DEL MAR COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF NURSE EDUCATION
APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR
RN TRACK ADMISSION

It is the responsibility of the applicant to follow and meet all criteria required for admission to Del Mar College.

1. Application and current admission to Del Mar College. For more information and application follow this link: http://www.delmar.edu/Becoming_a_Student.aspx

Students who are beginning college for the first time should visit our Student Enrollment Center for assistance. For more information follow this link: http://www.delmar.edu/enrollment_center/

Admission to Department of Nurse Education

1. Visit and read program information under the “Prospective Tab”
2. Students who meet the Reading, English and Math (REM) assessment levels to take Pre-requisites or Co-requisites on the Nursing Degree Plans can make an appointment with Department of Nursing Education (DNE) to visit with a Faculty Advisor (361-698-2860). All other students can call the Student Enrollment Center at 361-698-1741 for advising. Reading, English and Math Assessment information can be found at http://www.delmar.edu/Assessment_Requirements.aspx
3. Students who are eligible to apply will complete the online Nursing CAS application. Nursing CAS: Admission Application https://portal.nursingcas.org/

Eligibility Requirements

A grade of C or higher is required in all general education courses
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II must be completed within five (5) years

Admission Cycles

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DNE Tracks included are:
Associate of Applied Science (AAS-RN)
Associate of Arts (AA-RN) BSN Pathway
Certificate Vocational Nurse Education
Associate of Applied Science (LVN to RN Transition)

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Students pursuing the AAS-Registered Nurse Education degree plan must take Chemistry 1406 for CEUs (Continuing Education Units) prior to the co-requisite BIOL 2420 Microbiology and Clinical Pathology to comply with program requirements. The Chemistry 1406 CEU course may not meet the criteria for financial aid assistance; please check with the Financial Aid Office. If the student chooses to have the Chemistry 1406 CEU course converted to semester credit hours a petition to record credit form must be completed by student.

Any or all remaining general education courses in the curriculum may be completed prior to admission to the nursing program.
Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) of 2.5
Due to our selective admission criteria the most recent grade and not the highest grade is used in the calculation in the program GPA

1. Admission Exam:
   Applicants are required to take the HESI A2 standardized assessment exam. The HESI A2 test is a timed, computerized test which is usually completed in 3-4 hours. The test must be completed prior to the admission deadline for the semester that admission is requested. Please check the DNE program website http://www.delmar.edu/rn for additional information on the HESI A2 exam. Student must have completed BIOL 2401, ENGL 1301, and PSYC 2301 and completed or attending BIOL 2402 to be eligible to take HESI A2.
2. TSI Complete
   a. The Reading, English, and Math (REM) assessment levels must be at a level 3 as determined by Del Mar College prior to admission to the program.
3. Pre-Requisites
   a. Students must successfully complete the pre-requisites for the program-BIOL 2401 (A&P), BIOL 2402 (A&P), PSYC 2301 General Psychology, and ENGL 1301 Composition I. Students may apply if they anticipate completion of a pre-requisite course in the semester prior to their anticipated admission.
4. Transfer Students
   a. Students who have successfully completed one or more semesters of nursing courses at another school and want to transfer must meet the same admission requirements as other nursing students. Students must meet the DMC requirements for admission and submit a letter in writing requesting transfer to the Department of Nurse Education Chair accompanied by a letter of “Good Standing” from the previous nursing program attended.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF STUDENTS

1. Students are responsible for meeting all NursingCAS requirements before application is verified and reviewed by the program. NursingCAS will only process applications that have been submitted along with the fee for application cycle and program/track selected by student. The DNE will only review applications that have been verified by the application deadline. Do not forward transcripts to the DNE for verification. Communicate all questions regarding the application process to
2. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA calculated from the specified program general education courses found on the nurse education degree plan is required for admission into the Program. The Program GPA (PGPA) is calculated using the general education courses on the nurse education degree plans.

3. Points System for Selection

To calculate the points used for ranking purposes:

- The Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) of the Nurse Education degree plan is multiplied by the number of pre-requisites and co-requisites completed from the degree plan for which the student is applying for.
- The number of points earned from the HESI A2 section score calculation plus the Program GPA equal the total number of “Admission points”.
- The total number of Admission points is used to rank the applications from highest score to lowest score.

After the total points are determined for each applicant, the applications will be placed in descending rank order according to points earned (i.e. from most points earned to least points earned). Each application is reviewed for meeting all criteria for admission and completeness. The number of applicants accepted will be determined by the Department of Nurse Education. In the event of more applicants in one category than the number of spaces available, the applicant’s HESI Chemistry score of 75% or better will be the tie breaker. In case of further ties, random selection will be used. A list of alternate applicants for admission is developed using the same ranking system from the remaining applicants. Alternates will be notified of acceptance into a class should space become available prior to the start of class.

Each applicant accepted or not accepted into the class or placed on an alternate list is notified by email in NursingCAS. Applicants for the Spring semester are notified in November while applicants for the Fall semester are notified in April. Applicants are responsible for updating their email addresses in NursingCAS.

**Note:** Only completed courses are counted towards the admission points earned for placement in the applicants’ rank.

**Note:** HPRS 1106 Medical Terminology, HPRS 1204 Basic Health Professional Skills and RNSG 1201 must be completed within two years of the date of admission for application points.

**Note:** BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II must be completed within five years of the date of admission into the DNE Program.

**Note:** Documentation of current CNA certification will count for three (3) admission points.
Starting with the class applying in the Fall 2013 for Spring 2014 admission, students will have the following options for selection into ADN program. Applicants will choose one pathway at the time of application.

1. RN-TO-BSN (Associate of Arts) PATHWAY- 70% of the class will be chosen using the current “Points System” method. Program GPA X the number of non-nursing courses completed in the degree plan. (Maximum number of courses 17)
2. RN (Associate of Applied Sciences)- 25% of the class will be chosen using the current “Points System” method. (Maximum number of courses 8).
   *5% of the total admitting class will go to VN applicants.

**Note:** The courses below are no longer required on our educational plan. One point will be given for courses if completed 2 years within the application deadline.
- HPRS 1106 Medical Terminology
- HPRS 1204 Basic Health Professions

**Other Program Requirements**

The student must submit record of the following immunizations in the NursingCAS application prior to admission and the start of classes. Student must submit record of the following to comply with clinical agency requirements.

1. **Hepatitis B Vaccine.** Students are required to have completed the hepatitis B vaccine series prior to the start of nursing school. Please keep in mind that this series may take up to 6 months to complete.
2. **Tetanus-diphtheria.** One dose of a tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) is required within the last ten years. The booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap).
3. **Varicella Vaccine.** Students are required to have received one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the student's first birthday or, if the first dose was administered on or after the student's thirteenth birthday, two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are required. If a student has previously had Varicella (chickenpox) disease the student will need to submit Verification of Immunity/History of Illness to the nursing office.
4. **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines.** If a student has their immunization record and this record reflects two doses of MMR vaccine then the student is in compliance with all of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella requirements. If a student does not have two documented doses of MMR they will need to ensure that they meet the minimum requirement:
   a. **Measles:** Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (preferably MMR vaccine).
   b. **Mumps:** Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, acceptable evidence of vaccination of one dose of a mumps vaccine. Serological lab showing proof of immunity is acceptable.
   c. **Rubella:** Students must show acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B or varicella is acceptable. Evidence of measles, rubella, mumps and varicella consist of a laboratory report at the student’s expense that indicates either confirmation of immunity or infection.

During the nursing program, each student will be asked to submit evidence of current immunization requirements to the office. If there are further questions regarding this requirement, call the main office at 361-698-2860.

Upon conditional acceptance to program student must submit the following:

Health Screening on a standard departmental physical examination form to provide evidence of good physical and mental health. Failure to reveal prior or present physical or emotional illness will place a student as subject to dismissal. While information will be held in confidence there are certain circumstances that, for the student's protection as well as others, make health information disclosure a necessity.

- Negative PPD or chest X-ray with the last 12 months.
  - Students with a positive PPD and a negative chest X-ray on admission into the program must complete a TB screening questionnaire annually while enrolled in the program.
  - Students whose responses indicate possibility of TB infection must submit documentation of medical evaluation and treatment, if applicable.
  - Students with a negative PPD on admission who convert to positive while enrolled in the program must submit documentation of medical evaluation and treatment.

Other acceptable blood tests for documentation of TB health status include QuantiFERON®–TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT-GIT) and T-SPOT®.TB test (T-Spot)

**Negative IGRA (this is good):** This means that the person’s blood did not react to the test and that latent TB infection or TB disease is not likely.

**Positive IGRA (this person needs a chest xray):** This means that the person has been infected with TB bacteria. Additional tests are needed to determine if the person has latent TB infection or TB disease. A health care worker will then provide treatment as needed.

**Negative PPD yearly thereafter while enrolled in the program**

**Flu Vaccine**

In addition to the immunization requirements noted above the following are required upon conditional admission.

1. Current CPR course completion card from American Heart Association Health Care Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer. The CPR card expiration date must fall beyond the last day of clinical for the semester.
2. A standard departmental physical examination to provide evidence of good physical and mental health. Failure to reveal prior or present physical or emotional illness will place a student as subject to dismissal. While information will be held in confidence there are certain circumstances that, for the student's protection as well as others, make health information disclosure a necessity.
3. Verification of completion and clearance of the Texas Board of Nursing DPS/FBI Criminal Background Check.

4. Students will be given specific instructions on how to obtain a criminal background check once admitted to the program.

5. A mandatory Orientation date will be provided for new admissions.

6. Nursing applicants who have been arrested, convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized in the past five years for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorders, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder, or addicted to or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug within the past five years, must petition the Texas Board of Nursing for a declaratory order concerning their eligibility to take the licensing examination, the NCLEX-RN. The Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) can be reached at 512-305-7400. The application for a declaratory order can be downloaded from the TBON website at www.bon.texas.gov/olv/forms.html. This declaratory order must be completed and cleared before the student starts the nursing program. A clearance from the Texas Board of Nursing is required prior to the enrollment in program courses. If a student does not receive TBON written clearance prior to the start of classes they will have one year to return to the program. After one year the student must reapply.

7. Students are required to take a drug screen. Details on drug screen will be provided once student is accepted.

Applicants who are not selected and those who decline a position must re-apply in order to be considered in next year’s selection process.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet the requirements and deadline. Please visit http://dmc122011.delmar.edu/rn/documents.html for all forms required of applicants.