

Transfer or Advanced Standing

Transfer candidates from outside nursing programs approved by the state board of nursing or the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing are considered on a case by case basis. Opportunities for transfer into the PN program are considered based on NSCC space availability, as well transfer credit alignment with the NSCC practical nursing curriculum.

The student must achieve communications and math proficiencies and complete all course requirements, including a cumulative 2.00 or higher GPA. At least 25% of the college-level coursework must be completed at North Shore Community College. Admission is on a space-available basis.

Required documentation for transfer applicants:

- A. Completed transfer application form.
- B. Official transcripts documenting enrollment in nursing classes within the past year (12 months) prior to the anticipated admission date.
- C. Course syllabi for all nursing courses to be reviewed for transfer credit.
- D. Two letters of reference, one from the prior program Administrator and one from the most recent clinical instructor in the previous nursing program. Satisfactory clinical performance should be indicated in reference letters.
- E. Applicant statement to the PN Program Administrator outlining reasons for requested transfer and goals which will make the candidate successful at NSCC.
- F. Official TEAS transcript meeting NSCC requirements for Practical Nursing admission, Reading = 69%, Math = 63.3%, Science = 45.8%, and English = 54.2%. TEAS scores must be from the most recently released and offered version of the ATI TEAS exam. **OR** Transfer student from an ACEN/CCNE accredited Nurse Education Program who earned 16 Nursing Credits in the past 5 years with a "B" or better.
- G. Official high school transcript, general education development transcript (GED) or High School Equivalency Test transcript (HiSET).

Please note, any student exited from a nursing program due to misconduct or unsafe practice is not eligible for transfer admission.

The Practical Nursing Department Chair will review all application materials and designate the required course work to be completed at North Shore Community College. A decision will be rendered following documentation review, and once program space availability for the Winter/Spring has been determined.

Prior to starting classes, transfer students must:

- A. Submit immunization documentation and Technical Standards Form
- B. Complete Centralized Clinical Placement (CCP) Orientation
- C. Submit Current American Heart Association BLS certification.
- D. Complete background check, drug screen
- E. Complete required dementia training modules.

- F. Demonstrate knowledge of practical nursing skills and theory by passing the following:
- a. Successful completion of a performance skill test in Fundamentals of Nursing renders the student exempt from Fundamentals of Practical Nursing clinical rotation.
 - b. Successful passage (90%) of a Pharmacology Proficiency Exam.
 - c. Successful passage (75%) of Fundamentals of Nursing I, Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition I, Human Growth and Development, and Microbiology provided the transcript of grades shows evidence of completion of courses with a 75% or better for Winter/Spring transfer. **(A C- grade will not fulfill general education requirements.)**

Transfer students must adhere to the admission timeline below in order to be enrolled in the program for Winter Intersession or Spring courses:

- A. All criteria and documentation materials listed above must be submitted no later than **September 30th** for an admission the following Winter or Spring. A decision on admittance will be rendered no later than **November 15th**.
- B. A deposit of an amount set by the college must be received no later than **December 1st**.
- C. All required background checks, drug screening, immunizations, CCP orientation, dementia training, and AHA BLS certification must be completed with submitted documentation received no later than **December 31st**.
- D. The student will complete the required skills sign-off and pharmacology proficiency exam on a date set by the Department Chair within the first half of January.
- E. Students considered to need-improvement in specific skills areas will be assigned a self-paced review and remediation assignment, and begin the semester on a "Clinical Watch" regarding the specific competencies needing improvement.