COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate Degree Nursing
Admission Requirements

It is highly recommended that those with an interest in nursing make an appointment to meet with a Health and Human Service Completion Advisor by calling 287-2779. There are two tracks available for the Nursing program, the blended track and the traditional track.

Students may apply to only one track per application period. All admission criteria must be met and on file either prior to or submitted with their application. Information about the admission criteria, application dates and admission process are posted on the Nursing Departmental Homepage: www.cscc.edu/nursing. Applicants should review Standards Essential for Nursing Students prior to applying to the Nursing Program. These are located on the Nursing Departmental Homepage. Admission into nursing requires completion of the following criteria:

Students applying to the Nursing Program must be in good academic standing at the college. Therefore, no student who is on academic warning status at the college because of a GPA below 2.0 may apply to the program. Once the student has resumed the status of good standing, which is an accumulated GPA of 2.0 or above, she/he may apply to the Nursing Program. Good academic standing must be maintained in order to start the Nursing Program.

1. **High School Diploma or GED**
   Applicants must have a high school transcript, GED or college transcript verifying a degree, on file with the College Records and Registration Office. Applicants should verify their document(s) is on file prior to applying to the Nursing Program.

2. **Nursing Information Session**
   Applicants must complete a Nursing Program Information Session. It is available to view online.

3. **STNA Card**
   Applicants must provide a copy of his/her current STNA card
   
   Or
   
   An applicant who is a previously State Tested Nurse Aide will provide documentation of employment in a health care setting as a health care provider for a minimum of 8 hours within the past 24 months. The Nursing Admissions Committee will review the documents for eligibility.

4. **Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Admission Assessment (A2) Exam**
   Completion of the A2 Exam with a score of 75 is required for admission. This score reflects a necessary reading, science and math knowledge foundation to be successful in the Nursing Program. Applicants are encouraged to utilize the Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review by HESI prior to taking the A2 exam. This exam review is available for purchase at the CSCC Bookstore. Scores from other schools will not be accepted. A copy of the results must be submitted with the nursing application.
Additional Admission Information

1. The Columbus State admissions application form is online at [https://secure.cscc.edu/application/default.asp](https://secure.cscc.edu/application/default.asp). If it has been more than three years since you attended classes at Columbus State, call (614) 287-2453 or 1-800-621-6407 ext. 2453 to reactivate your student file.

2. Placement tests are administered in the Student Success Testing Center, Aquinas Hall, Room 002. See the following web site for specific hours and sample questions. [www.cscc.edu/sstc/compass.htm](http://www.cscc.edu/sstc/compass.htm)

3. To register to take the A2 Admission Exam, create an account to obtain a username and password at [www.elsevier.com](http://www.elsevier.com). The initial cost of the exam is $55 payable at [www.registerblast.com/cscc/exam](http://www.registerblast.com/cscc/exam). The cost to repeat the exam is $65. Detailed instructions and payment forms are available as a PDF on the Nursing homepage. On the day of the test, bring a picture ID and paid receipt to the Testing and Talent Assessment Center, Center for Workforce Development, Room 223. Retesting eligibility begins 45 days from the date of the previous A2 exam. The A2 exam may be taken a maximum of 2 times. A2 exam scores from other schools will not be accepted.

4. Contact the Records and Registration Office, Room 201, Madison Hall, (614) 287-2658, for information about the processing of college transfer credit from other institutions of higher education.

5. Applicants currently licensed as Practical Nurses should refer to “Admission Procedure to Associate Degree Nursing Program for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)” available from the Nursing Program or online at [www.cscc.edu/nursing](http://www.cscc.edu/nursing).

6. Applicants for admission from another program preparing students to take NCLEX-RN should contact the Nursing Program for more information.

7. Please be advised of the following:
   A. From the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4723.09 License Application:
      (b) For an applicant who entered a prelicensure nursing education program on or after June 1, 2003, the results of a criminal records check conducted in accordance with section 4723.091 of the Revised Code demonstrate that the applicant is not ineligible for licensure as specified in section 4723.092 of the Revised Code (c) For all applicants, the board determines that the applicant has not committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under section 3123.47 or 4723.28 of the Revised Code or determines that an applicant who has committed any act that is grounds for disciplinary action under either section has made restitution or has been rehabilitated, or both.
   B. It is the applicant’s responsibility to notify the Nursing Program Chairperson of felony convictions as admission may be revoked due to clinical placement denial.
C. From the Ohio Revised Code 4723-5-12:
(13) A student shall not self-administer or otherwise take into the body any
dangerous drug, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, in any way not in
accordance with a legal valid prescription issued for the student, or self-administer or
otherwise take into the body any drug that is a schedule I controlled substance. (14) A
student shall not habitually or excessively indulge in the use of controlled
substances, other habit-forming drugs or alcohol or other chemical substances to an
extent that impairs ability to practice. (15) A student shall not have impairment of the
ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing
care because of the use of drugs, alcohol, or other chemical substances. (16) A
student shall not have impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable
and prevailing standards of safe nursing care because of a physical or mental
disability.

8. A federal law, PRWORA, known as the “Personal Responsibility Act” limits RN
licensure to U.S. citizens and other qualified applicants. The Ohio Board of Nursing is
required to keep assurance of citizenship on record with applications for licensure.

9. Admission to Nursing is offered for a specific semester only. Students who decline the
offer of admission or who fail to respond must re-apply if they wish to be considered for
a future class and must meet the admission criteria in effect for that class. Students can
only be admitted to the Nursing Program twice.

10. A minimum grade of “C” or better is required in all Nursing, Science, Psychology, and
Math courses in the curriculum. Students accepted to Nursing who do not achieve a
minimum grade of “C” or better in any of the following support courses must retake the
course(s) prior to the start of their NURS classes or during the semester in which the
course(s) is (are) required in the curriculum plan, in order to remain a student in good
standing in the program: BIO 2300 (Human Anatomy); BIO 2232 (Human Physiology);
BIO 2215 (Introduction to Microbiology); PSY 1100 (Introduction to Psychology;
PSY 2340 (Human Growth and Development); MATH 1025, STAT 1350, NURC 1104
(Basic Care Skills).

11. Students waiting to start nursing should first complete the admission requirements and
then may work on general education and basic related courses listed on the plan of study.
Students should continue to work with an academic advisor to complete their pre-
admission checklist and plan a schedule of courses.

12. Columbus State Community College makes every effort to inform prospective students of
the admission requirements for the Nursing Program. Students are responsible for
maintaining awareness of the application periods, of the admission requirements and any
changes made to those requirements over time. Any questions about admission criteria
should be directed to Columbus State Health and Human Service Advisors at (614)
287-2779 and Columbus State Nursing Homepage www.csc.edu/nursing.
13. Clinical agencies have set requirements for patient safety. Students accepted to the program will be informed of the specific requirements for health, fingerprinting, drug screening, essential duties, and CPR which must be met prior to starting and while continuing the NURS sequence of courses.

14. Once a student accepts an offer of admission to a particular track (blended or traditional) the student must start in the admitted track and complete one semester before applying for a track change. Only one change is permitted.

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