

Nursing Admissions Guide

Admission to DCC's Nursing Program is based on a point system. To calculate the number of points you have earned, follow the instructions below. Please note all application materials must be submitted by March 1st to be considered. LPNs follow the same admissions guidelines and must provide their LPN license.

Required qualifications for all applicants:

- All applicants must be residents of Dutchess or Putnam Counties.
- All applicants must have attended a Nursing Information Session.
- All applicants must have met math competency on the math portion of the placement test, or have taken a math course either at DCC or another college to meet math competency.
- All applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75. If you are a transfer student this includes your GPA from any previous colleges.
- All required coursework must be completed or in progress by **February 1st** (Use the rubric below).
- All applicants must have earned a C or better in all Nursing biology courses (BIO 131, 132), and they must be completed within five years of applying.
- The TEAS exam must be completed with a score of at least 'Proficient' (scores are valid for 18 months).
- A Background Check and Drug Testing will be required.

Step 1: GPA and TEAS score

Cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75 (DCC or Transfer GPA)

GPA _____

TEAS Score _____

Step 2: Biology Courses:

Use the chart listed below to determine the number of points earned based on your grades in the biology courses required for the Nursing Program. To be considered, Anatomy and Physiology I & II must be completed within five years of application date (BIO 132 can be in progress at time of application. Eligibility for consideration will be based on successful completion of BIO 132 and is competitive based on point system). Also be sure to factor in possible point reductions, if applicable.

(Point Reductions: If you repeated BIO 131 and or BIO 132 because you earned below a C then deduct 2 points).

Nursing Biology Courses. (Anatomy & Physiology I & II) *	Grade Earned	Points Earned (Refer to chart to the right).	Points Deducted
BIO 131			
BIO 132			

Grade Earned	Points Earned
A	20
A -	18
B +	16
B	14
B -	12
C +	10
C	8

Total points earned in Step 1	
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*If you took these courses at another college, you can determine your points based on those grades. Use the most recent course grades if course(s) was repeated.

Step 3: Non-biology courses:

If you have completed the courses taken below, you can calculate the number of points you have earned based on your grades in this section (courses can be in progress at time of application. Admission will be based on successful completion of coursework and is competitive based on the point system). If you took any/all of these courses at another college you can calculate your grades from that school into the chart.

General Education Course *	Grade Earned	Points Earned
ENG 101 Composition 1		
ENG 102 Composition 2		
PSY 111 Principles of Psychology 1		
PSY 203 Developmental Psychology		
BHS 103 Social Problems in Today's World		
HIS 104 or GOV 121 American History or American Government. (ECO 105 or HIS 108 can be used only for students who matriculated prior to 2013).		

Grade Earned	Points Earned
A	12
A -	11
B +	10
B	9
B -	8
C +	5
C	1

Total points earned in Step 2	
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*If you took these courses at another college, you can determine your points based on those grades. Use the most recent course grades if course(s) was repeated.

Step 4: Quality Points

You can earn additional points if the below criteria applies to you. If you answer "yes" to anything below, add the appropriate corresponding point number to your total points earned.

Additional Points	If answer YES	Points Earned
I have earned a Master's degree *	6	
I have earned a Bachelor's degree*	4	
I have earned an Associate degree*	2	
I am a veteran	4	
I have completed more than 12 credits at DCC at time of application	4	
I am an LPN, CNA or EMT	4	
I scored Advanced on the TEAS exam	4	
I scored Exemplary on the TEAS exam	8	
I have an overall GPA from DCC of a 3.0 or higher.	2	
I have completed BIO 212 (microbiology) with a C/C+ on my first attempt.	1	
I have completed BIO 212 with a B-/B/B+ on my first attempt.	2	
I have completed BIO 212 with an A-/A on my first attempt.	3	

Total points earned in Step 4	
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Total Number of Points Earned in Steps 1-4	
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*Only count highest degree earned.

The maximum number of points that can be earned is 143, the minimum number of points you need to be eligible to apply is 82. The more points you have earned, the more likely you have of being admitted to the Nursing Program. The average number of points earned by accepted students varies each fall semester based on the applicants for that particular admissions cycle. In the event of a tie, the TEAS scores will serve as a tie breaker.