

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

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DESCRIPTION

The nursing programs at Alpena Community College (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 PN and ADN programs admit 24 students to the Alpena campus and 8 PN and 10 ADN students to the Oscoda campus each fall and spring semester.

Programs

Alpena Community College offers the following full-time in-person nursing programs:

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

ACCREDITATION

All ACC nursing programs are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing. The Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse programs at Alpena Community College at the Alpena and Oscoda campuses are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN); 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA, 30326. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse programs is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program on the ACEN website. ACEN contact details: Phone: 404.975.5000 | Website: www.acennursing.org

APPLICATION STEPS

- **Apply to Alpena Community College:** Follow the [Easy Steps to Getting Started at ACC](#) guidelines and complete the free online college application and someone from the Admissions Office will contact you about the next steps.
- **Advising:** Schedule an advising appointment with a nursing advisor to develop a plan to complete your nursing education. Meet with your advisor regularly to stay on track with what you need to do to apply. For an appointment email nursing@alpenacc.edu (Alpena Campus) or oscodanursing@alpenacc.edu (Oscoda Campus).
- **Complete Semester 1 Prerequisites:** Finish all required classes with a grade of “C” or better and obtain a minimum cumulative Semester 1 course GPA of 2.75.
- **Take the HESI A2 Exam:** Complete the in-person proctored HESI A2 exam.
- **Submit Application:** Submit your free nursing program application by the April 10 or November 10 deadline. Applications can be obtained on campus or downloaded [here](#). Applicants can apply to the nursing program while taking Semester 1 courses or after course completion. Applications are only accepted during two active application windows each year:
 - March 1 – April 10 for fall admission
 - October 1 – November 10 for spring admission

As long as you submit your application during one of the open periods and meet the program’s requirements, you do not have to wait until you’ve finished Semester 1 to apply.

Required Semester 1 Courses

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 3 credits in the listed General Elective courses General Elective courses must be taken within 5 years or less of admission to the program	General Elective Courses BIO 201/201L BIO 203/203L BIS 167 CEM 111 HEA 102 HUM 241 MTH 223 PHL 125 PHL 228 PSY 101 SOC 123	General Elective Courses Human Anatomy Human Physiology Medical Ethics & Law General Chemistry Nutrition Humanities I Statistical Methods Language & Reason Introduction to Ethics General Psychology Introduction to Sociology	C C C C C C C C C C C	4 4 3 4 3 4 4 3 3 3 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

The Nursing Program Application requires students to submit the following additional documentation when applicable:

- Healthcare work experience documentation
- Letter of professional reference
- Letter of personal recommendation
- HESI Admission Assessment (A2) PN admission exam results
- Central Registry Clearance results from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services
- A copy of any earned degree or current medical license or certification

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 dependent on substances like drugs and 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.

Admission Exam

Applicants must complete the **HESI Admission Assessment (A2)** admission exam as part of the nursing program admission process. The same HESI A2 PN exam is administered to applicants for both the PN & ADN programs.

Minimum Required Scores

- **ADN applicants:** Minimum Mean % Correct score of 75%
- **PN applicants:** Minimum Mean % Correct score of 70%

Exam Content: The HESI A2 assesses the following subject areas: Anatomy & Physiology, Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, and Vocabulary. The Critical Thinking and Personality Style assessment are administered for informational purposes only and are not included in admission scoring.

Exam Fee: \$63.00.

Schedule Your Exam: To schedule a HESI A2 exam, contact the ACC Testing Center:

- **Alpena Campus:** matzkeb@alpenacc.edu
- **Oscoda Campus:** billielp@alpenacc.edu

After completing the exam, obtain your official score report from the Testing Center and submit it with your application.

Score Validity: HESI A2 scores are valid for two years from the date of testing. Current ACC PN students and licensed LPNs are not required to submit admission test scores when applying to the ADN program.

Prepare for the Exam: HESI A2 study materials are available for checkout through the ACC Library. Applicants are encouraged to review exam content before testing to help ensure success. Students who do not achieve 75% will be given remediation after they complete the exam. Applicants are to complete essential remediation prior to retesting.

SELECTION PROCESS

Alpena Community College admits students anonymously following a holistic admission process using the ACC Admission Criteria Scoring Form (Table A). Semester 1 courses are used to calculate admission GPA and applicants must complete all Semester 1 courses with a C (73%) or greater grade and obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75. Applicants denied admission must reapply for every additional semester they wish to be considered for admission. Please be aware that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee an opening in any nursing program.

Graduates of the ACC PN program applying for ADN admission within one year of PN program completion will be offered a seat in the ADN Program if their GPA of their ACC PN Semester 2 & 3 courses plus the grade of their 3-credit general elective course is 3.30 or higher. If the 3.30 GPA is not met the application will be scored based on current ADN Program admission guidelines. ACC PN graduates are not required to complete admission testing. In place of A2 results LPN's not meeting the 3.30 GPA will be awarded admission testing points based on their A2 scores from PN application or they will be awarded 5 points for having a valid license and 1 point for each year they have been licensed up to 10 points.

Licensed LPNs applying to the ACC ADN program are not required to complete admission testing. In place of A2 results LPN's will be awarded 5 points for having a valid license and 1 point for each year they have been licensed up to 10 points.

Scoring for admission is based on: Semester 1 course grades, admission exam score, previously earned medical license, certification, degree or ACC LPN graduate, recommendation letters, healthcare work experience, 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

ACC ADMISSION CRITERIA SCORING FORM

Applicant ID & Program:	Number of Previous Applications:	Campus:	Application Received On Time:		
Criteria	Scale	Points Available	Applicant Result	Points Awarded	
1. Grades: GPA of Semester 1 Courses: BIO 110/110L or BIO 201 or 203, ENG 111/121, HEA 133, SPE 121/123 AND 3 General Elective Credits for ADN: (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) PN Grads w/in 1 year of graduation: GPA of Semester 2 & 3 PN Courses and 3 General Elective Credits	4.00 – 3.50 3.49 – 3.00 2.99 – 2.75 Below 2.75 PN Grads: ≥ 3.30 GPA	= 8 = 6 = 3 = DENY = ACCEPT			
2. HESI A2 Minimum Mean % Correct Score: PN Applicants: $\geq 70\%$ ADN Applicants: $\geq 75\%$ PN Grads w/in 1 year w/out 3.30 GPA: Award PN A2 score or Licensed PN points if license was submitted Licensed PN's: Award 5 points for LPN license & 1 point for every year licensed up to 10 points total	95-100% 90-94% 80-89% 75-79% 70-74% LPN License Years Licensed	= 2 = 1.8 = 1.6 = 1.4 = 1.4 = PN only = 5 = 1 (up to 5)			
3. Letters of Recommendation Professional Personal	Yes No Yes No	= 1 = 0 = 1 = 0			
4. Medical License, 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			

TOTAL POINTS - or - PN GRAD ACCEPT:

ADMISSION TO PROGRAM

Applicants who meet admission criteria and whose ranked admission score 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 a future open application period. Waitlisted applicants may be offered a seat at another campus dependent on seat availability.

COURSE REGISTRATION

After a student confirms their seat in the program and submits the required compliance documentation, they will be registered for nursing courses. Practicing LPNs with a minimum of one year nursing experience may complete a standard departmental test out exam for the RN Foundations (NUR 238) course.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

Date for program orientation is announced in acceptance letters. Students must attend orientation.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Accepted applicants must meet requirements as designated by the department, College, and clinical agencies. Requirements are subject to change. The items listed below must remain current throughout the program. Due dates are announced in acceptance letters.

- Criminal background check results from the Michigan State Police (ICHAT).
- *Student Health Form* completed by the student and signed by a health care provider.
- 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 Tuberculosis testing according to current clinical site guidelines.
- 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 from the American Heart Association. Certification needs to be demonstrated.

Students are required to purchase supplies such as a uniform (PN: maroon scrub top and maroon scrub pant, ADN: white scrub top and maroon scrub pant), watch with a second hand, a stethoscope, and clean, closed-toe, and closed-heel shoes.

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: [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	\$12,064.00	\$17,805.50	\$18,650.00	\$26,172.50
Books & Course Materials	\$132.00	\$132.00	\$132.00	\$132.00
Clinical Supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total	\$12,446.00	\$18,187.50	\$19,032.00	\$26,554.50

The above figures are based on 2026-2027 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)

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 <i>or</i>	SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) <i>or</i>
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

SEMESTER 1

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

Total = 15 credits

SEMESTER 2

BIO 140/140L	MICROBIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES (3/5)
ENG 112 <i>or</i> ENG 122	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3) <i>or</i> ADVANCED ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
NUR 228	RN PHARMACOLOGY I (2.5/2.5)
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 = 16.5 credits/23.5 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/93.5 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