



LAKE AREA  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## Registered Nursing ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Lake Area Technical College Registered Nursing Program to receive a letter of acceptance. Admission is contingent upon the successful completion of an accredited LPN program and the NCLEX PN licensure exam. A student interview with the admissions team and Nursing Department Supervisor may be requested.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to determine entrance into the Lake Area Technical College Registered Nursing program:

1. High School diploma or GED.
2. GPA from the LPN school/program at 2.75 or higher. The LPN program attended must be approved by the State Board of Nursing from the state in which the school resides.
3. Official transcripts from all institutions attended sent directly from the institution to LATC.
4. Transferrable coursework completed with a C or higher. Science courses should not be greater than seven years old. (Exceptions may be granted if the candidate is a practicing LPN).
5. A statement from the student requesting admission with an explanation of how the student plans to be successful in the RN program "Admission Enlightenment Letter".
6. Provide a current employer, current faculty or a former faculty to be a reference. Upon submission of the form the reference will be asked to provide an emailed letter of reference directly to the admissions department at LATC.
7. If a student has previously been in a Registered Nursing Program other than LATC, they must produce a letter of recommendation from the school in which they left. The student must have left in good academic and moral standing. Each student will be viewed on an individual basis.
8. Additionally, all currently licensed LPNs must:
  - a. Complete the "ATI Comprehensive Predictor NCLEX-PN" or provide results of this exam within the last three years. This exam is a 180-item assessment of the student's comprehension and mastery of basic principles including fundamentals of nursing, pharmacology, adult medical surgical nursing, maternal newborn care, mental health nursing, nursing care of children, nutrition, and management. The exam must be completed by the application deadline. The exam is offered at Lake Area Tech Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Check with the Admissions Office for those dates. A photo ID must be presented to take the exam. Applicants are required to set up an account through the ATI testing website: <https://www.atitesting.com/>. Applications received after the priority deadline may still test. The cost of the exam must be paid with a credit/debit card at the time of testing. See website for current cost of the exam.
  - b. Hold a current unencumbered LPN license.
  - c. Show proof of nursing work experience within 12 months.
9. Upon admission students will be required to show proof of immunizations, physical examination, current CPR certification, and background check.

The nursing faculty admissions committee has the right to (1) approve, (2) admit conditionally, or (3) deny admission to any student based on (a) unsatisfactory academic performance in their previous nursing courses, (b) a negative referral based the student's ethical or moral behavior, or (c) unsafe practice. \*Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program.