

# Associate Degree Nursing Program 2024-2025

Application Checklist  
Traditional Students

## **Contact Information**

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- Assists with the application and registration process.
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- Maintains all of the nursing program files.
- Schedules students for the HESI A2 Admissions Assessment entrance exam.
- Provides general information about the college's nursing programs.

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- Oversees all aspects of the nursing programs.
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- Advises AAS.ADN.TRK, AAS.ADN, and potential students regarding progression toward graduation.
- Teaches in the practical and associate degree programs.

The Associate Degree nursing program at Lake Land College at the main campus located in Mattoon, Illinois and the Kluthe campus located in Effingham, Illinois is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326  
(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>



The Associate Degree Program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

**Complete these steps by February 1 of the application year**

- ❑ To apply to Lake Land College, submit a completed Intent to Enroll and select "AAS.ADN.TRK" as the academic program. This will ensure applicants are assigned a nursing academic advisor and will generate a Laker email account. **(Must be completed in order to apply to the nursing program and take the HESI entrance exam.)**

Prospective students are expected to check Laker email accounts on a regular basis for Nursing Department correspondence. Applicants who fail to meet deadlines will forfeit the opportunity to gain admission.

- ❑ To apply to the Associate Degree Nursing program, review program information and complete the online Nursing Program Admission Application on the college website. To access the application, visit the Lake Land College homepage, select '**Admissions**', '**Special Admission Programs**', '**Associate Degree Nurse**', scroll to find the '**Start the application process and view program information**' link, select '**Begin the application process**' link.

- ❑ Receipt of this application will prompt the Nursing Department to start a file and begin email correspondence within 4 weeks. Initial correspondence will include instructions to call or email the Nursing Department at (217) 234-5447 or [hcox@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:hcox@lakelandcollege.edu) to sign-up for the HESI A2 Admission Assessment exam.

- ❑ The exam is a proctored, online test offered the first Friday of September, October, November, December, and January. Applicants are tested on reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary & knowledge, and math. Space is limited. 100 students will be assigned for each testing date, the first 80 to pay for the exam will be eligible to test.

To be considered for the Associate Degree Nursing Program, applicants must obtain a minimum cumulative score of 75 on this exam. Obtaining a minimum score **DOES NOT** guarantee acceptance into the program. Scores are valid for 5 years. The most recent score is utilized to calculate admission points.

- ❑ Applicants can take the exam 2 times within a testing cycle (September-January). For those interested in repeating the exam, contact the nursing department. Repeat exams are only offered in November and January.

**Study aides are available for purchase online: HESI A2 Study Guide published by Elsevier**

- ❑ Approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the exam date, applicants will receive an email with instructions for online registration and payment. The cost is \$50 (subject to change).
- ❑ For applicants with college credit from any other institution, contact that institution to send official transcripts to Lake Land's Admissions & Records Office. Complete an online "[Transcript Evaluation](#)" for AAS.ADN.TRK to ensure all courses required for the nursing program are evaluated. **All transcripts must be received by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be considered.**
- ❑ Complete pre-requisite: Biology—BIO 100 or Anatomy & Physiology I—BIO 225 **prior** to the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, with a grade of "C" or better. ***Students enrolled in a pre-requisite course during the spring semester of the application year will NOT be considered for admission.***

**Program of Study:**

Applicants are encouraged to take co-requisites prior to admission. Co-requisites must be completed by the end of the semester indicated in the last column below:

Co-Requisite Courses	Credit Hours	Semester of Nursing Program
Human Development—PSY 279	3	Semester 1
Anatomy and Physiology I—BIO 225	4	Semester 1
*Anatomy and Physiology II—BIO 226	4	Semester 2
Disease Processes—HED 290 <u>OR</u> **Microbiology—BIO 235	3 4	Semester 2/Summer
Composition I Pathway—ENG 119 <u>OR</u> Composition I—ENG 120	4 3	Semester 3
Composition II—ENG 121 <u>OR</u> Intro to Speech Communications—COM 111	3 3	Semester 4

\* BIO 226 must be completed within 5 years prior to admission. If older than 5 years, repeat or take BIO 061 Health Assessment (1 credit hour) anatomy refresher course. (BIO 061 only offered Fall and Summer)

\*\* Course recommended for a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

**Nursing Courses:** These courses can only be taken once accepted into the program. All courses are sequential. A student cannot progress in the program if unsuccessful in any course.

Nursing Courses	Credit Hours	Semester of Nursing Program
Nursing I Fundamentals—ADN 040	10	Semester 1
Nursing II—ADN 042	10	Semester 2
Pharmacology I—ADN 053	2	Semester 2
Nursing III—ADN 076	10	Semester 3
Pharmacology II—ADN 074	2	Semester 3
Nursing IV—ADN 078	10	Semester 4
Pharmacology III—ADN 075	2	Semester 4
Senior Seminar—ADN 060	1	Semester 4—Mod I

The Allied Health Program guidelines and expectations align with the College's Pandemic Safety Response Guidelines. If the College updates the guidelines, the Allied Health Programs will follow the new guidelines. If clinical partners impose guidelines that are more restrictive, such as a vaccination mandate, the Allied Health Programs will follow the clinical partner's guidelines. If a student refuses to comply with the clinical site's protocols, he/she will fail to meet clinical objectives and will therefore fail the course.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, files will be reviewed for Fall admissions. Admission scores are calculated utilizing the following rubric:

**ADN Admissions Rubric for Traditional Students**

Verification of pre-requisite course completion. BIO 100 or BIO 225 with grade 'C' or higher	Check to verify completion <input type="checkbox"/>
Admission Application-Associate Degree in Nursing	1 point per 6-month period. <b>0 to 4 points possible</b>
HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam score (minimum score of 75 required to be considered for admission).	Score _____X2 = <b>Max 200 points possible</b>
Aggregated GPA for completed co-requisite courses ONLY (GPA's below 2.0 will not be accepted)	<b>2 to 4 points possible</b>
Co-requisite points for grades for courses completed	A=4 pts; B=3 pts; C=2 pt <b>0 to 32 points possible</b>
Optional admissions points*	<b>10 points maximum</b>

\*To obtain optional admissions points, submit the following:

- ☐ 10 admissions points are awarded for completion of a healthcare certificate program (completion of a formal 40-credit hour vocational program) or higher degree and receipt of current certificate or license in a related field. (i.e., Medical Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Radiology Technologist, Paramedic). Email certification/license to hcox@lakelandcollege.edu.

**OR**

- ☐ 10 admissions points for employment in a healthcare related field that involves direct patient care that does not require a specific license. Submit a letter from your current employer (on agency letterhead) indicating current role in direct patient care via email to hcox@lakelandcollege.edu.

**Essential Functions:** Applicants must be able to perform certain functions to ensure the ability to care for patients and maintain the safety of patients, students, staff, and themselves. Applicants must be capable of performing all Essential Functions required of a nurse; students will need to maintain the ability to perform these functions for the duration of the program. The list of Essential Functions is found on the nursing webpage at the '*Start the application process and view program information*' link.

**Admission based on criminal history:** After tentative acceptance and prior to official admission to the program, applicants are required to submit to a background check ordered through the programs' official vendor. The guidelines of ILCS 2105/2105-165 the Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act are utilized to determine if criminal history will restrict the program from finding clinical placement. The inability to attend clinical will prevent program completion.

Cost Estimate for ADN Program Completion\*

Semester	Semester Hours	Tuition and Fees** \$142.67 per Semester Hour	Nursing Course Fees**	TOTAL
Pre-requisites	4	\$570.68		\$570.68
Co-requisites	20-22	\$2853.40-\$3138.74		\$2853.40-\$3138.74
Semester 1	10	\$1426.70	\$675.00	\$2101.70
Semester 2	12	\$1712.04	\$675.00	\$2387.04
Semester 3	12	\$1712.04	\$775.00	\$2487.04
Semester 4	13	\$1854.71	\$775.00	\$2629.71
Uniform, watch, stethoscope, shoes***		\$250.00		\$250.00
Supply kit (from LLC Bookstore)		\$350.00		\$350.00
Textbooks and Support Products (from LLC Bookstore)		\$300.00		\$300.00
Compliance Tracker: includes monitoring of program requirements, background check, and drug screen.		\$230.00		\$230.00
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS</b>				<b>\$14,159.57-\$14,44.91</b>

\*Tuition and fees for in-district students. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

\*\*Co-requisite courses may have additional fees.

\*\*\*Prices may vary.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How can I improve my chances of gaining admission into the ADN program?**

- Prepare for the HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam. The score is the biggest contributor to admission points.
- Obtain good grades in co-requisite courses, to increase the admissions score.

**What other courses can help me be successful in the program?**

- Math for Meds, Medical Terminology

**Is there a waiting list?**

- No—The ADN program is a selective program with an objective, competitive admissions process. Each year applicants are accepted based on a point system.

**How often are students admitted?**

- Students begin the program in the fall semester only.

**Can I apply if I am out of the Lake Land College district?**

- The Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/3-17) requires that all in-district applicants be considered first. Out-of-district students will be considered using the same admissions rubric only after all eligible in-district students have been considered.

**What do I do if I am not accepted into the program?**

- The nursing department will send you information on how to reapply for the program.

**How soon should I begin the application process?**

- Plan at least one year before projected start date by applying to the College and completing a Nursing Program Admissions Application. The pre-requisite must be complete by the February 1 application deadline.

**Where is the ADN program offered?**

- The ADN program is offered on the main campus and at the Effingham Kluthe Center. Accepted students register at their preferred site on a first come, first serve basis.

**How often will I be in school?**

- Students can expect to attend class 3-4 days a week. The day off varies throughout the program depending on the clinical assignments. Most clinical assignments require students to BEGIN as early as 6 a.m.

**Where can an ADN graduate practice nursing?**

- Once a student graduates from the ADN program, he/she is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and obtain a Registered Nursing license in any state in the United States.