

PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) & ASSOCIATE DEGREE (ADN) INFORMATION PACKET March 2024

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DESCRIPTION

The nursing programs at ACC will prepare the nursing student with the knowledge, skills and expertise to practice as an LPN or RN in the healthcare workplace. The nursing curriculum is designed to promote career mobility and to offer qualified students alternative educational tracks according to their career goals. The full-time PN and ADN Programs admit 24 students each fall and spring semester to the Alpena campus and 8 PN and 10 ADN students to the Oscoda campus.

Programs

Alpena Community College offers the following nursing programs:

Program	Status	Duration	Credits	Licensure
Practical Nursing (PN)	Full-time	3 Semesters	35.5	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)	Full-time	4 Semesters	60.5	Registered Nurse (RN)

ACCREDITATION

All Alpena Community College (ACC) Nursing Programs are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing. The ACC - Alpena Campus Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse programs located at 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707 and the ACC - Oscoda Campus Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse programs located at 5800 Skeel Avenue, Oscoda, MI 48750 are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse programs at the Alpena and Oscoda campus is Continuing Accreditation for Good Cause.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Alpena, MI 49707-1495



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Alpena Community College Admission Application

A college admission application must be completed for all new students and for any returning student who has not been actively enrolled at ACC for the past two years. To apply follow the [Easy Steps to Getting Started at ACC](#) guidelines.

Advising and Assessment

Schedule an advising appointment with your advisor to develop a plan to complete the required courses. Contact the Nursing Program Secretary - Alpena Campus (nursing@alpenacc.edu) or Campus Services Coordinator – Oscoda Campus (oscodanursing@alpenacc.edu) to schedule an appointment.

Semester 1 Courses

Full-Time Program	Course	Title	Minimum Grade	Credits
PN & ADN	BIO 110/110L*	Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology	C-	4
PN & ADN	ENG 111	English Composition I	C-	3
PN & ADN	HEA 133**	Dosage Calculation & Medical Terminology	C-	2
PN & ADN	SPE 121 – or – SPE 123	Speech Communications – or – Public Communication	C-	3
ADN	General Elective Courses	General Elective Courses		
4 credits in the listed General Elective courses General Elective courses must be taken within 5 years or less of admission to the program	BIO 201/201L	Human Anatomy	C –	4
	BIO 203/203L	Human Physiology	C –	4
	BIS 167	Medical Ethics & Law	C –	3
	CEM 111	General Chemistry	C –	4
	HEA 102	Nutrition	C –	3
	HUM 241	Humanities I	C –	4
	MTH 223	Statistical Methods	C –	4
	PHL 125	Language & Reason	C –	3
	PHL 228	Introduction to Ethics	C –	3
	PSY 101	General Psychology	C –	3
SOC 123	Introduction to Sociology	C –	3	

*Applicants may have BIO 110/110L or BIO 201/201L (*Human Anatomy*) or BIO 203/203L (*Human Physiology*).

**Applicants may have HEA 133 or NUR 133 (*Dosage Calculations [Legacy Course]*).

NOTE: Science courses that are older than seven years from the date the student formally begins the nursing program will be evaluated on an individual basis for acceptance.

Apply to Nursing Program

Applicants may submit an application once Semester 1 courses have been completed or while enrolled in Semester 1 courses. The open application period is March 1 – April 10 and September 1 – November 10.

- Complete Nursing Program Application.
 - Obtain healthcare work experience documentation.
 - Submit a letter of professional reference.
 - Submit a letter of personal recommendation.
 - Take the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) admission exam. Minimum Academic Preparedness Level to achieve is Proficient for ADN and Basic for PN. Results are valid for two years. Current PN students who have a valid Proficient score on file do not need to repeat testing when applying for ADN.
 - Obtain Central Registry Clearance from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services.
 - Submit a copy of any earned degree or current medical license or certification.
 - Submit an essay of 100 words or less based on the topic: Describe the attributes you will bring to the nursing profession and your goals of attaining your nursing degree.

Applicants should be aware that the Michigan Board of Nursing may deny a license to any applicant who has been convicted for a felony or certain misdemeanor charges or is addicted to drugs or alcohol. ACC is not responsible if an applicant is denied licensure after completion of the nursing program. If the felony is such that the student would not be able to attend clinical rotations at any of our sites, admission to the program would be denied. Students entering any program must be 18 years of age prior to the start of their first clinical rotation and have a high school diploma, or General Education Degree (GED), or be enrolled in an Early College Program.

SELECTION PROCESS

Alpena Community College admits students anonymously following a holistic admission process using the Admission Criteria Scoring Form (Table A). Semester 1 courses are used to calculate admission GPA and applicants must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applicants denied admission must reapply for every semester they wish to be considered for admission. Please be aware that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee an opening in any nursing program.

Scoring for admission is based on: Semester 1 course grades, ATI TEAS score, previously earned medical license, certification, degree or ACC LPN graduate, recommendation letters, healthcare work experience, essay score, and previous application submissions. In the event that more than one applicant with the same score is eligible competitively to be admitted to the nursing programs, admission will be based on GPA, work experience, number of semesters a student applied for admittance into a nursing program, and application date at the point when all Semester 1 courses were met.

Selection of campus placement will be based on preference in the order that applications were received or completed. In an effort to fill all seats, geographical location and student reattempts will be factors used to determine campus placement.

Table A

FULL-TIME ADMISSION CRITERIA SCORING FORM

<u>Applicant ID & Program:</u>		<u>Number of Previous Applications:</u>	
<u>Campus:</u>		<u>Application Received on Time:</u>	
Criteria	Scale	Points Available	Points Awarded
1. Grades: GPA of Semester 1 Courses: BIO 110/110L, ENG 111/121, HEA 133, SPE 121/123 ADN Only - 4 General Elective Credits: (BIO 201/201L, BIO 203/203L, BIS 167, CEM 111/111L, HEA 102, HUM 241, MTH 223, PHL 125, PHL 228, PSY 101 or SOC 123)	4.00 – 3.50 3.49 – 3.00 2.99 – 2.50 Below 2.50	= 5 = 4 = 3 = 0	
2. ATI TEAS Academic Preparedness Level:	Exemplary Advanced Proficient Basic	= 10 = 9 = 8 = 7	
3. Letters of Recommendation:			
Professional	Yes	= 1	
	No	= 0	
Personal	Yes	= 1	
	No	= 0	
4. Medical License or Certification, Degree or ACC LPN Graduate:	Awarded In progress None	= 2 = 1 = 0	
5. Healthcare Work Experience	5+ Years 3-4 Years 1-2 Years < 1 Year or None	= 3 = 2 = 1 = 0	
6. Essay	Excellent Good Fair Poor	= 3 = 2 = 1 = 0	
Total Points:			

ADMISSION TO PROGRAM

Applicants who meet admission criteria and whose ranked admission scoring falls within the number of available seats are emailed acceptance letters within two weeks following the end of each semester. Accepted students will need to confirm their seat in the program within five business days.

Waiting List

Applicants who meet all admission requirements but whose admission score is ranked one to five positions lower than the number of seats available are placed on a waiting list according to total score. All other applicants are considered not admitted to the program. Applicants not admitted or waitlisted who desire future admission to the program must reapply during the next open application period.

COURSE REGISTRATION

After a student confirms their seat in the program and submits the required compliance documents, they will be registered for nursing courses. Accepted students will receive required forms via email.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

Date for program orientation is announced in acceptance letter.

PHYSICAL, BACKGROUND CHECK, IMMUNIZATIONS, TB, BLS, & DRUG SCREENING

Due date is announced in acceptance letter.

Accepted applicants must meet requirements as designated by the department, College and clinical agencies. The items listed below must remain current throughout the program. If any requirement expires during the program the student will not be allowed to attend lab or clinical courses and that could result in a failing grade.

- Student Health Form* completed by the student and signed by a health care provider.
- Annual criminal background check results from the Michigan State Police (ICHAT).
- Documented seasonal influenza for current season or completion of declination form.
- Documentation of receiving immunization or lab results for proof of immunity or completion of declination form for the following: Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (within the past 10 years), Varicella (2 doses), Hepatitis B (3-dose or 2-dose series), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (2 doses).
- Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination or completion of declination form.
- Documentation of annual Tuberculosis test.
- Urine 10-panel drug screen with negative results obtained after program acceptance letter has been received. Diluted test results are not accepted.
- Current Basic Life Support Provider [BLS] certification. Certification needs to be demonstrated; on-line only certification will not be accepted.

Students must comply with COVID monitoring and/or testing in compliance with clinical environments.

Students are required to purchase supplies such as a uniform (PN: maroon scrub top and bottom, ADN: white scrub top and maroon bottom), clean shoes that enclose the foot, watch with a second hand, and a stethoscope.

TUITION FEES

Tuition is based upon residence and is computed on contact hours. Certain nursing courses have additional course fees. Course fee details can be found on the ACC website under Academic Year Estimated Costs. Any course fee associated with a NUR course is nonrefundable.

ESTIMATION OF TUITION AND FEES

	FULL-TIME PN PROGRAM		FULL-TIME ADN PROGRAM	
	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF DISTRICT	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees	\$9300.50	\$14151.00	\$15812.50	\$24045.00
Books & Course Materials	\$1250.00	\$1250.00	\$2400.00	\$2400.00
Clinical Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Total	\$10750.50	\$15601.00	\$18412.50	\$26645.00

The above figures are based on 2023-2024 rates and are subject to change. A student's residence status is determined in one of three categories: in-district (graduate of Alpena High School; a resident of at least six months in the Alpena Public Schools District prior to initial enrollment), in-state, or out-of-state. Tuition will be paid according to residency status.

CURRICULUM FULL-TIME PN

CERTIFICATE (C)

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

SEMESTER 1

BIO 110/110L ESSENTIALS OF ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (4/5)
 ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
 HEA 133 DOSAGE CALCULATION & MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY (2/2)
 SPE 121 *or* SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) *or*
 SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Total = 12 credits/13 contacts

SEMESTER 2

NUR 128 PHARMACOLOGY I (1.5/1.5)
 NUR 140 FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING THEORY (3/3)
 NUR 140LC FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING LAB (1.5/4.5)
 NUR 142 MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING I THEORY (2.5/2.5)
 NUR 143 MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING I CLINICAL (2/6)

Total = 10.5 credits/17.5 contacts

SEMESTER 3

NUR 135 PN TRANSITION TO PRACTICE (1/1)
 NUR 150 MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING II THEORY (2.5/2.5)
 NUR 151 MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING II CLINICAL (2/6)
 NUR 152 OB/REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH/PEDS THEORY (2/2)
 NUR 153 OB/REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH/PEDS CLINICAL (1.5/4.5)
 NUR 156 PHARMACOLOGY II (2/2)
 NUR 157 PN NURSING SIMULATION LAB (2/6)

Total = 13 credits/24 contacts

OVERALL PN - MINIMUM 35.5 CREDIT HOURS/54.5 CONTACT HOURS

CURRICULUM FULL-TIME ADN

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

SEMESTER 1

BIO 110/110L ESSENTIALS OF ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (4/5)
ENG 111 *or* ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3) *or*
ENG 121 ADVANCED ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSE^A (4/4)
HEA 133 DOSAGE CALCULATION & MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY (2/2)
SPE 121 *or* SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) *or*
SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Total = 16 credits

SEMESTER 2

BIO 140/140L MICROBIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES (3/5)
ENG 112 *or* ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3) *or*
ENG 122 ADVANCED ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
NUR 228 RN PHARMACOLOGY I (1.5/1.5)
NUR 238 RN FOUNDATIONS (3/3)
NUR 239LC RN FOUNDATIONS LAB (2/6)
NUR 245 PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT (2/2)
NUR 245LC PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT LAB (1/3)

Total = 15.5 credits/22.5 contacts

SEMESTER 3

NUR 229 RN PHARMACOLOGY II (2.5/2.5)
NUR 247 RN SIMULATION LAB I (2/6)
NUR 252 RN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING THEORY (2/2)
NUR 253 RN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING CLINICAL (1.5/4.5)
NUR 258 RN MEDICAL SURGICAL I (2/2)
NUR 259 RN MEDICAL SURGICAL I CLINICAL (3/9)
PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)

Total = 16 credits/29 contacts

SEMESTER 4

NUR 242 RN PARENT/CHILD NURSING THEORY (2.5/2.5)
NUR 243 RN PARENT/CHILD NURSING CLINICAL (1.5/4.5)
NUR 248 RN SIMULATION LAB II (2/6)
NUR 255 RN NURSING LEADERSHIP (1/1)
NUR 260 RN MEDICAL SURGICAL II (2/2)
NUR 261 RN MEDICAL SURGICAL II CLINICAL (2/6)
NUR 262 RN TRANSITION TO PRACTICE (2/2)

Total = 13 credits/24 contacts

OVERALL ADN - MINIMUM 60.5 CREDIT HOURS/92.5 CONTACT HOURS

NOTES:

- ^A BIO 201, BIO 203, BIS 167, CEM 111, HEA 102, HUM 241, MTH 223, PHL 125, PHL 228, PSY 101, SOC 123
- General education courses must be taken within 5 years or less of admission to the program