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) Submit original transcripts from your high school (or GED certificate), and every college attended.
   c) Take the COMPASS placement examination.

2. Complete the nursing entrance examination: Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required prior to completing application. TEAS must have been taken within the past three years for consideration.

3. Receipt of completed application for the nursing program on or before the deadline.

4. A minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work. GPA is calculated from the last 24 credit hours taken.

5. A minimum of 2.50 cumulative high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable in lieu of high school transcript).

6. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116, as determined by College policy:
   a. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116 are determined by the COMPASS placement examination.
   b. If the student does not meet the COMPASS requirement, appropriate developmental courses need to be completed before admission to the nursing program.

7. Be in good standing with the college.

8. Meet essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.

9. Receipt of completed and signed (a) Drake admissions application form, (b) all official transcripts, (c) application for the nursing program, and (d) TEAS test 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 admissions office in Building 700, or can be downloaded from the Drake website.

Remember, meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee acceptance!

Questions?

Contact Pre-Nursing Advisors:

Mrs. Vickie Green at vickie.green@drakestate.edu or 256-551-5240

Mrs. Deborah Milling at deborah.milling@drakestate.edu or 256-551-3158

Or Mrs. Jan Hyman at (256) 551-3156 or jan.hyman@drakestate.edu.
Cost of Practical Nursing Program

Tuition Per Credit Hour: $141  Total Semester Credit hours: 53
Total Tuition: $6042.00

The following charges are added to the tuition. They are included in the first semester’s total tuition and fees:
- Liability Insurance: $30.00
- Testing fees: $100.00 per semester
- Drug Screening: $45.00
- Certified Background Screening: $102.00
- Physical Examination: $200.00 (approximate, will vary based on insurance status, etc.)

NOTE: Immunizations like Hepatitis B, which is required for the program, is generally not covered in the physical exam. You may have to pay an additional charge for that.

To be purchased from the bookstore:
- Textbooks/lab supplies: $1000.00 for the whole program; $700 for the first semester (prices subject to change)

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 – 15.00 per pair
- Bandage scissors: $12.00
- Drake Emblem: $6.00
- Name Badge: $10.00 each – two badges recommended

OPTIONAL:
- USB flash/jump/thumb drive (2 gigabytes recommended): $10 and up.

AFTER GRADUATION:
- Application for license (Alabama Board of Nursing): $103.50
- 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.

a. Notebooks, pencils, pens, office/school supplies etc. have not been included in this estimate.
b. All prices are subject to change.
COURSE ENROLLMENT PLAN

FULL TIME ENROLLMENT PLAN – NURSING COURSES

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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES CAN BE TAKEN BEFORE ENROLLING IN NURSING CLASSES.

Students who take the following courses before enrolling in the nursing program have better chances of success:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Math
- English

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FOR PART TIME ENROLLMENT, OR A DELAYED COMPLETION PLAN, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON.
THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY 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
a) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction
b) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self or others
c) Maintain balance from any position
d) Stand on both legs
e) Coordinate hand/eye movements
f) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self or others
g) 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
h) Walk without a cane, walker or crutches
i) Function with hands free for nursing care and transporting items
j) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
k) Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely
l) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
m) Maneuver in small areas
n) Perform daily care functions for the client
o) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe effective nursing care
p) Calibrate/use equipment
q) Execute movement required to provide nursing care in all health care settings
r) Perform CPR and physical assessment
s) Operate a computer

4) 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

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
I certify that I have the ability to perform the above essential functions.

______________________________________________ (Print Name)

_________________________________________  ________ __________________ 
Signature       Date

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:

Mrs. Deborah Milling
J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College
3421 Meridian St N
Huntsville AL 35811
Phone: (256) 551-5240
ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Date: _______________________

Directions: Please have an OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT from ALL colleges that you have previously attended, mailed to our institution. If you have not attended a college, please submit this form to your high school to request that an Official Academic Transcript be mailed. All transcripts should be mailed to the address indicated below. Please contact your school regarding any processing fees.

NOTE: HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRAR – please calculate the student’s GPA in their transcript.

Name and address of High School or colleges previously attended: (send a form to each institution)

Please forward the following document from your institution to the address shown below:

( ) 1 copy of my official academic transcript
( ) 1 copy of my ASSET/COMPASS test scores
( ) 1 copy of my GED test results or a copy of the GED certificate
( ) 1 copy of my TEAS test score

Mail transcript to: Admissions Department
J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College
3421 Meridian Street, North
Huntsville, AL 35811

Please print:

Name: __________________________________________

Social security number: _____________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________________

Present address: ___________________________________

City, State, zip: ___________________________________

I attended your institution from __________ to ____________.

__________________________________________

Social Security number of student                     Signature of student
Application packet checklist: place a check mark (√) against each item that you include, and submit the entire packet to the Admissions Office.

- □ Drake admissions application (completed)
- □ Copy of COMPASS test scores
- □ Nursing program application (completed)
- □ TEAS test completed
- □ Essential Functions form signed
- □ Background screening 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