

AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - NURSING PROGRAM
STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, READMISSION, TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC CREDIT,
AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR
FALL 2012 ADMISSION

Interested individuals must attend a mandatory orientation session between May 10, 2011 and January 10, 2012 in order to be eligible to apply for admission to the Aims Community College Nursing Program for Fall 2012.

I. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Current Aims Community College application on file with Admissions and Records and eligible to register.
2. Completion of State of Colorado assessment requirements in math, English, and reading.
3. Scheduled and completed initial advising appointment (*to take place following orientation session*)
 - Orientation Activity verification form in file (valid orientations 5/10/2011 to 1/10/2012)
 - Updated Nursing Program Procedure form for Fall 2012 applicants signed by student and copy in file.
 - Disqualifying Offenses Acknowledgement signed by student and copy in file.
 - Background Investigation Acknowledgement signed by student and copy in file.
4. Copy of fingerprint results from American Databank confirmed, cleared and on file with Aims Community College.
5. (If applicable) **ALL** college prep courses completed with “C” or better.
6. Completion of required nursing general education prerequisite coursework with “C” or better. (BIO 201, BIO 202, BIO 216, ENG 121, and PSY 235) ***Biology courses (201, 202, &216) must be less than 7 years old at the beginning of the ADN Program.***
7. Meets minimum GPA requirement of 2.5 in the nursing general education prerequisite courses.
8. Official transcripts evaluated for **ALL** prerequisite coursework by Aims Admissions & Records.
9. Documentation of current Certified Nurse Aide license.
10. Documentation of the following Immunizations: (*refer to the “Student Health Screening” form for specific details.*)
 - **MMR** - 2 vaccines **OR** proof of immunity via **titers** (3) *for measles, mumps, & rubella*
 - **Varicella** - 2 vaccines, at least 4-6 weeks apart **OR** proof of immunity via a **titer**.
11. Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS):
 - Applicants for Fall 2012 are required to submit **TEAS V** results.
 - If the TEAS is taken at a site other than Aims CC, official results from that site must be submitted to Aims Community College Testing Center.

TEAS V required scores for Fall 2012 admission:

58.7% Composite 69.0% Reading

TEAS V results earned between May 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012 will be accepted for Fall 2012 consideration if they meet the required scores. Interested applicants may take the TEAS V test a maximum of one time between May 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012.

12. Schedule mandatory application appointment to submit, in person, all documentation of completed application materials between the first working day in February and the last working day in March 2012 to be considered for Fall 2012 nursing cohort only.

NOTE:

1. **Notice Of Protocol For Students Banned From Clinical Sites:**

Please be advised that if you currently are or previously have been enrolled in a program with a clinical component and have been expelled from one of our clinical affiliates, you are expelled from all programs at the College with a clinical component. Any attempt to seek entry, enrollment or matriculation into these programs after such a dismissal is at your own risk. You will be removed from the program at the time that the expulsion is discovered and all tuition fees paid to that point shall be forfeited by you. If you have any questions about this particular issue, you are encouraged to contact the program chair prior to enrolling.

2. BIO 216 Pathophysiology may be in progress during the spring 2012 semester. If “provisionally” admitted, a grade of “C” or better must be earned. After completion of BIO 216, the student’s GPA for **all** prerequisite courses must be a 2.5 or better. The applicant is responsible for providing an unofficial transcript in person at the time of application appointment demonstrating enrollment of BIO 216. Additionally, the applicant will be responsible for providing the final minimum grade in BIO 216 **in person** to an Allied Health Advisor before 5 pm on May 16, 2012. Coursework completed at other institutions must be officially transferred and applied to the applicant’s Aims student record by June 14, 2012. Failure to do so may result in disqualification for Fall 2012 admission.
3. BIO 105 with a lab component, or an acceptable substitution with a lab component: BIO 106, BIO 111, CHE 101, CHE 111, or possibly others such as microbiology **may be greater than seven years old**. A grade of “C” or better must have been earned.
 - a. Applicants to the Nursing Program should be aware that should they decide to pursue a BSN at a university, an additional science course(s) may be required.
 - b. Applicants who have not previously taken BIO 105, or an acceptable substitute, but have already completed BIO 201, BIO 202, and/or BIO 216 **must** take an additional four-credit hour science course. This course can be BIO 105, but Microbiology or Chemistry would be a better recommendation if the applicant is contemplating pursuing a BSN in the future.
 - c. A total of 16 approved science credits (with lab) are required before a student may progress to the second year of the Nursing Program.
4. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) interested in applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program have a different admission procedure and should attend a required orientation in order to obtain information. General questions can be directed to the Allied Health Advisors, Kellie Richardson (970-339-6570) or Janet Chase (970-339-6284).
5. The ACC Nursing Program is approved by the Colorado State Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. (<http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/>)
6. The Aims Community College nursing program is a candidate for accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. (www.nlnac.org)

II. RANKING OF APPLICANTS:

*Since class size is limited to assure quality clinical learning experiences for students who are admitted to the Program, applicants who meet the required standards are ranked based on the following Applicant Ranking System**:

1. GPA (calculated on ENG 121, PSY 235, BIO 201, and BIO 202, or substitutes) :
 - 4.00 - 3.50 – 10 points
 - 3.49 - 3.00 – 5 points
 - 2.99 - 2.50 – 0 points

2. TEAS V Composite Score:
 - 100% – 90.7% – 10 points
 - 90.6% – 78.0% – 5 points
 - 77.9% – 58.7% – 0 points

3. TEAS V Reading Score:
 - 100% – 95.2% – 10 points
 - 95.1% – 83.3% – 5 points
 - 83.2% – 69.0% – 0 points

*Applicants with the greatest number of points will be admitted first. In the event of a tie and when there are limited seats available, priority will be given to applicants using the following criteria:

- First: Highest GPA (calculated on ENG 121, PSY 235, BIO 201, and BIO 202, or substitutes)
Second: Highest TEAS V Composite Score
Third: Highest TEAS V Reading Score
Fourth: Highest TEAS V Math Score
Fifth: Highest TEAS V Science Score

Number of **TEAS V** attempts between May 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012:

1 attempt

III. PROVISIONAL ADMISSION POLICY:

Following Provisional Admission, the following requirements must be met:

1. Provide a cleared background check and urine drug screen analysis (UA). *Do NOT order until notified of provisional admission.*
2. **Proof of 2 TST's/ PPD's** (TB skin test) *(must be completed 30 days prior to start of nursing program- NO EARLER!)*
3. **Hepatitis B** *(proof of immunity via vaccines or titer or signed Declination Form)*
4. **Tetanus** *(less than 10 years old)* **Date:** _____
5. Current **American Heart Association** BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card *(usually expires every 2 years)* **Expiration Date:** _____

IV. RE-ADMISSION:

A. Notice Of Protocol For Students Banned From Clinical Sites:

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B. Policy:

1. In determining eligibility for readmission, the Nursing Admission Committee will consider the following factors:
 - a. rationale for failure to successfully complete the course the first time.
 - b. length of interim since last enrollment in nursing with primary consideration for changes in the Nursing Program and the interim not to exceed one year.
 - c. educational and work experiences during the interim.
 - d. number of students currently enrolled in the course.
 - e. faculty input.

C. Procedure:

1. The applicant seeking readmission will complete and file with the Nursing Office an "Application for Readmission".
2. The application will be considered and acted upon by the Nursing Admission Committee.
3. The applicant will be notified in writing by the Associate Dean/DNEP of the Committee's decision, including any conditional requirements determined by the Committee.

V. TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC CREDIT:

A. Transfer students must comply with the Standards for Admission to the Nursing Program.

B. Transfer of Non-Nursing Credits:

1. BIO 201, 202, and 216 (or acceptable substitutes) **must be no greater than 7 years old at the time the applicant enters the Nursing Program.**

2. BIO 105 with a lab component, or an acceptable substitution with a lab component: BIO 106, with a lab, BIO 111, with a lab, CHE 101, with a lab, CHE 111, with a lab, or possibly others such as microbiology **may be greater than seven years old**. A grade of “C” or better must have been earned.
 - a. Applicants to the Nursing Program should be aware that should they decide to pursue a BSN at a university, an additional science course may be required. Check with the transferring university for specific information.
 - b. Applicants who have not previously taken BIO 105, or an acceptable substitute, but have already completed BIO 201, BIO 202, and/or BIO 216 **must** take an additional four-credit hour science course. This course can be BIO 105, but Microbiology or Chemistry would be a better recommendation if the applicant is contemplating pursuing a BSN in the future.
 - c. A total of 16 approved science credits (with lab) are required before a student may progress to the second year of the Nursing Program.
3. HPR 108, or an acceptable substitute, **must be no greater than 7 years old at the time the applicant enters the Nursing Program**.
4. MAT 103 **must be no greater than 3 years old at the time the applicant enters the Nursing Program**. *Note: An applicant wishing to transfer MAT 103 must score 93% on a competency test administered by the Nursing Department. If the applicant does not score 93% on the competency test, he/she will be required to retake MAT 103.*

C. Transfer of Nursing Credit:

1. Regarding transfer students, nursing courses (those with a NUR prefix) must receive approval by the Associate Dean/DNEP of Nursing before being transferred in. It will be a rare exception that NUR courses greater than one year old will be considered for transfer. **NOTE: Licensed Practical Nurses applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program have different criteria for transferring in nursing classes.**
2. All state and college policies regarding transfer of credit as outlined in the College Catalog also apply.

VI. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to graduate from Aims Community College with an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree, and therefore be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN), the student must meet the following graduation requirements:

1. All financial obligations to the College must be paid in full.
2. The student's overall grade point average must be 2.0.
3. **All courses in the entire nursing curriculum must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.**
4. Students are responsible for applying for degrees and licensing examinations within the deadlines set by the College and Colorado State Board of Nursing.
5. The student must meet any other requirements for graduation set by the College. (See ACC Catalog).