

Murray State College

Nursing Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Over the years, students have asked some very good questions. We have put together a list of frequently asked questions along with answers that we hope will help you. If you have other questions not listed here, don't hesitate to contact the nursing [program director](#).

Q: When can I apply to the Nursing Program?

A: Applications are taken each spring for the following fall semester. Applications are due the first Friday in February each year. Applications can not be mailed to students. All students wishing to apply to the Nursing Program must attend a Nursing Admission Class each January or February in order to obtain an application. See Application Process on the website for more details.

Q: How long will it take me to complete this program?

A: The program can be completed in 4 semesters and 1 summer term although the vast majority of students complete the program in 3 years. One year of high school Chemistry or one semester of college Chemistry with a grade of C or higher is required in order to apply to the nursing program. Students who do not meet this requirement will not be eligible to apply.

Q: I must work while going to school. What is the maximum number of hours suggested that I should work during a semester?

A: For students who work while attending the nursing program it is recommended the following work schedule is followed:

Credit Hours Attempted	Work Schedule
3-6 Semester Hours	32-40 hours per week
9-12 Semester Hours	16-20 hours per week
15-18 Semester Hours	No Work

Q: I have taken some of the prerequisite courses at another college or university. Will these courses transfer, and will I get credit for them for this program?

A: Most college credit courses that have been taken within the last ten years will transfer to Murray State College. Applicants need to make an appointment with the Nursing Program Director for a transcript evaluation.

Q: How is selection made for this program?

A: Selection is based on a point system. A detailed description (see point sheet) of the selection process is part of the application packet and is reviewed with each potential applicant during the application class in January or February of each year. Students should be aware that higher grades in the prerequisite courses, a higher ACT and a high enough Evolve Reach Admission Test score result in more points. Total points for admission vary annually. The point system is evaluated and may be revised annually.

Q: How many students apply to the Nursing Program each year and how many are accepted?

A: Applicant numbers vary each year but generally there are between 100 and 125 applicants. 45 to 60 students are accepted annually.

Q: Do I have to be a CNA to be accepted to the Program?

A: YES, you must show verification of a CNA license, prior to beginning the first nursing course.

Q: What are the grade requirements if I am accepted to the Nursing Program?

A: Student must have a "C" or greater in all required nursing courses in order to continue in the nursing program.

Q: Is clinical experience included in the program?

A: Yes, clinical experiences are scheduled two days per week during the nursing program.

Q: Is transportation provided from the college to the clinical settings?

A: No. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from classes and clinicals.

Q: When I finish this program, will I be a Registered Nurse?

A: Students who finish the program will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing from Murray State College, and will be eligible to take The National Council Licensure Exam. Upon successfully passing this exam you will be a RN.

Q: Do I receive any pay for clinical time?

A: No, your clinical education is part of the curriculum, not employment. You will be learning and have an instructor who is supervising your clinical education during all clinical experiences. Tuition and fees apply to all classes including clinical rotations.

Q: Do I need to have professional liability insurance while working in the clinicals?

A: Yes, the cost of professional liability insurance is the responsibility of the student.

Q: If I am still in high school, what courses should I take now to prepare myself for a career as a Registered Nurse?

A: Physical Science, Biology, Physiology, Chemistry, Zoology, Psychology, Algebra, Public Speaking, Computer Science, etc.

Q: If I am a LPN do I get any credit for my LPN training and experience?

Yes, LPN's and licensed paramedics can apply for direct articulation or test out of one or two semesters of our nursing program. LPN/Paramedics must complete all 35 hours of general education courses in order to complete the program. See Career Mobility information for more details.