

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE OF UTAH

ADN PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

Students are admitted into the nursing program without regard to gender, age, creed, ethnic origin, or marital status. Space in the program is limited, therefore, admission will be competitive and applicants will be scored on an objective point procedure that has been strategically set up to predict student success. We admit students each fall and spring semester.

Prior to making application to the program, individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program and the pressures involved in undertaking the responsibilities of being a full-time nursing student.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM:

- **Minimum eligibility requirements:**
 - Minimum overall prerequisite GPA of 3.0
 - Minimum “C” (2.0) grade in each prerequisite course.
 - Applicants may apply while completing prerequisite courses but they must all be completed before the start of first semester. Grades must be submitted by the due date given with acceptance letter. *(Conditional acceptance will be granted until all requirements are met.)*
 - Prerequisite courses may be repeated only once. Highest grade will be used.
 - Human Anatomy/Lab or Human Physiology/Lab must be completed with “C” grade or higher before application will be scored. *(Fall applicants must have at least one of them completed by end of spring semester, and spring applicants, by end of summer term.)* Both must be completed no earlier than 7 years prior to admission.
 - Nurse assistant or LPN. (see website for details) Complete one of the following:
 1. NURS 1005/1007 taken at DSC within 2 years of admission to ADN program with a “B” grade or higher. *(Example: Taken fall 2010 or later will qualify you for fall 2012 admission.)*
 2. Current CNA certification from any state.
 3. Current LPN licensure from any state.
- **Dixie State College Admission:**
 - **Applicants must be admitted to Dixie State College of Utah.**
<http://new.dixie.edu/Admissions>
 - There is a \$35 non-refundable application fee.
- **Nursing Program Application Fee:**
 - There is a \$35 non-refundable nursing program application fee payable to the cashier’s office. This may be paid by phone: 435.652.7605. Have this receipt sent to nursing office.
- **Academic Transcripts:**
 - Must show to-date completion of all prerequisite courses with a “C” (2.0) or better.
 - **All applicants must submit a DSC transcript** from the Records Office. An *unofficial* copy will be acceptable only if it is printed from the Records Office on official paper. (Cost \$1.00)
 - Transfer students must also submit an **OFFICIAL** transcript showing any transfer credits that are not shown on the DSC transcript.
 - Applicants in the process of finishing prerequisite courses at the time of application must submit an official transcript showing final grades for ALL prerequisite courses after grades are posted. *See acceptance letter for due dates.*

- **Entrance exam:**

- Complete the Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam. Study guide and more information can be found at: <http://www.kaptest.com/bookstore/Medical/Show-All/9781419550348>
- Students will be allowed to take the test only once per application period.
 - The cost of the test is \$20 and can be paid at the Testing Center or online: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetb/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx> (Print receipt to present to Testing Center at time of testing.)
- Test must be taken within the following dates:
 - Feb 1st – March 30th for fall admission
 - July 15th - Sept 14th for spring admission
- Tests are administered Tuesday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, and Wednesday thru Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. (Must arrive before 3:00 pm to allow full time for the test)
 - Walk-in testing allowed until last 2 weeks.
 - Appointments required during last 2 weeks.

Plan ahead as seats fill quickly!

- Picture ID is required. Also, receipt is required if prior payment is made online.
- Testing center is located in the Northeast corner of the North Plaza Building at DSC. (Corner of Tabernacle and 1000 East – Entrance on East side of building)
- Contact the [Testing Center](#) if you have questions. 435.652.7696. testcenter@dixie.edu
- Out of area applicants may arrange for a local proctor.

- The proctor must be set up **at least 3 days prior to the test.** Contact Linda in the Testing Center: 435.652.7696 [or email testcenter@dixie.edu](mailto:testcenter@dixie.edu)

NO OUT OF AREA TESTS WILL BE ARRANGED AFTER SEPT 10TH (spring admission) or MAR 27TH (fall admission).

- The test will consist of 91 questions in four areas as outlined below.

Math skills	28 questions	45 minutes
Science (Physiology)	20 questions	30 minutes
Reading comprehension	22 questions	45 minutes
English writing	21 questions	45 minutes

- There is a calculator within the test that you may use on the math section.

- **Program essay:**

- Scoring rubric can be found online: http://new.dixie.edu/health/nursing/File/201140/ADN_essay_rubric_2012.pdf
- This must be completed at the Testing Center or another proctored location. *Proctor must be set up through the Testing Center - see proctor instructions above.*
- **Word processed**, double spaced, and no more than two, one-sided pages.
- Include a cover page with your name and date. **Do not include your name in the essay.**
- Time limit of 2 hours. No outside resources will be allowed.
- Spell and grammar checker will be allowed.
- Essay will be evaluated on your ability to:
 - follow instructions
 - collect and organize your thoughts
 - express yourself through writing
 - show understanding of the role of a nurse
 - create a logical, concise essay, demonstrating command of the English language
 - utilize proper grammar and spelling

- Discuss the following in your essay:
 - **Briefly tell us about yourself and include your professional goals - both long and short term.**
 - **Describe the characteristics of an excellent nurse. Discuss why those characteristics are important to providing safe and competent nursing care.**
- **Applications must be submitted between the open application period:**
 - **February 1st and March 31st for fall admission**
 - **July 15th and September 15th for spring admission.**
 - Deadline will be extended to the next business day if last date falls on weekend.
 - **Applications will only be accepted if they are COMPLETE and submitted during these dates**
- **Notification of Acceptance Status:**
 - Fall semester notification will be sent between May 5th and May 31st
 - Spring semester notification will be sent between September 20th and October 31st.
 - **Notification will be sent to your dmail account only.** It is your responsibility to check your dmail often during these dates. No other notices will be sent. *(Applicants who do not check dmail regularly may want to forward their dmail to another email account)*
 - If you have not received notification by the last day of the notification period, feel free to contact the nursing office. *See contact information below.*
- **Keep a copy of your complete application for your records.**
- **Direct any questions to:**
 - Alice Clegg Nursing Advisor clegg@dixie.edu 435.879.4813
 - Barbara Sperry Department Secretary sperry@dixie.edu 435.879.4810

Mail application to:
 Dixie State College of Utah
 Attention: Nursing Department
 225 South 700 East
 St. George, UT 84770
(certified mail is recommended)

Or hand deliver:
 Taylor Health Science Building
 1526 East Medical Center Drive - Room #302

Please note:

In order to be licensed as a nurse in the State of Utah, applicants must conform with the Utah Nurse Practice Act. Applicants who have been convicted of a felony, treated for mental illness or substance abuse should discuss their eligibility status for licensure with the Utah State Board of Nursing. **Acceptance and completion of the nursing program does not assure eligibility to take the PN or RN licensure examination.** The Utah State Board of Nursing makes the final decision as to whether a license will be issued to practice nursing in the State of Utah. If you have questions regarding this please contact the State Board of Nursing, 160 East 300 South, P.O. Box 45802, Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0802; Phone number 801.530.6789.



Dixie State College of Utah

ADN Program

Application for Admission

DIRECTIONS: Please type or print and complete ALL of the information requested. Check the boxes that are completed.
Incomplete applications will not be processed.

For office use only	LAST	STATUS	
BANNER	FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> AD	<input type="checkbox"/> ALT
		<input type="checkbox"/> DEN	<input type="checkbox"/> DISQ

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DUE DATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Applicant
	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-applicant Semester _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall admission Feb 1 st -March 31 st
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring admission July 15 th -Sept 15 th

Date Submitted _____

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION		2. EMERGENCY CONTACT	
DSC Student Number (8 digits)	Preferred Name	Name	Relationship
First Name	Last Name	MI	Address
Address	City	State	Zip
Cell Phone (Primary)	Home or Other Phone	City	State
Email	Dmail	Zip	
	@dmail.dixie.edu	3. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have paid the \$35 non-refundable application fee		<input type="checkbox"/> I am a student in good standing at DSC OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Receipt attached OR <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt being sent by Cashier		<input type="checkbox"/> I am a transfer student and have completed the DSC admissions process - including submission of all OFFICIAL transcripts to Registrar's Office	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a copy of my admission test results taken between Feb 1 st –Mar 30 th for fall or July 15 th - Sep 14 th for spring		5. CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT REQUIREMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the proctored program essay (submitted by proctor)		<input type="checkbox"/> I have a current CNA certificate OR <input type="checkbox"/> Current LPN License	State: _____ Expires: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed an UNOFFICIAL transcript from DSC Records Office, (printed on official paper – cost \$1) and an OFFICIAL transcript for all transfer courses not shown on the DSC transcript, if applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> OR I received a "B" or higher grade in NURS 1005 at DSC within 2 years of admission semester (Ex: completed class fall 2010 and applying for fall 2012)	Semester: _____ Grade: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> OR If I am accepted, I will meet one of the above requirements by the deadline in the admissions letter	

PREREQUISITE COURSE COMPLETION

Be sure and include College or University name Remember to list **ALL attempts** for ALL prerequisites. Use additional line if necessary. Do NOT use MIDTERM grades

Required Courses	DSC Course Number	FINAL GRADE - (USED IN SCORING)			OTHER ATTEMPTS - (NOT USED IN SCORING)			NOTES
		Semester	Grade	College or University	Repeated Semester	Grade	College or University	
Human Anatomy	BIOL 2320							
Human Anatomy Lab	BIOL 2325							
Human Physiology	BIOL 2420							
Human Physiology Lab	BIOL 2425							
Elem Gen/Organic Chemistry	CHEM 1110							
Elem Gen/Org Chem Lab	CHEM 1115							
Intro to Writing	ENGL 1010							
Intermediate Writing	ENGL 2010							
College Algebra, or Intro to Statistics , OR Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 1050 MATH 1040 MATH 1030							
General Psychology OR Human Development	PSYC 1010 PSYC 1100 or FCS 1500							

Be sure to keep a copy of all of items you submit

Acknowledgement of Program Requirements for Personal Effort and Commitment

The nature of the Dixie State College of Utah nursing programs, as with most nursing programs, requires a substantial time commitment to fulfill the intensive requirements of the program in the classroom, nursing arts laboratory, and clinical settings. Student success in the nursing program is dependent upon the creation and maintenance of a collaborative, working partnership between students and faculty. The nursing program faculty recognizes its responsibility as facilitators of your learning and is committed to helping you succeed in the program.

However, it is important that you are aware of the responsibilities you will hold for your own learning while in the nursing program. As part of your application to the program, please read the following and sign below. Your signature is an acknowledgement of your understanding of the expectations of the program.

1. There is a minimal study expectation of two hours of study per week for each credit enrolled. For example, a 5 credit nursing course requires a **minimal** study expectation of 10 hours of study per week. Most students spend more time than the minimal study expectation.
2. Although we hold an appreciation for your possible need to work to support yourself and/or a family, most students find it difficult to work full time and still achieve the grades they may have received in non-nursing courses. Reducing your work schedule to part-time, if possible, will be helpful for success in the nursing program.
3. In general and given the same amount of student effort, nursing students may not achieve the grades they have received in non-nursing courses. You will be learning a “new language” in the first semester of your program. As well, you will be exposed to in-depth, comprehensive nursing concepts and principles that may require more effort on your part to learn and understand.
4. You are expected to be prepared for class, lab, and clinical. This may include extensive reading and completion of concept maps or other assignments prior to your attendance.
5. Most exams given in nursing courses are structured similarly to the nurse licensing exam. This means that most of the items on the exams are application type questions rather than simple knowledge and recall. These questions require a higher-order of thinking to answer correctly. We provide you with learning strategies and test-taking strategies that help you take the nursing course exams.
6. You will find the nursing program different and more difficult than your past educational experiences. The nursing program is designed this way to facilitate the quality of the program, prepare you to pass your licensing exam, and ensure you become a safe and competent nurse.

I certify that all of the statements in this application and all of the documents submitted with this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statements and if I am accepted into Dixie State College of Utah’s Nursing program, I agree to manage my time and personal affairs in order to meet the commitment necessary to succeed.

Print name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

ADN NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist has been provided to guide you through the application process.

THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

	REQUIREMENTS	DATE DONE
1	Complete the Dixie State College of Utah admissions process. (<i>\$35 fee & OFFICAL transcripts</i>)	
2	Pay \$35.00 non-refundable program application fee to the Dixie State College cashier's office by March 30th for fall admission and September 14th for spring admission . May be done by credit card. Submit a copy of receipt with application, or have Cashier send it to nursing office	
3	Complete the admissions test at Testing Center and submit a copy of the results with application. (<i>Must show fee receipt and photo ID at testing center</i>) Test must be taken within these dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Admission: Feb 1st – Mar 30th • Spring Admission: Jul 15th – Sep 14th 	
4	Complete a proctored essay according to the instructions. (Submitted by Proctor)	
5	Complete Nursing Application form, sign, and submit pages 4-6 to Nursing Office. Taylor Health Science Bldg #302. Applications accepted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Admission: Feb 1st- Mar 31st • Spring Admission: Jul 15th– Sep 15th 	
6	Submit DSC transcript with application. (Transfer students: see instructions for courses not showing on DSC transcript) A second transcript must be submitted showing final grades for courses not completed at time of application	
<p>Once you have been accepted into the Nursing Program the following will be required.</p> <p>Please provide verification to the Nursing Department Secretary by the due date in your acceptance packet.</p> <p>You will be required to keep these current during the entire program.</p> <p>Please use this information as applicable to your admission status. (May be subject to change)</p>		
1	CPR Certification Health Care Provider Status MUST include AED training. (<i>American Heart Association or equivalent.</i>) Classes available thru DSC 435.879.4951 or DXATC 435.652.7730.	
2	Background screen http://myvci.com/dixie cost: \$59 Allow 2-3 weeks for results.	
3	5 panel drug screen \$30.00-\$50.00 (<i>DAT Express OHCI or IHC WorkMed locally</i>) Allow 2 weeks for results to be sent directly to nursing office.	
4	Verification of 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) immunizations, or positive antibody titer.	
5	TDaP immunization. MUST include Pertussis. (<i>Childhood DPT or Adult TD not acceptable</i>)	
6	Hepatitis B series (3 required). First one must be completed at time of acceptance, and second one before program start. Allow 4 weeks between the first 2, & 6 months between first and third. (Minimum 6 months to complete series)	
7	Verification of 2 Chicken Pox vaccinations (28 days apart) or record of Chicken Pox, or positive titer. (<i>Record may be signed by student, parent, or doctor</i>)	
8	Negative 2-Step Tuberculosis Skin Test, Chest X-ray or verification of prior treatment for TB. (<i>2-step includes 2 separate placements within 3 weeks, and final negative reading</i>)	
9	Influenza vaccination (<i>required during flu season</i>)	
10	CNA certification or LPN licensure. Must be certified/licensed before starting the program. Or completion of NURS 1005/1007 at DSC with grade of B or higher within 2 years of admission into ADN program. Check website for details.	
11	Mandatory Student Fees: There is a \$1500 non-refundable nursing program fee to be paid with tuition. Total due each semester: \$500.00. <i>This is in addition to DSC general fees.</i>	