



PRACTICAL NURSING E-DEGREE

FALL 2022 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Process

Applications to the Fall 2022 Online Practical Nursing program will be accepted starting September 1, 2021. All application process steps must be completed by the application priority deadline of March 1, 2022, to be considered for the program. Applications received on or after the priority deadline will be reviewed for consideration to the wait list. Late applicants are encouraged to complete the required application steps in a timely manner.

1. Submit completed application and \$25 fee

2. Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

The entrance exam is offered at Lake Area Tech at various times Monday through Friday. Occasional Saturday testing is also offered at 9:00 a.m. (A photo ID must be presented to take exam.) Contact the Admissions office to schedule. The entrance exam can take up to three hours to complete and has four parts: Math Skills, Reading, Science and English/Language. The exam must be completed by March 1, 2022, to ensure consideration for acceptance in the fall 2022 Online Practical Nursing program. The entrance exam may be taken twice with a minimum of 30 days between dates. Applicants are required to set up an account through the ATI testing website www.atitesting.com. Applications received after the priority deadline may still test. The cost of the exam is approximately \$70 and must be paid with a credit/debit card at the time of testing. The ATI-TEAS Study Guide is recommended to use to prepare for the exam. The guide is available at www.atitesting.com/ati_store/product.aspx?zpid=1175. Practice assessments are also available for purchase in combination with the study guide through the online store.

3. Submit official high school and college transcripts

Transcripts must have an official school seal. Copies will not be accepted. *Grade report will be accepted if a final transcript is unavailable by deadline date. A final official transcript is required when available to complete transfer of courses.

4. Verify completed application with Admissions Assistant at ext. 290

Acceptance Criteria

Admission is competitive. Acceptance into the program will be based on the following criteria:

- **Test of Essential Academic Skills** (Testing deadline is March 1, 2022)
- **GPA** (Most recent GPA of 2.5 or better.)
- **Completion of recommended courses**

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial by letter. *Late applicants who apply on or after the priority date listed are encouraged to contact LATC admissions representative at their earliest convenience to discuss alternative planning: admissions@lakeareatech.edu ext. 290 or Nursing Director amber.schleusner@lakeareatech.edu.

Students accepted into the Practical Nursing program will be asked to make an appointment with the department head of the nursing program. Students will also be required to provide a record of the following for the student file by the beginning of the school year:

- **A physical examination**
- **Current immunizations, including MMR, DPT and polio**
- **Mantoux test, current within the last year, proof of 2-step**
- **Hepatitis series, either completed or in the progress of completion**
- **Tdap (unless Td in last year)**
- **Varicella titer**

Individuals who are certified nursing assistants or who have recently successfully completed the NE Technical High Health Science course will be granted two credits for prior learning when a record of completion is made available to the Admissions Office. Criminal background checks are performed on all students before clinical rotations at the student's expense. Visit the online nursing website for computer and network requirements, course requirements, tuition and fees.

Accredited by:

The Practical Nursing Program at Lake Area Technical College located in Watertown, South Dakota is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA, 30326
(404) 975-5000

South Dakota Board of Nursing
4305 Louise Ave, Suite 201 Sioux Falls SD
57106-3115 605.362.2760
<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/>

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical Nursing Program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at: <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

Online Practical Nursing Program

Become a Practical Nurse by taking courses through the internet at home while continuing to work.

Lake Area Tech's Practical Nursing E-Degree is available to individuals residing in SD, ND, MN, IA, and NE.

Does Lake Area Tech offer all the classes needed online?

Not all of the general education courses are available online. Composition, Math, Anatomy, and Psychology can be completed at any accredited technical school or college. Online courses that are approved for transfer by the program advisor may also be taken.

What about clinical experiences?

Students that begin in the program in the fall semester will have required supervised clinicals in Watertown and surrounding areas. The number of clinical hours requiring travel to Watertown and surrounding areas are:

PN103=30 hours	PN113=36 hours
PN114=42 hours	PN201=36 hours

Additional clinical hours will also be required in other communities as arranged by the instructors in the following courses:

PN103=30 hours	PN111=24 hours	PN201=144 hours
PN113=48 hours	PN114=110 hours	

When does the program begin and how big is the class?

The program starts each fall semester and accepts up to 40 students.

Are you an online learner? Take the survey:

<https://www.lakeareatech.edu/online-learning/>

Fall Semester Full-Time Student

Completion of the recommended courses will be in the students' best interest to maintain a reasonable credit load during the course of study at Lake Area Tech.

Recommended courses to complete prior to the fall semester:

ANAT 142 Anatomy*	3	Spring Semester	
ENGL 101 Composition*	3	PN 112 Nursing Care of Children	2
MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra or		PN 113 Nursing Care of the Adult I	5
MATH 114 College Algebra*		PN 114 Nursing Care of the Adult II	6
MA 115 Medical Terminology	3	PN 203 Professional Concepts in Nursing	1
PSYC 101 General Psychology*	1	CSS 100 Career Search Strategies	<u>0.5</u>
	Total	Total	14.5
Fall Semester* <u>Start of program</u>	13		
PN 102 Fundamentals of Nursing Prac I PN		Summer Session	
103 Fundamentals of Nursing Prac II PN	2	PN 111 Maternity Nursing	2.5
106 Foundations in Nursing	6	PN 201 Applied Clinical Practice	<u>5</u>
PN 108 Nutrition	2	Total	7.5
PN 130 Pharmacology	1		
	<u>1</u>		
Total	12		

• Indicates general education course. +Only America Red Cross or American Heart Association cards will be accepted for transfer. AED/CPR is required before faculty monitored clinicals. Completing an AED/CPR course between July 15 and Aug 20 is ideal.

Students interested in continuing their education for an Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) may be able to apply for the LATC RN program.

Additional General Education Courses for Associates Degree in Nursing:

CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey Inorganic Chemistry w Lab	4	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
MATH 114 College Algebra*	3	PHGY 210 Physiology	4
MICRO 231 General Microbiology	4	SOC 100 Intro to Sociology	3

*Math 114 is required prior to the first semester of the RN program.

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