



# J.F. DRAKE STATE T·E·C·H·N·I·C·A·L·C·O·L·L·E·G·E

## *Information for Practical Nursing Student Applicants:*

### **Minimum admission standards for the Practical Nursing Program include:**

1. Unconditional admission to the college:
  - a) Complete the admissions application for J.F. Drake.
  - b) **Attach a copy of your unofficial transcripts (from all colleges attended).**
  - c) Submit original transcripts from your high school (or GED certificate), and every college attended.
  - d) Take the COMPASS placement examination.
2. Receipt of completed application for the nursing program before deadline.
3. A minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work.
4. A minimum of 2.50 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable in lieu of high school transcript).
5. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116, as determined by J.F. Drake State Technical College policy:
  - Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116 are determined by the COMPASS placement examination.
  - If the student does not meet the COMPASS requirement, appropriate developmental courses need to be completed before admission to the nursing program.
  - NOTE: students must repeat COMPASS reading exam after remediation to get a score of 76 or higher.
6. Be in good standing with the college.
7. Meet essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
8. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS reading examination (or related ACT reading score of 17 or higher).
9. Receipt of completed and signed (a) Drake admissions application form, (b) unofficial transcripts, (c) all official transcripts, and (d) application for the practical nursing program, to the Admissions office, on or before the application deadline for the term you are applying for. Deadlines are posted on Drake's website. Application forms for the LPN program are available in the nursing department in building G, or the admissions office in Building E, or can be downloaded from the Drake website.

Please contact Mrs. Hyman in G4, at 256-551-3156.

Admission to the practical nursing program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available.

Remember, **meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee acceptance!**

Questions?

Contact Alice Raymond at [aliceraymond@drakestate.edu](mailto:aliceraymond@drakestate.edu)

Or Jan Hyman at (256) 551-3156 or [hyman@drakestate.edu](mailto:hyman@drakestate.edu)

Application Deadlines: Spring – October 1; summer – March 1; Fall – June 1.

## Cost of Practical Nursing Program

Tuition Per Credit Hour:	\$90	Total Semester Credit hours: 53
Total Tuition:	\$4770.00 (First semester tuition/fees is approximately \$ 1650)	

The following charges are added to the tuition. They are included in the first semester's total tuition and fees:

Liability Insurance:	\$29.00
Testing fees:	\$100.00
Drug Screening:	\$45.00
Background screening	\$45.00

Physical Examination \$200.00 (approximate, will vary based on insurance status, etc.)

### To be purchased from the bookstore:

Textbooks/lab supplies: \$850.00 for the whole program; \$650 for the first semester (prices subject to change)

Health Assessment Kit \$35.00 (available at the bookstore)

Pharmacology Kit \$20.00 (available at the bookstore)

Fundamentals of Nursing Kit \$55 (available at the bookstore)

**UNIFORMS (THREE SETS RECOMMENDED) – To be purchased after enrolling in NUR 102.**

**PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!! The prices listed are approximate.**

❖ Scrub tops and bottoms	\$ 26.00 each
❖ Shoes	\$50.00 – 150.00
❖ Socks/hose	\$3.00 – 6.00 per pair
❖ Bandage scissors	\$12.00
❖ Drake Emblem	\$4.50
❖ Name Badge:	\$6.00 each –two badges recommended

### **OPTIONAL:**

Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) Prices will vary – ranges from \$150 - \$800+

USB flash/jump/thumb drive (64mb required, 128mb recommended): \$ 25 and up.

### **AFTER GRADUATION:**

Application for license (Alabama Board of Nursing): \$88.50

Fee for the Licensing (NCLEX) exam: \$200.00

**NOTE: application for licensure and testing is done online. You will need a credit card to register online. You can purchase a pre-paid credit card from certain locations.**

- Notebooks, pencils, pens, office/school supplies etc. have not been included in this estimate.
- All prices are subject to change.

## COURSE ENROLLMENT PLAN

### FULL TIME ENROLLMENT

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
ORI 101	ENG 101	NUR 107
MTH 116	CIS 130	NUR 108
BIO 201	BIO 202	NUR 109
NUR 102	NUR 106	GRA 123
NUR 103	NUR 105	
NUR 104		

Subject	Credit Hours	Title IV conversion (Pell) Credit hours
ORI 101 ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE	1.0	0.5
BIO 201 HUMAN A&P I	4.0	2.5
BIO 202 HUMAN A&P II	4.0	2.5
NUR 102 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING	6.0	6.0
NUR 103 HEALTH ASSESSMENT	1.0	1.5
NUR 104 INTRODUCTION TO PHARMACOLOGY	1.0	1.5
NUR 105 ADULT NURSING	8.0	7.0
NUR 106 MATERNAL & CHILD NURSING	5.0	3.5
NUR 107 ADULT/CHILD NURSING	8.0	7.0
NUR 108 PSYCHOSOCIAL NURSING	3.0	2.5
NUR109 ROLE TRANSITION	3.0	2.5
ENG 101 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3.0	1.5
MTH 116 MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS	3.0	1.5
CIS 130 INTRO TO INFO SYS	3.0	1.5
GRA 123 GRADUATION	0	0
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>41.5</b>

**FOR PART TIME ENROLLMENT, OR A DELAYED COMPLETION PLAN, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON.**

The Alabama College System  
NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Nursing Program \_\_\_\_\_ Practical Nursing Program

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_ Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EDUCATION**

High School Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GED (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently taking college courses? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what college \_\_\_\_\_

List all colleges attended and the year (s) attended


Have you previously been admitted to a Nursing Program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **If yes, state reason for withdrawal.**

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Do you hold a current Alabama LPN license? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, are you applying for the Career Mobility Track? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the Compass Test? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, date tested \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Score must be achieved within 3 years of application deadline to satisfy eligibility requirement.**

Your name, as listed when tested \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Complete this section only if you are applying for the Career Mobility Track (LPN TO RN)**

Are You Currently Employed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Employed Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that completion of this application is a component of the student profile and does not in itself grant admission to the nursing program. I understand this application must be updated if I am not selected. I certify that the information given in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false information may be deemed sufficient reason to dismiss the student and/or refuse admission.**

**Minimum admission standards include:**

- 1. Unconditional admission to the college.**
- 2. Receipt of completed application for the nursing program(s).**
- 3. Minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work.**
- 4. Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable).**
- 5. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116.**
- 6. Eligibility for BIO 201 during the first term of associate degree nursing and practical nursing (if required by college).**
- 7. Good standing with college.**
- 8. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.**
- 9. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher).**

**Admission to the nursing program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Date received:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THIS APPLICATION, COLLEGE APPLICATION, COLLEGE AND/OR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS, AND COMPASS SCORES MUST BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS BY **JUNE 15 (FALL ENROLLMENT); OCTOBER 15 (SPRING ENROLLMENT); OR MARCH 15 (SUMMER ENROLLMENT)**. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CHECK WITH ADMISSIONS TO SEE IF YOUR FILE IS COMPLETE PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.**

**Please return to:**

**Nursing Department, J.F. Drake State Technical College**  
**3421 Meridian Street, North**  
**Huntsville, Alabama 35811**

**THE ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM  
NURSING PROGRAMS  
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The Alabama College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. In accordance with College policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities.

Physical, cognitive, psychomotor, affective and social abilities are required in unique combinations to provide safe and effective nursing care. The applicant/student must be able to meet the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations throughout the program of learning. Admission, progression and graduation are contingent upon one's ability to demonstrate the essential functions delineated for the nursing programs with or without reasonable accommodations. The nursing programs and/or its affiliated clinical agencies may identify additional essential functions. The nursing programs reserve the right to amend the essential functions as deemed necessary.

In order to be admitted and to progress in the nursing program one must possess a functional level of ability to perform the duties required of a nurse. Admission or progression may be denied if a student is unable to demonstrate the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

The essential functions delineated are those deemed necessary the Alabama College System nursing programs. No representation regarding industrial standards is implied. Similarly, any reasonable accommodations made will be determined and applied to the respective nursing program and may vary from reasonable accommodations made by healthcare employers.

The essential functions delineated below are necessary for nursing program admission, progression and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective nursing care. The essential functions include but are not limited to the ability to:

- 1) Sensory Perception
  - a) Visual
    - i) Observe and discern subtle changes in physical conditions and the environment
    - ii) Visualize different color spectrums and color changes
    - iii) Read fine print in varying levels of light
    - iv) Read for prolonged periods of time
    - v) Read cursive writing
    - vi) Read at varying distances
    - vii) Read data/information displayed on monitors/equipment
  - b) Auditory
    - i) Interpret monitoring devices
    - ii) Distinguish muffled sounds heard through a stethoscope
    - iii) Hear and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment
    - iv) Effectively hear to communicate with others
  - c) Tactile
    - i) Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location and other physical characteristics
  - d) Olfactory
    - i) Detect body odors and odors in the environment
- 2) Communication/ Interpersonal Relationships
  - a) Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others, from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
  - b) Work effectively in groups
  - c) Work effectively independently
  - d) Discern and interpret nonverbal communication
  - e) Express one's ideas and feelings clearly
  - f) Communicate with others accurately in a timely manner
  - g) Obtain communications from a computer
- 3) Cognitive/Critical Thinking
  - a) Effectively read, write and comprehend the English language
  - b) Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical nursing decisions in a variety of health care settings
  - c) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations including mathematical computations without a calculator
  - d) Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives

### Motor Function

- h) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction
  - i) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self or others
  - j) Maintain balance from any position
  - k) Stand on both legs
  - l) Coordinate hand/eye movements
  - m) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self or others
  - n) Stand, bend, walk and/or sit for 6-12 hours in a clinical setting performing physical activities requiring energy without jeopardizing the safety of the client, self or others
  - o) Walk without a cane, walker or crutches
  - p) Function with hands free for nursing care and transporting items
  - q) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
  - r) Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely
  - s) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
  - t) Maneuver in small areas
  - u) Perform daily care functions for the client
  - v) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe effective nursing care
  - w) Calibrate/use equipment
  - x) Execute movement required to provide nursing care in all health care settings
  - y) Perform CPR and physical assessment
  - z) Operate a computer
- h) Meet qualifications for licensure by examination as stipulated by the Alabama Board of Nursing
  - i) Not to pose a threat to self or others
  - j) Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing nursing care
  - k) Adapt to changing environments and situations
  - l) Remain free of chemical dependency
  - m) Report promptly to clinicals and remain for 6-12 hours on the clinical unit
  - n) Provide nursing care in an appropriate time frame
  - o) Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions
  - p) Seek supervision/consultation in a timely manner
  - q) Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with nursing care or learning
- 3) Professional Behavior
- a) Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance and a healthy attitude toward others
  - b) Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude that is age appropriate in relationship to the client
  - c) Handle multiple tasks concurrently
  - d) Perform safe, effective nursing care for clients in a caring context
  - e) Understand and follow the policies and procedures of the College and clinical agencies
  - f) Understand the consequences of violating the student code of conduct
  - g) Understand that posing a direct threat to others is unacceptable and subjects one to discipline

Upon admission, an individual who discloses a disability can request reasonable accommodations. Individuals will be asked to provide documentation of the disability in order to assist with the provision of appropriate reasonable accommodations. The respective College will provide reasonable accommodations but is not required to substantially alter the requirements or nature of the program or provide accommodations that inflict an undue burden on the respective College. In order to be admitted one must be able to perform all of the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations. If an individual's health changes during the program of learning, so that the essential functions cannot be met with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will be withdrawn from the nursing program. The nursing faculty reserves the right at any time to require an additional medical examination at the student's expense in order to assist with the evaluation of the student's ability to perform the essential functions.

Requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to:

Alice Raymond, Nursing program chairperson, J.F. Drake State Technical College, 3421 Meridian Street, North, Huntsville, Alabama 35811.

Please return to:

**Nursing Department**  
**J.F. Drake State Technical College**  
**3421 Meridian St N.,**  
**Huntsville, AL 35811**

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**Application packet checklist: place a check mark (✓) against each item that you include, and submit the entire packet to the Admissions Office, Attention Ms. Sudeall.**

Drake admissions application (completed)

Copy of all unofficial college transcripts

Copy of COMPASS test scores

Nursing program application (completed)

Official transcript(s) in sealed envelopes: please attach official transcripts from high school and EVERY

COLLEGE ATTENDED:

Official transcript from high school

Official transcript from \_\_\_\_\_ college

Official transcript from \_\_\_\_\_ college

Official transcript from \_\_\_\_\_ college