

## **Dakota Nursing Program**

### **Prerequisites & Checklist for Admission to the Associate Degree Nurse Program**

#### **Advance Standing Applicants**

Admission to the Dakota Nursing Program is on a competitive basis. The following are prerequisites for consideration for Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program:

1. Applicant is:
  - a. A graduate from a state board approved PN program from an accredited college and current LPN with an active, unencumbered license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the United States of America.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses (including prior practical nursing classes) and an overall minimum GPA of 2.5
3. Admission to the college of choice as well as completion of a formal application to the Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program. **Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the ADN program.** Application forms for admission to the Dakota ADN Program may be obtained on the Dakota Nursing Program website at [www.dakotanursing.org](http://www.dakotanursing.org) beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> with application due on or before March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - When completing the DNP application online, be prepared to upload a Narrative Statement in 300-600 words summarizing your education/work experiences and how those experiences will help you progress through the nursing program. Also include why you want to be a nurse and why this is a good time in your life to pursue a nursing degree.
4. Pass a preadmission examination - ATI Comprehensive PN Comprehensive Predictor report showing an individual composite score which equals a predicted probability of passing the NCLEX-PN of 92%. Students achieving a score of less than 92% predicted probability on the first attempt will be required to wait 30 days until retaking the predictor after remediating on the topics they failed. Comprehensive PN Predictor scores are valid for up to one (1) year prior to March 5<sup>th</sup> of the year of application. Applicants will be allowed two (2) attempts of passing the NCLEX-PN Predictor per application process. Contact the nursing coordinator or testing center at your local campus to schedule your test date on or before March 1, of the year of application. A student may be considered for admission after a successful retake.
5. Currently enrolled (if competitive) or satisfactory completion with a "C" or better in each of the following courses:
  - All required nursing courses from an approved Practical Nursing Program
  - ENGL 110 Composition I
  - PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
  - BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I with lab
  - BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II with lab
  - PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology (*must have been completed within 7 years of ADN admission*).
  - PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology
9. A certain level of English proficiency is necessary for academic success in nursing as well as for client safety. In addition to general college English proficiency requirements, all applicants born outside of the United States or Canada and applicants for whom English is not their native language (including International and/or U.S. residents) or who have not attended 4 years of U.S. high school and achieved a HS GPA of 3.0 or higher must meet additional language proficiency requirements for admission to the Dakota Nursing Program. These requirements must be met prior to consideration for admission.

#### **Minimum TOEFL Scores for Admission to the Dakota Nursing Program**

To be considered for admission to the pre-licensure program, English as a second language (ESL) applicants must achieve minimum scores on the TOEFL internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) of:

**Minimum Cumulative Score of:**

- 86 Combined

**AND Minimum Individual Scores of:**

- 26 in Speaking
- 20 in Writing
- 20 in Reading
- 20 in Listening

**Minimum Duolingo Scores for Admission to the Dakota Nursing Program**

To be considered for admission to the pre-licensure program, English as a second language (ESL) applicants must achieve minimum scores on the Duolingo English Test (DET) of:

**Minimum Cumulative Score of:**

- 115 Combined

**It is expected that the applicant reaches a content score (variation as determined by the admission and progression committee) of 90 in the following four areas:**

- Literacy (Reading)
- Comprehension (Listening)
- Conversation (Speaking)
- Production (Writing)

**Test Preparation and Registration**

- Complete the registration process at <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants>
- Request score be sent to your college. (BSC, DCB, LRSC, WSC)
- Only official score reports will be accepted. DET scores are valid for two years from the test date.
- The cost of any/all required testing is the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- Applicants are allowed two (2) attempts at the DET with a minimum of 30 days between attempts per application period.

Nursing students for whom English is not their native language should be aware that they may not be able to complete the program of study within the described time frame. Students are encouraged to consult the nursing advisor before submitting the nursing program application. This gives the opportunity to discuss requirements and arrange to either take the English proficiency exam (TOEFL or DET) if applicable or seek assistance to be successful on the English proficiency exam in the future.

10. Every applicant will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined below. It is important to acknowledge that an interview may not be applicable for each campus.

LPN Experience	Admit Cum GPA	Admit Nursing GPA	Predicted probability of passing NCLEX-PN of 92% or greater	Points for 2nd Qualified App	References	Biography Score	Interview Score
Y = 2 N = 0	Minimum of 2.50	C or better & Minimum of 2.75	ATI Comp Predictor Score of 92% or greater divided by 10	Y = 1 N = 0	0-5	0-5	0-10

### **Checklist for the Advance Standing ADN (LPN to RN) Applicants**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Complete an application for admission to your local college (BSC, DCB, LRSC or WSC)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the electronic application for the Dakota Nursing Program with a current, valid, unencumbered United States LPN license number for verification.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide copy of current CPR certification for BLS Provider
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Pass a preadmission examination (ATI Comprehensive PN Predictor).
5. \_\_\_\_\_ If required by English as a second language (ESL) applicants, TOEFL/DuoLingo exam results
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide 2 professional references.

**All applicants may be invited to interview if they meet all requirements and will be notified before July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Advanced Standing applicants who are qualified for admission will be on a waiting list until all internal applicants have completed the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor during the first week of July**

***Incomplete applications are not able to be processed and will be declined***