
HarperStore	Bldg L, Room L260	847.925.6275
One Stop Center	Bldg A, Room A250	847.925.6710

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