THE NURSING PATHWAY AND ADMISSION TO NURSING CORE COURSES
APPLICATION PERIOD: 2020-2021

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Greeting from the Director of Nursing Education

December 1, 2020

Dear Nursing Student Applicant,

Thank you for considering beginning your Nursing Education journey at Walla Walla Community College! It is the mission of the WWCC Nursing Education program to:

1. Transform the lives of nursing students to fulfill the increasingly complex role of entry-level professional nurses in the provision of safe, compassionate, culturally sensitive, evidence-based, ethically-grounded, and client-centered care;
2. Promote the well-being of a diverse patient population in the evolving healthcare environments of the communities we serve;
3. Facilitate academic progression of our students to the baccalaureate level and beyond to meet the healthcare needs of our communities, state, and nation.

In an effort to facilitate academic progression of our nursing students into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program when/if desired, we offer a nursing transfer degree in Washington State called the “Associate in Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (AN DTA/MRP)” degree. Completion of this nursing transfer degree not only allows the student to become a Registered Nurse (RN) after three years of education, but also enables the student to transfer directly to a university RN to BSN program with only one year of nursing studies remaining to receive a baccalaureate degree.

For Financial Aid purposes, the Program of Study for the AN DTA/MRP degree is open enrollment which enables all students who wish to pursue this degree to complete the “Nursing Degree Requirements” (courses in the areas of English, Biological Sciences, Psychology, etc.). The “Nursing Degree Requirements” provide the foundation for the subsequent “Nursing Core” classes (classes with “NURS” prefix). Due to clinical space limitations, although the Program of Study for the nursing transfer degree is open enrollment, there is a competitive application process for students to be able to begin the “Nursing Core” classes. The instructions in this Nursing Admission Guide explain the nursing transfer degree requirements and the competitive application process to be able to begin the Nursing Core classes.

Best wishes in your endeavors,

Kathleen Adamski, M.N., R.N.
Dean of Nursing Education
Director of Nursing Education
Walla Walla Community College

Nursing Admission Guide 2020-2021
Updated 12/29/2020
DATE: December 21, 2020
TO: WWCC Nursing Students
FROM: Kathy Adamski, Dean of Nursing Education
RE: Information unknown about COVID-19 and its effect on the WWCC Nursing Program for the 2020-21 academic year

Dear Nursing Student Applicants,

Your application is being submitted during a national COVID-19 pandemic. So much is unknown right now about how the COVID-19 vaccine’s availability will affect the overall pandemic numbers and how we are able to conduct nursing education at WWCC. I want to share with you how COVID-19 safety procedures may affect your nursing education here, especially for Fall quarter, 2021. Please know that this could change at any time due to student/faculty/public safety concerns. Below are my presumptions (best guesses) on where we will be in Fall, 2021.

1. It is unlikely that the COVID-19 pandemic will be over by Fall quarter, 2021 and there will be some level of safety restrictions in place. I do not believe that we will back to “business as usual” with nursing theory, skills labs, and clinical classes. Many student meetings/teaching sessions with faculty may be conducted online via Zoom.
   a. You will receive mandatory training on COVID-19
2. Nursing theory classes may continue to be offered online via CANVAS with some face-to-face exams on campus. Face masks and 6-feet distancing will be required.
3. Nursing skills labs will likely be taught on campus in small groups with the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and 6-feet distancing.
4. Nursing clinical experiences should be face-to-face by Fall, but this depends on pandemic numbers and outbreaks at any clinical agency this spring-summer. We will do our best to provide “in-person” clinical, but this may need to be supplemented with “virtual” clinical experiences and “virtual” simulated experiences.
   a. We do not assign nursing students to care for COVID-19 positive patients
   b. You may be required to have COVID-19 testing to be able to participate in clinical
   c. It is unclear whether our clinical agencies may require nursing students and faculty to have the COVID-19 vaccine series in order to perform clinical at their agency (similar to how they require an annual influenza vaccine).
   d. As long as the COVID-19 pandemic is in effect, nursing students will be expected to conduct their personal lives in a manner that decreases their exposure to this virus. We do not want nursing students to contract COVID-19 and then infect the vulnerable patients that they care for. This is an ethical issue.
5. If you are ill or have been exposed to COVID-19, you will be required to undergo a 10-day isolation/quarantine to prevent the spread of infection. The nursing faculty are dedicated to provide comparable skills lab and clinical instruction that students miss due to isolation or quarantine.

As things continue to change, we will communicate these changes with you!

Nursing Admission Guide 2020-2021
Updated 12/29/2020
General Information
We are pleased that you are interested in pursuing Nursing Education at Walla Walla Community College (WWCC). We want to help in any way we can to make entrance into our program as easy as possible. WWCC offers six quarters of nursing course work leading to an Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP (Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program) degree. There is an optional Practical Nurse (PN) exit option.

The Nursing Program at WWCC is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission: 310 Israel Rd., Tumwater, WA 98501, phone (360) 236-4700, (www.doh.wa.gov). The Associate Degree Nursing Program is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN): 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, phone (404) 975-5000, (www.acenursing.org). The PN exit option is not accredited by ACEN.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
WWCC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended in 2008. Information regarding student accommodations may be obtained by contacting (Walla Walla campus) Bobbie Sue Schutter, Ph.D., Coordinator of Disability Support Services at (509) 527-4262, bobbiesue.schutter@wwcc.edu; or (Clarkston campus) Heather Markwalter at (509) 758-1721, heather.markwalter@wwcc.edu. The Section 504 Coordinator is responsible for monitoring and implementing the district’s compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting disability discrimination. Sherry Hartford, Vice President of Human Resources, (509) 527-4300, serves as the Section 504 officer.

COVID-19 Face Mask Accommodations: If you have a disability or medical condition that presents an academic obstacle or prevents you from wearing a face covering, please contact Disability Support Services.

COVID-19-related Absences: If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please contact your instructor as soon as possible to discuss how academic requirements might be modified to prevent virus related obstacles from hindering academic success.

Accommodations for Religion/Conscience
Reasonable Accommodations for Religion/Conscience: Students who will be absent from course activities due to reasons of faith or conscience may seek reasonable accommodations so that grades are not impacted. Such requests must be made within the first two weeks of the quarter and should follow the procedures listed in the Student Rights & Responsibilities section of the Academic Catalog.

Equal Opportunity Statement
Walla Walla Community College District No. 20 is committed to provide equal opportunity and nondiscrimination for all educational and employment applicants as well as for its students and employed staff, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, including gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, age (over 40), the
presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, or status as a Vietnam and/or disabled veteran, National Guard member or reservist in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Federal Rehabilitation of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and any other applicable Federal and Washington State laws against discrimination. Sherry Hartford, Vice President of Human Resources (509)527-4382, has Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity, Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Compliance program responsibility. The College’s TDD number is (509) 527-4412.

**Notice of Jeanne Clery Act required Annual Security Report**

Walla Walla Community Colleges posts an Annual Security Report online. A paper copy of the report may also be obtained free of charge by visiting the Campus Security and Environmental Health and Safety office during normal business hours. The report contains policies and procedures related to campus safety and security, three years of crime statistics and other additional safety information.

**What degree and opportunities are provided to me upon completion of the program?**

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). If successful, they may be licensed as Registered Nurses (RN). Graduates are prepared to care for patients in hospitals, long-term care facilities, physicians’ offices and clinics and in the community. Employment preparation is directed toward a beginning RN. Students who complete the first four quarters (through fall, second year) of the Nursing Program and also complete NURS 195, LPN Professional and Vocational Relationships (2 credits) are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). If successful, they may apply for licensure as a practical nurse (LPN). We strongly recommend considering your associate degree in nursing the first step on your education pathway. Students are encouraged to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from a 4-year university in the future.

**When can I apply and start course work?**

All students who declare their intention to receive a nursing degree from WWCC are placed in the open admission Nursing Pathway. Nursing Degree Requirements (also known as general university requirements), such as English, Biological Sciences, Psychology, etc. for the Nursing Pathway may be started any quarter. Admission to Nursing Core Courses (classes with a NURS prefix) is competitive and requires a separate application process as outlined in this Admission Guide. Students are admitted to Nursing Core Courses in Fall Quarter following a competitive selection process the prior Spring. Nursing applications are accepted between January 2 and April 15. Applications (including $30 non-refundable application fee) must be completed by April 15 to be considered for Fall admission (see page 19 for details). Students transferring in from another nursing program may begin any quarter depending on qualifications and space availability.
How are students admitted?
Students are admitted into Nursing Core Courses based on the number of total points earned in the Nursing Degree Requirements (see page 13), as calculated on the Nursing Admission Rating and Point System (see page 27). Admission to the Nursing Pathway is open, but does not guarantee acceptance into Nursing Core Courses. We strongly encourage students to complete as many of the Nursing Degree Requirements as possible before applying for entrance into Nursing Core Courses. These courses provide points toward admission.

What are the requirements for admission to the program?
Requirements for admission into Nursing Core Courses

See page 13 for details.

Technology Requirements
Computer skills including MS Word, Power Point, basic knowledge of the internet and emailing (with attachment) are essential. Web-based applications and computerized testing are integrated throughout the program. CANVAS and Panopto technology are utilized. Minimum computer requirements include: Operating Systems: Windows 7 or higher or updated version of MAC OSX; 2 GHz Dual Core Intel/AMD CPU, 4+ Gig of RAM recommended. Browsers: Current versions of Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome; High-speed internet or broadband (minimum 1Mbps download speed from home to view Panopto recordings). AOL and other dial-up services are not sufficient. Computer labs are available on campus.

Legal Requirements:
Washington State law (R.C.W. 43.43.830 through 43.43.840) mandates that criminal background checks be conducted on all students entering clinical agencies. This law also stipulates that any student nurse with a criminal history of “crimes against persons” is not allowed to work in long-term care. Because clinical experience in both acute care facilities and long-term care is an integral part to the nursing curriculum, students with a criminal history of “crimes against persons” will not be able to progress in the Nursing Program. Some agencies require copies of student background checks to be on file at the clinical site and/or require their own separate background check; copies will be sent to agencies upon request.

Criminal background checks must be completed through Americhek and Washington State Patrol prior to entrance into the first- and second-year of the Nursing Program, and at any non-traditional entry point. Long-term Care and other community agencies may also require a separate background check. The student will be responsible for all applicable fees associated with the acquisition of the criminal background check.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are expected to self-report, at any time throughout the program, any and all incidences that may affect clinical placement.

If a Criminal Background Check Report states that the student has been found guilty of a crime, has a deferred sentence, or is pending prosecution, the student will meet with the Dean of Nursing Education or their designee for counseling. Information regarding the crime will be
obtained and compared to both the DSHS Disqualifying Crimes for use by ALTSA and the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) Decision Making Criteria for License Application guidelines. The student will be advised as to whether the crime will prevent them from being able to participate in clinical and continuing in the Nursing Program. Questions about whether the student would be eligible to be licensed as a LPN or RN in the State of Washington will be reviewed with Nursing Education, Licensing and Research staff at the NCQAC.

Residence Requirements:
1. A minimum of 30 Nursing Core Course credits toward any degree or certificate must be earned at WWCC. These credits may be earned after admission to Nursing Core Courses.
2. A minimum of two (2) quarters in attendance at WWCC.
3. Last 12 credits to be earned at WWCC unless waived by the Vice President of Instruction.

Advisement
Students intending to become nursing candidates should consult with a pre-nursing advisor in the Advising and Counseling Center prior to beginning Nursing Degree Requirements. LPN and transfer students will be advised on an individual basis by the Dean of Nursing Education or her designee.

Students Requesting Transfer from another Nursing Program
1. Students transferring from another nursing program may be accepted into Nursing Core Courses on a space available basis after evaluation of application packet, and review by the Nursing Admission/Progression Committee of all transcripts and all syllabi for nursing courses completed elsewhere.
2. Transfer students must apply to the college and meet all WWCC residence requirements for graduation.

To apply, follow the directions in the STUDENTS REQUESTING TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER NURSING PROGRAM section on Page 22.

Placement for Transferring or Returning Students
Placement in the associate degree Nursing Program will be based upon an evaluation by the Nursing Admission/Progression Committee of the individual transcript, GPA, work experience in health occupations, length of time the student has been out of school and demonstrated competency in laboratory skills and medication administration at the level of their placement. Completed packet requirements, work references, and program space availability will assist in the decision for placement. For returning students, the applicant’s professional behavior and adherence to the WWCC Student Code of Conduct while previously enrolled will also be taken into consideration.
Acceptance Policy for All Nursing Applicants
Applicants are notified of acceptance by letter only. After you have received a formal letter of acceptance from the Admission/Progression Committee, students are required to pay a $70.00 non-refundable deposit (which will be applied to your tuition) to the cashier in the Business Office. This $70.00 non-refundable deposit is required for initial entrance into Nursing Core Courses.

WWCC Nursing Program Technical Standards
The Nursing Program at WWCC prepares the graduate to function as a generalist nurse to meet the needs of a diverse population. In order to progress and graduate from the Nursing Program, nursing students must meet knowledge and skills competencies in the areas of Nursing Judgment, Patient Centered Care, Teamwork and Collaboration, Informatics and Technology, Quality Improvement, and Professionalism.

This statement of Technical Standards identifies the functional abilities that the faculty have determined to be necessary in the provision of safe, effective, professional nursing care. The Technical Standards are reflected in the WWCC Nursing Student Learning Outcomes and in the WWCC Nursing Program Mission Statement that are available for reference on the WWCC Website. If there are questions about any section of these Technical Standards, please contact Kathy Adamski, Dean of Nursing Education, 509-527-4240 or kathleen.adamski@wwcc.edu.

Students with disabilities who have questions about or who may require reasonable accommodations in meeting the Nursing Program Technical Standards should contact WWCC Disability Support Services. The nursing student must be able to meet the following Technical Standards independently, with or without reasonable accommodation.

Assessment and Observational Ability
Nursing students must be able to:

- Collect, use, and interpret information from physical assessments which includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - detect changes in skin color or condition
  - discriminate between abnormal and normal color of body fluids or exudates
  - use diagnostic and assessment tools such as, but not limited to, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, bladder scanner, automated vital signs monitor, and reflex hammer
  - other modes of patient assessment in the context of laboratory studies, medication administration, radiologic studies, and other patient care activities
- Detect, interpret and communicate sounds related to bodily functions which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - detect audible alarms with the frequency and volume ranges of the sounds generated by mechanical systems that monitor bodily functions
- Detect a fire in a patient care area
- Draw up the correct quantity of medication into a syringe
- Read fine print such as medication and equipment labeling
• Detect odors such as foul smelling bodily fluids, spoiled foods or smoke from burning materials
• Detect changes in skin temperature and detect unsafe temperature levels in heat producing devices used in patient care
• Detect anatomical abnormalities (changes in skin from air accumulation, masses or fluid accumulations), palpate pulses and percuss/palpate other body areas

Communication Ability
Nursing students must be able to:
• Comprehend, communicate, and document information in the English language
• Communicate accurately and effectively with:
  o patients, significant others and spouses, other family members
  o healthcare workers, and other professionals in healthcare settings
  o instructors, supervisors, classmates, and various health or educational team members in both clinical and classroom settings
• Elicit, receive, and accurately interpret information from others:
  o collect, document and convey relevant information to others
  o learn, understand and use healthcare terminology
  o comprehend and follow directions and instructions
  o accurately record patient medical information, write and manage patients’ plans of care, maintain reports
• Present information in a professional, logical, and organized manner
• Provide patient education and instructions to effectively care for patients or clients and their families

Motor Abilities
Nursing students must be able to:
• Perform physical assessments and diagnostic/therapeutic maneuvers necessary and required in the curriculum and of a future Registered Nurse
• Perform patient care activities, including, but not limited to:
  o insertion of urinary catheters
  o insertion of nasogastric tubes
  o insertion of intravenous catheters
  o hanging of blood products/other intravenous infusions
  o transferring of patients in and out of bed
  o ambulation of patients
  o turning and positioning of patients
  o moving equipment to various heights
  o recording the volumes in body fluid collection devices hung above or below bed level
  o disposing of needles in sharps containers
  o accurately placing and maintaining position of stethoscope for detecting sounds of bodily functions
• manipulate small equipment and containers, such as syringes, needles, vials, ampules, and medication packages
• Respond to emergency patient care situations in a timely manner and provide emergency care, including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
• Possess the physical endurance necessary for extended periods of activity that are required for safe performance in clinical and classroom settings
• Demonstrate the ability to comply with all safety standards in all clinical settings, including, but not limited to, infectious control precautions (universal, contact, airborne) and use of emergency equipment (crash cart, fire extinguisher, evacuation chairs).
• Capable of moving within and among clinical environments without compromising the safety of others

Cognitive, Conceptual, and Quantitative Abilities
Nursing students must have the capacity to:
• Develop and refine critical thinking, decision making and problem-solving skills that are crucial for safe and effective nursing practice using, but not limited to, the following processes:
  o capability to measure, quantify, calculate, question, analyze, conceptualize, reason, integrate, and synthesize information in order to make timely decisions reflecting sound clinical judgment, and to determine appropriate clinical decision making
  o interpret the clinical indications of evidence based research
  o learn from other individuals
  o comprehend, integrate, and apply new information
  o make sound clinical decisions

Behavioral and Social Attributes
Nursing students must be able to:
• Communicate effectively, respectfully, and with cultural humility, with all individuals whom they encounter
• Demonstrate behaviors associated with compassion, respect, concern for others, integrity, ethical comportment, sound clinical judgment, and accountability for their responsibilities and actions
• Accept the supervision of an instructor and/or preceptor
• Accept constructive criticism or feedback
• Modify behavior based on feedback
• Adapt quickly to rapidly changing situations/environments, to uncertain circumstances and to withstand human trauma and its effects
• Correctly judge when assistance is required and seek appropriate assistance in a timely manner; exercise good judgment
• Function cooperatively and efficiently with others

Professional, Legal, and Ethical Conduct
The WWCC Nursing Program has the Core Values of Respect, Excellence, Integrity, Accountability, Caring, and Stewardship. Student nurses are expected to exhibit professional
behavior, personal accountability, compassion, integrity, concern for others, and care for all individuals in a respectful and effective manner regardless of gender identity, age, race, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other protected status. Individuals whose performance is impaired by abuse of alcohol or other substances are not suitable for progression in or graduation from the Nursing Program.

Student nurses must be able to:
- Function within the legal and ethical principles of the professional standards of practice
- Display behaviors that conform to the ethical role of a Registered Nurse in all interactions with patients, faculty, staff, students and the public.
- Meet guidelines established by healthcare organizations where they will be engaged in clinical experiences

**Code of Conduct**
Students are expected to adhere to the Walla Walla Community College Student Code of Conduct: [Student Code of Conduct](#). Nursing students are also expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a student nurse, adhering to professional and ethical standards of the nursing profession consistent with the American Nurses Associate (ANA) Code of Ethics for Nurses.

**Financial Aid**
Questions about Financial Aid should be discussed with the Financial Aid office. Scholarship opportunities are available through the WWCC Foundation. Financial Aid Web Page: [Financial Aid Web Page](#). Foundation Web Page: [WWCC Foundation](#).

**Latex Allergy/Sensitivity**
Chemical and/or latex sensitivity is a concern for anyone entering a healthcare profession since latex products are commonly used in these environments. While the Nursing Program uses many non-latex products, it cannot provide a latex-free environment to students in either the Nursing Skills Practice Lab or in clinical placement sites off campus. Those with sensitivities can wear alternative vinyl or nitrile gloves, however they can still be exposed to latex residue of others working in the area or to latex present in equipment, models, supplies, or manikins. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of the hazards within the environment where they plan to study or work and to take appropriate precautions.

**Nursing Program Outcomes**
1. The program’s most recent annual pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) will be at least 80% for all first-time test-takers during the same 12-month period.
   a. **Unofficial** WWCC NCLEX-RN Pass Rate for January 1, 2020-September 30, 2020:
      - All graduates: 98/111 (88%)
      - Walla Walla campus: 53/56 (95%)
      - Clarkston campus: 45/55 (82%)
2. Seventy percent (70%) or more of students will earn an associate level degree in nursing within three years of enrollment in the first nursing course (150% of the stated nursing program length).
   a. WWCC 3-year completion rate (cohort entering Fall, 2017):
      All graduates: 81%
      Walla Walla campus: 79%
      Clarkston Campus: 83%

3. Ninety percent (90%) of the nursing graduates will be employed in nursing 6-12 months after graduation.
   a. WWCC Graduate Employment in Nursing (June 2018 graduates):
      All graduates: 98%
      Walla Walla campus: 100%
      Clarkston Campus: 97%

4. Thirty percent (30%) of the nursing graduates will report pursuing education towards a BSN degree at 6-12 months after graduation.
   a. WWCC Graduates Continuing Education (June 2019 graduates)
      All graduates: 48%
      Walla Walla campus: 39%
      Clarkston campus 58%

5. Graduates will rate their overall nursing program satisfaction at ≥ 3.5 on a 1-4 point scale.
   a. WWCC Graduate Program Satisfaction (June 2019 graduates):
      All graduates: 3.7
      Walla Walla campus: 3.8
      Clarkston Campus: 3.6

6. Employers of nursing program graduates will rate the overall job preparation of graduates ≥ 3.5 on a 1-4 point scale.
   a. WWCC Employer Rating of Preparation of Graduates (June 2019 graduates):
      All graduates: 3.2
      Walla Walla campus: 3.3
      Clarkston Campus: 3.3

**Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements**

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v), the Nursing Program at WWCC has verified that our graduates are eligible for RN licensure in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. No determination has been made as to whether WWCC nursing graduates are eligible for professional licensure in other states. Information regarding each state’s RN licensing requirements can be found on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website at: [https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm](https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm).
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**Requirements for Admission into Nursing Core Courses**

All Nursing Degree Requirement classes are worth the same number of points toward admission and all must be completed PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE FIRST YEAR OF NURSING CORE COURSES, with exception of the 15 credits designated below that must be completed prior to entering the second year of the Nursing Core Courses.

It is highly recommended that as many as possible of the Nursing Degree Requirements listed below be completed prior to the April 15 application deadline in order to achieve the highest possible points toward admission. Completion of the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam MUST be completed PRIOR to the April 15 deadline (see page 24). Applicants who have not provided proof of completing the following Nursing Degree Requirements before the start of Fall quarter will not be allowed to begin Nursing Core Courses. Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0 for all college level classes.

**Nursing Degree Requirements Prior to Beginning the Nursing Program (50 credits)**

Applicants who have not provided proof of completing the following Nursing Degree Requirements before the start of Fall quarter will not be allowed to begin Nursing Core Courses. Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0 for all college level classes.

1. BIOL& 160, General Biology w/lab (5 credits)
2. BIOL& 251, Human A & P I (5 credits) [Beginning Fall, 2021 this will be BIOL& 241]
3. BIOL& 252, Human A & P II (5 credits) [Beginning Fall, 202 this will be BIOL& 242]
4. BIOL& 260, Microbiology (5 credits)
5. CHEM& 110, Chemical Concepts w/lab (5 credits)
6. ENGL& 101, English Composition I (5 credits)
7. MATH& 146, Intro to Statistics (must have MATH prefix) (5 credits)
8. NUTR& 101, Nutrition (5 credits)
9. PSYC& 100, General Psychology (5 credits)
10. PSYC& 200, Lifespan Psychology (5 credits)
11. Show evidence of Nursing Assistant Certification or proof of passing the state exam for Nursing Assistants. Documentation of meeting the Nursing Assistant requirement is due to the Nursing office no later than September 1.

**Additional Nursing Degree Requirements Prior to Beginning Year Two Nursing (15 credits)**

1. ENGL& 102, English Composition II or other Communication class from the distribution list (5 credits)
2. HUMANITIES from the Humanities distribution list (10 credits)
   a. A total of 15 credits in Humanities are required for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree. Five (5) credits of Philosophy are embedded in the Nursing Core Classes, titled “Ethics and Policy in Healthcare” (see page 15).
b. The remaining 10 credits of Humanities must be completed prior to entering the second year of the Nursing Program. Humanities courses must be selected from at least two disciplines from the WWCC Master List of Transfer Courses, with no more than 10 credits allowed from any one discipline. Therefore, not more than 5 of the 10 credits required prior to entering second year of the Nursing Program may be in Philosophy. Additionally, no more than 5 credits in foreign language at the 100 level and no more than 5 credits performance/skills courses are allowed.

c. For Humanities class options, see the Master List of Transfer Courses in the college catalog here: [WWCC College Catalog 2020-2021](#).

These courses may be taken at WWCC, or equivalent courses may be taken at any other community college or university and transferred to Walla Walla Community College when you apply. The Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree has very specific course and credit requirements. Students from other schools, especially out of state, may find that classes taken elsewhere do not fully meet all Nursing Degree Requirements. For example, you may have a four credit General Psychology class and a four credit Lifespan Psychology class, which would leave you two credits deficient in Social Sciences. You will need an official transcript evaluation, which requires submitting all official transcripts from other schools to WWCC’s Office of Admissions along with a Transcript Evaluation Request. Once your evaluation is complete, you will be able to access your Degree Audit online (see page 26 for instructions), and then meet with a pre-nursing advisor or call the Nursing Program office for assistance on how to make up for any credit deficiencies.

Nursing Assistant Certification or proof of passing the state exam for Nursing Assistants must be submitted by September 1, 2020. (PLEASE NOTE: The Nursing Assistant class at WWCC is a special admission class that requires early planning to guarantee a seat in the class and get a clinical schedule that will work with your class schedule. Please contact the Nursing Department for information and an application at least one full quarter before you intend to take the class).

The scheduling of clinical sections, the demands of a large volume of reading, and the personal responsibilities of our students have shown that success is more likely if all Nursing Degree Requirements are completed before beginning Nursing Core Courses.
Proposed schedule of classes for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP Degree

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Nursing courses must be completed after being admitted into Nursing Core Courses. All courses must be passed with a “C” grade (75% or better) in order to progress to the subsequent quarter.

Students will receive instruction using multiple methods of delivery. In first-year nursing, 80-85% of theory lectures are delivered via Interactive Television (ITV). In this environment, an instructor teaches live on one campus and students on the other campus receive the lectures.
via live television; an instructor is present in the classroom for students receiving the ITV lecture. Faculty make every attempt to ensure that half of the lectures are received live on each campus. Online discussion forums are used to facilitate discussion and questions regarding the lecture content and instructors are readily available to discuss content and answer questions. In second-year, theory lectures are delivered live on both campuses.

Requirements after acceptance to Nursing Core Courses

These requirements must be completed prior to entrance/re-entrance into the program:

- Vaccines/TB screening documents will be submitted via Complio, an online compliance tracking system.
- Submit 2"x2" passport-size photo
- Proof of Personal Health Insurance
- Personal Liability Insurance and Lab Fees (assessed with tuition payment)
- Criminal Background Check (assessed with tuition payment) completed annually. The background check is processed after student signs release. Criminal Background Check results will be sent to selected clinical agencies upon their request. See page 5 for details.
- Current AHA Basic Life Support (BLS-CPR) for Healthcare Providers Certification. Classes are conducted in September for first- and second-year nursing students through the Allied Health Department. Certification is required annually and must be completed in June or later each year of attendance in Nursing Core Courses.
- Nursing Assistant Certification or proof of successfully passing the state exam for Nursing Assistants (due no later than September 1).
- Please know that classes on the Walla Walla and Clarkston campuses will be merged in the online classroom. Other students will not be able to see your grades, but your name will be visible. Your acceptance of admission implies acceptance of this policy.

Program agreements with clinical agencies prohibit any nursing student from being in clinical without a criminal background check, required vaccinations & tuberculosis screening, BLS/CPR, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) certification.

These requirements must be completed prior to practicum (or by date indicated by instructor):

- HIPAA Privacy Training Certification. This will be completed prior to practicum in Fall quarter, first-year nursing (students will receive instruction in class).
- Signed Practicum Schedule Acceptance Statement (students will receive forms to sign in class): Students will be assigned to clinical rotations in which they may be required to work during day, evening, night, and weekend shifts. The length of shifts may vary and may last up to 12.5 hours. Students may be required to travel to distant clinical sites and are responsible for their own transportation.

Drug Testing/Marijuana Use

- Drug Testing: The WWCC Nursing Department does not conduct drug testing without cause, however, students placed at some clinical agencies will be required to submit to a
mandatory drug screening test before Day 1 of clinical or at any subsequent time as requested.

- Marijuana Use: Although the State of Washington passed a law that legalized personal use of marijuana, it is essential that nursing students realize that Washington’s system of legalized marijuana does not preempt federal law. **Federally, marijuana is illegal.** It is listed as a Schedule I drug which is defined as “drugs, substances, or chemicals with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse”. The Substance Abuse policy presented in the WWCC Nursing Student Handbook states, “If the results for alcohol and/or drugs are positive the student will be immediately dismissed from the program” (p. 43). Clinical agencies are bound by federal law with regards to Marijuana use. As guests at our clinical agencies, we are bound by this same policy. If a nursing student tests positive for marijuana metabolites, the student will be immediately dismissed from WWCC Nursing Core Courses. Depending on the clinical affiliation agreement, a clinical agency may have the right to test a WWCC nursing student for drug use as a condition of being allowed to do clinical at that agency.

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YEAR TWO TOTAL: $6,501.68

PROGRAM TOTAL: $13,081.40

Prices are subject to change without notice.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply to the College
1. Apply to Walla Walla Community College: APPLY TO WWCC HERE
2. Submit official transcripts from all other colleges/universities you have attended (not only the degree-granting institution). Send to:
   WWCC Office of Admissions
   500 Tausick Way
   Walla Walla, WA 99362
3. If you are submitting transcripts from another school, you must also submit a Transcript Evaluation Request form: TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION REQUEST. Once your transcript evaluation is complete, you will receive a Degree Audit back by email. This process takes a few weeks, so plan ahead. This Degree Audit will be part of the application packet you will submit. If you have any questions about your Degree Audit once you receive it, contact the Nursing office.

   * For students completing required classes Winter quarter and submitting transcripts after Winter quarter: Your Degree Audit may not be processed in time for the application deadline. Do not be alarmed. As long as you have submitted your official transcript and Transcript Evaluation Request Form before the April 15 deadline, your application will be considered on time. In this case, submit the rest of your application to the Nursing office with a note that states your transcripts and Transcript Evaluation Request Form have been submitted, but your Degree Audit is pending completion. The Nursing department will not make admission decisions until all transcripts are processed.

Consult a Pre-Nursing Advisor
Consult with a pre-nursing advisor if you still have required classes to complete. See contact information on page i of this Admission Guide.

Pay the $30 Application Fee
1. Make a payment at the Cashier’s office on either campus (once campus reopens after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted), or
2. Mail to WWCC Business Office-Cashier, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA, 99362. Along with your payment please include your Student ID Number, purpose for the payment (Nursing Application Fee) and an email address so the Cashier can email you a receipt, or
3. Pay by phone: Call the WWCC Business Office at (509) 527-4204. Have your debit or credit card ready (Visa or Mastercard), your Student ID Number, and be prepared to give your email address so the Cashier can email you a receipt. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to submit a copy of your receipt with your Nursing Application Packet.
What to Include in Your Nursing Application Packet

1. Print and complete the Application Information Sheet and Personal Data forms (pages 30 and 31 of this packet).
2. Provide a copy of your receipt showing you have paid the $30 application fee.
3. Provide a copy of your WWCC Degree Audit (please carefully review instructions on page 26). An incorrectly submitted Degree Audit will result in an incomplete application and declined admission.
4. If completed, submit proof of Nursing Assistant Certification or proof of passing the state exam for nursing assistants (not just proof of completing a Nursing Assistant class). This may be completed after acceptance into the program, but prior to the start of Nursing Core Courses. Documentation of completing this requirement is due by September 1.
5. Include a copy of your ATI TEAS test results (see page 24 for information on the TEAS test).

While campuses are still closed due to COVID-19, applications must be mailed. If you are applying to BOTH campuses, you must send a complete application packet to each campus. The addresses are at the top of the Applicant Information Sheet. Please do NOT email applications.

Admission to Nursing Core Courses is based on a ranking of total points earned, as calculated on the Nursing Admission Rating and Point System (page 27). If you are not admitted during the first round of admissions, you will automatically be placed on a waiting list to fill any vacant spots. Vacant spots will not be filled until after July 1. If you take classes during Spring quarter that will affect your points toward admission, please submit an updated Degree Audit no later than July 1. Late applications (submitted after the April 15 deadline) will be considered for the “second-round,” but will only be considered after applications that are submitted on time.

Every applicant will receive a letter of response, whether the applicant is admitted or not. Letters are typically sent out by the end of May. Letters for second-round admissions are typically sent out mid-July, and then through the summer as openings occur.

Application Deadline
Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 15 every year. Students are admitted once per year and start the program in fall quarter. When the April 15 deadline falls on a weekend, applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. We will accept applications postmarked on April 15.

Applying to Both Campuses
You may choose to apply to both campuses (Walla Walla and Clarkston). To do so, submit a COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET to each campus. The mailing address for each campus is at the top of the Applicant Information Sheet. Do not pay the application fee twice, but do submit a copy of your payment receipt with each Application Packet. Make sure you clearly document
**your campus preference when applying to both campuses.** You may write in “no preference” if you truly have no preference. If you do not indicate a preference, you will likely be placed at the campus where we have the most space available. Please do not apply to a campus you are not able to attend for the full two years of the program. Requests for transfers between campuses will not be considered.

**Applying for Re-Admission**

This section applies to students who have been enrolled in Nursing Core Courses at WWCC within the last two years and would like to return to the Nursing Program.

Any recommendations by your advisor or lead instructor on the exit interview form will be reviewed by the Admission Progression Committee prior to your admission. Your professional behavior and adherence to the WWCC Student Code of Conduct while previously enrolled will also be taken into consideration.

Any student who exits the program, whether it is their own decision or an academic performance issue, must reapply to be considered for re-entry. Readmission is on a space available basis. If a student exits for academic failure, they may repeat one time in the program.

In addition to the application instructions listed on page 19, complete the following:

After your complete Application Packet is submitted, but before the application deadline, schedule a pre-admission conference with the Dean of Nursing Education or her designee. To schedule, call (509) 527-4240 for Walla Walla or (509) 758-1706 for Clarkston.

Returning applicants may be eligible to enter the program mid-year (refer to your exit interview form). Application deadlines are as follows:

- **Summer and/or Fall quarter**
  - April 15

- **Winter quarter**
  - 2nd Monday of October

- **Spring quarter**
  - 2nd Monday of February

**LPN to ADN Transition Applicants**

Applicants with a current Washington State LPN license will be considered on a case by case basis for admission to the associate degree Nursing Program, either into Winter quarter or Spring quarter of the first year of the Nursing Program. Placement in the Nursing Program will be based upon an evaluation by the Nursing Admission/Progression Committee. The evaluation will consist of all application materials, individual transcripts, work experience as a LPN, length of time the student has been out of school, and demonstrated competency in laboratory skills and medication administration at the level of their placement.

1. Review nursing requirements on pages 13 and 14 and be sure you qualify for entry.
2. Complete all general application requirements explained in detail on pages 19 and 20.
3. Submit a letter from the Director of your previous nursing program stating that you left that program as a student in good standing.

4. Record your Washington State LPN license number on the LPN to Associate Degree Nursing Core Course Applicant Form (page 33 of the Nursing Admission Guide) and present your LPN license when you come for your pre-admission conference.

5. Provide an employer reference showing successful, current work as an LPN.

6. After your complete application packet is submitted, but before the application deadline for Winter quarter (second Monday in October), schedule a pre-admission conference with the Dean of Nursing Education or her designee. To schedule, call (509) 527-4240 for Walla Walla or (509) 758-1706 for Clarkston.

7. Successfully complete Skills Validation and Medication Administration tests appropriate to the quarter of your entry within three (3) attempts. You are expected to be able to competently demonstrate all skills that were taught in the WWCC Nursing Core Courses prior to your quarter of entry.

8. Students must comply with the Nursing Degree Requirements for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree. This will include “bridge” courses to complete classes required during the first year of Nursing Core Courses (up to 2 credits of Ethics and Policy in Healthcare and up to 3 credits of Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare, depending on quarter of entry).

**Students Requesting Transfer from another Nursing Program**

For applicants who have completed nursing coursework at another college or university.

In addition to meeting all other nursing applicant requirements on pages 13 and 14 and the general application instructions on pages 19-20, the Transfer Applicant who is requesting credit for prior learning in the WWCC Nursing Core Courses based on coursework completed at a different nursing program will fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete all general application requirements explained in detail on pages 19 and 20.

2. Submit a letter of request to the Director of the WWCC Nursing Program specifying that you are seeking credit for prior learning based on an evaluation of previous nursing coursework completed at a different nursing program. Include a brief explanation as to why you are not continuing at the nursing program where previous nursing coursework was completed.

3. Submit syllabi from each class at your previous nursing program that you would like WWCC to consider for possible credit for prior learning in nursing.

4. Submit practicum/clinical performance evaluations from your previous nursing program.

5. Authorize your previous nursing program Director and faculty to release any information related to your performance to WWCC with your application to the Nursing Core Courses.
6. Submit a letter from the Director of your previous nursing program stating that you left that program as a student in good standing. “Good standing” means that you would be eligible for re-entry into that program at a later date.

7. Upon review of your completed coursework at your previous nursing program, you will be notified as to whether you qualify for placement into quarter Winter quarter, first-year nursing, based on previous learning at a different nursing program.

8. To be exempt from having to take any nursing theory course, you must complete the Final Exam for that course with a minimum of 75% proficiency.
   a. To be placed into Winter quarter, first-year, you must pass the final exam for NURS 100 (Fall quarter)

9. Successfully complete Skills Validation and Medication Administration tests appropriate to the quarter of your entry within three (3) attempts. You are expected to be able to competently demonstrate all skills that were taught in the WWCC Nursing Core Courses prior to your quarter of entry.

10. Students must comply with the Nursing Degree Requirements for the Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree. This will include “bridge” courses to complete classes required during the first year of Nursing Core Courses (1 credits of Ethics and Policy in Healthcare and 2 credits of Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare).

Additional Information for Returning, LPN and Transfer Applicants
Admission is based on a ranking of total points earned, as calculated on the Nursing Admission Rating and Point System (page 27), approval of the Nursing Admission/Progression Committee, and available space.

Former WWCC Nursing Students who have been out of nursing school for more than 2 years and do not have an active LPN license will be considered new applicants for acceptance into Fall quarter, first-year nursing.

Students who have previously attended WWCC Nursing Core Courses within the past two years and are requesting re-entry are given priority over students wishing to transfer from other nursing programs.

If admitted, students must successfully complete Skills Validation and Medication Administration testing. Admitted students will receive a copy of the policy as well as a list of skills they may be tested on. Testing must be successfully completed within three attempts prior to participating in clinical.
The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

As part of the WWCC Nursing Core Course Application, the applicant is required to complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam. This can be done in the WWCC Testing Center or other approved ATI TEAS testing site. A hard copy of the applicant’s TEAS results must be included with the completed Nursing Core Course Application for submission no later than April 15. Please plan ahead; many local testing dates near the deadline will fill up quickly.

What is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam?

This is a proctored exam that measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage.

a. Reading assessment: includes paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions
b. Mathematics assessment: includes basic math problems, metric conversion, word problems, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion. You may not use a calculator for the mathematics section.
c. Science assessment: includes science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.
d. English and Language Usage assessment: includes knowledge of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.

How to register for the TEAS test at Walla Walla Community College

Go to www.atitesting.com, and create a personal/student account. On the home page, select the option, "Create an account"

You will need a username, password, contact information, etc. You will also be asked to provide student information. The only field required is the school you wish to apply for. Please select Walla Walla Community College and the campus where you wish to test.

After creating an account, log in, and select the “Online Store” at the top of the screen.

In the online store, select “TEAS” located in the left hand column under Register for...

The next screen you will need to select the Program Type (TEAS for Nursing Students), Country (USA), state (Washington), and city (Walla Walla, WA or Clarkston, WA), and then have the option to select a testing time and location. We cannot accept TEAS tests taken for Allied Health, only Nursing.

There is a testing fee required to finish registration (over $100). After registration and purchase, you will receive detailed instruction on where to go, the time of testing, and expectations of what to bring on the day of your assessment through your personal email you used when you created your ATI account. Be sure to fulfill these expectations, or you will not be able to test at your scheduled time. Frequently, students forget to bring photo ID on the day of their scheduled TEAS assessment and are denied admittance into the testing center.
If you took the TEAS test at another college or university

If you took the TEAS test at another college or university other than Walla Walla Community College, and once you are admitted to the Nursing Program, you will need to purchase a TEAS Transcript through the ATI Online Store once your score posts into your account and have your TEAS Transcript sent to the WWCC Nursing office (to the campus you prefer to attend). Walla Walla campus: choose “WallaWallaWallaWallaADN”. Clarkston campus: choose “WallaWallaCCClarkstonADN”.

You will need to print off a hard copy of your TEAS results and staple these results to your WWCC Nursing Core Course application which is due on April 15.

What TEAS score is required for admission?

While completion of this exam is required to be able to apply to WWCC Nursing Core Courses, no specific Content or Subcontent Area score is required. The score received on the TEAS exam is not calculated into the Nursing Admission Rating Scale score. Results of this exam are used after an applicant is admitted to Nursing Core Courses to identify possible academic areas that would require additional study or remediation to be successful. Additional academic support may be offered based on TEAS scores. This support is known as Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST).

Preparation for the TEAS exam

Students are encouraged to do their best on the TEAS exam. Some students may want to purchase a Study Manual or ATI Online Practice TEAS testing. These can be purchased in the ATI Online Store at http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx.

Questions?

WWCC Nursing Office                  WWCC Testing Center
Walla Walla Campus: (509) 527-4240    Walla Walla Campus: (509) 527-4267
Clarkston Campus: (509) 758-1706     Clarkston Campus: (509) 758-3339
How to Print a Degree Audit

If you are new to WWCC, please follow the steps on applying to the college on page 19. Once your transcripts are processed (this typically takes a few weeks, so submit your transcripts early), you will receive your Degree Audit back from the Admissions Office, or you may print your Degree Audit directly from WWCC’s web site. You will find a Degree Audit icon in the Quick Launch section on the college’s web page.

1. Click on the Degree Audit button on the college web site home page.
2. Enter your Student ID Number and Global PIN (typically this is your birthday, 6 digits, MMDDYY)
3. From the “Select A Degree” drop down list, select, “ASSOCIATE IN NURSING [EPC:RNDT] 2019-2020 (RNDT)”
4. Click the “Run Audit” button (you may also need to check the box “open in a new window” next to the Run Audit button).
5. Click the “Expand All” link (located just above the Math class information).
6. Click the “Print Report” button.

Important Information Regarding Degree Audits

- It is the student’s responsibility to verify that the information posted on the Degree Audit is correct and complete. If you have a question or concern about your Degree Audit, contact your pre-nursing advisor or the Nursing Program office.
- Degree Audits must be expanded (this means you will be able to see the grades for each course). Degree Audits that are not expanded are not usable and will render your application incomplete.
- It is the student’s responsibility to print and submit the Degree Audit to the Nursing Program office. It is not the responsibility of the Office of Admissions.
- If you are attending a school (most Oregon colleges, for example) that requires you to take a 3 quarter sequence of Anatomy and Physiology, your A&P grades may not show up on your Degree Audit until all three classes in the sequence are complete. In this case, please submit an unofficial printout of your grades along with your Degree Audit so that we may give you points for having completed the first two quarters of A&P.
- The Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree has very specific course and credit requirements. Students from other schools, especially out of state or semester schools, may find that classes taken elsewhere do not fully meet all Nursing Degree Requirements. For example, you may have a four credit General Psychology class and a four credit Lifespan Psychology class, which would leave you two credits deficient in Social Sciences. Once your transcript evaluation (Degree Audit) is complete, you should discuss it with a pre-nursing advisor or Nursing Program representative for assistance on how to make up for any credit deficiencies.
Nursing Admission Rating and Point System

Admission is based on a ranking of the total points earned. The point cut-off for admission varies year-to-year based on the pool of applicants for that year. Courses that applicants are enrolled in at the application deadline date do not count toward your score for this competition period because no grade has been assigned.

Points are calculated based on the GPA associated with your letter grade in each class required prior to admission to the Nursing Program:

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**Additional points available to WWCC students:**

Students who complete at least 15 credits at WWCC*  2.0-5.0

**Total possible points** **45.00**

*Beginning in the 2020-2021 application cycle, students who have completed at least 15 credits at WWCC will be awarded 2 additional points, students who have completed 30 credits at WWCC will be awarded 3 additional points, and students who complete at least 60 credits at WWCC will be awarded 5 additional points.

Tiebreakers

Tiebreaker points (up to two points total, 0.5 points for each requirement listed below) are awarded based on early completion of the additional requirements for the Nursing Program. Tiebreaker points are ONLY used in the event that two or more candidates earn the same number of points and are at the point cutoff for admission; these points are not included in the total for the purposes of ranking applicants.

Nursing Assistant requirement                  Humanities – 5 credits
ENGL& 102 or Communications – 5 credits       Humanities – 5 credits

**GRADING POLICY**

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**PLEASE NOTE**

Points are NOT awarded for any grade below 2.0. The minimum GPA requirement is 2.0 for all college level classes.
APPLICATION FORMS

In this section, you will find the following forms:

1. Applicant Information Sheet (submit with application)
2. Personal Data Form (submit with application)
3. Crimes Against Children or Other Persons (read before signing Personal Data Form)
4. LPN to Associate Degree Nursing: License Verification Form (for LPN applicants)
5. Vaccination Form (for informational purposes only; submit after admission, not with initial application packet).
Applicant Information Sheet

WALLA WALLA CAMPUS
WWCC Nursing Education
500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362

CLARKSTON CAMPUS
WWCC Nursing Education
P.O. Box 700, Clarkston, WA 99403

NOTE: If you want to be considered at both campuses, you MUST complete two separate applications. Mail one to each campus. Please mark which campus(es) you are applying for. Do not apply to a campus you are not able or willing to attend for the full two years of the program. Student requests to transfer campuses will not be considered.

☐ Walla Walla ONLY  ☐ Clarkston ONLY  ☐ Both (INDICATE PREFERENCE:_________)

RETURNING STUDENTS: Please note the quarter, year and level (I or II) you were previously enrolled:

Date: _______  WWCC Student ID No.: _______  Date of Birth: _______

Name (Last): _______  (First): _______  (MI): _______  (Maiden): _______

Name you prefer to be called:

Mailing Address: Street Address, City, State, Zip: _______

Physical Address (if different): _______

Home Phone: _______  Cell Phone: _______  E-mail Address: _______

In case of emergency please contact (name, address, phone number):

Have you completed at least 15 credits at Walla Walla Community College?  ☐YES  ☐NO

List other colleges/universities have you attended:

__________________________________________________________________________

Have you completed the Nursing Assistant requirement?
☐Yes. Please include documentation with your application.
☐No. When do you plan to complete the requirement?

__________________________________________________________________________

Degrees Granted:  ☐Associates  ☐Baccalaureate  ☐Masters  ☐Doctoral

Area Studied: _______

FINANCIAL PREPARATION (Optional-This information helps Nursing advisors if you are admitted. It does not affect admission.)

How will you finance this program?:  ☐Financial Aid  ☐Self-Pay  ☐Loans  ☐Other: _______

Have you completed your FAFSA application?  ☐Yes  ☐No

OPTIONAL

Country of Citizenship: _______

Ethnic Origin:  ☐Hispanic  ☐Caucasian  ☐Indian/Alaskan Native  ☐Asian/Pacific Islander

☐Black/Non-Hispanic  ☐Other: _______
Personal Data Form

DO NOT ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. Please sign at the bottom indicating that you have read this information. It is important for students to be aware of these questions before starting the program. The graduate will be required to answer YES or NO to the following questions on the application to Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to obtain an LPN or RN license. Similar questions will be asked on applications for other states and some may have to be notarized.

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?
2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?
3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?
4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?
5. Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile, in Washington or another state or jurisdiction?
6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceedings to have:
7. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes?
8. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs?
9. Violated any drug law?
10. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself?
11. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession?
12. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
13. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
14. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession?
15. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)?

Please sign and date indicating that you have been informed of the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission’s Personal Data Questions for licensure, and you acknowledge that if you have answered yes to any of the above, or have been convicted of any of the crimes on the following page you may not be eligible for licensure as a health care worker.

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________
(Please Print)

Nursing Admission Guide 2020-2021
Updated 12/29/2020
Crimes Against Children or Other Persons: RCW 43.43.830

Definitions (Section 7)

**Aggravated murder**
**Incest**

**Arson 1st degree**
**Indecent exposure felony**

**Assault 1st degree**
**Indecent liberties**

**Assault 2nd degree**
**Kidnapping 1st degree**

**Assault 3rd degree**
**Kidnapping 2nd degree**

**Simple assault**
**Malicious harassment**

**Assault of a child 1st degree**
**Manslaughter 1st degree**

**Assault of a child 2nd degree**
**Manslaughter 2nd degree**

**Assault of a child 3rd degree**
**Murder in 1st degree**

**Burglary 1st degree**
**Murder in 2nd degree**

**Child abandonment**
**Promoting pornography**

**Child abuse or neglect defined in RCW 26.44.020**
**Promoting prostitution 1st degree**

**Child buying or selling**
**Prostitution**

**Child molestation 1st degree**
**Rape 1st degree**

**Child molestation 2nd degree**
**Rape 2nd degree**

**Child molestation 3rd degree**
**Rape 3rd degree**

**Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor**
**Rape of a child 1st degree**

**Communication with a minor (for immoral purposes)**
**Rape of a child 2nd degree**

**Criminal abandonment**
**Rape of a child 3rd degree**

**Criminal mistreatment 1st degree**
**Robbery 1st degree**

**Criminal mistreatment 2nd degree**
**Robbery 2nd degree**

**Custodial assault**
**Selling or distributing erotic material to a minor**

**Custodial interference 1st degree**
**Sexual exploitation of minors**

**Custodial interference 2nd degree**
**Sexual misconduct with a minor 1st degree**

**Custodial sexual misconduct 1st degree**
**Sexual misconduct with a minor 2nd degree**

**Custodial sexual misconduct 2nd degree**
**Unlawful imprisonment**

**Endangerment with a controlled substance**
**Vehicular homicide**

**Extortion 1st degree**
**Violation of child abuse restraining order**

**Extortion 2nd degree**

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**Crimes Relating to Drugs (Section 8)**

Defined as manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

**Crimes Relating to Financial Exploitation (Section 9)**

**Extortion 1st degree**
**Robbery 1st degree**

**Extortion 2nd degree**
**Robbery 2nd degree**

**Extortion 3rd degree**
**Theft 1st degree**

**Forgery**
**Theft 2nd degree**

**Other**

Subject to an order of protection under RCW 74.34 regarding abuse or financial exploitation of vulnerable adult.
LPN to Associate Degree Nursing: License Verification Form

PRESENT LICENSE AT PRE-ADMISSION CONFERENCE. DO NOT SUBMIT PHOTOCOPY OF LICENSE.

1. Name of state or country where you were originally licensed by examination.  ___ RN  ___ LPN

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2. Current license to practice Nursing in other states.  ___ RN  ___ LPN

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Have you previously taken the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for licensure in another state?

___ RN  ___ LPN  State _______________________________  Year ______

Have you previously made application for licensure in Washington?

___ RN  ___ LPN  State _______________________________

Under What Name ________________________________

Have you had any previous sanctions or had credentials denied in any state in which you have been licensed as a LPN?

___ No  ___ Yes  Please explain: __________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________
Vaccination and Tuberculosis Screening Requirements

This form may be used to collect TB screening/vaccination requirements. This or other documentation will be uploaded to the Complio compliance tracking system once you are admitted. You do NOT need to submit this with your application. This form can be used to familiarize yourself and your provider with our requirements.

**STUDENT NAME:** ___________________________ **DATE OF BIRTH:** ___________________

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**M. tuberculosis Screening:**
Persons entering Nursing Core Courses at Walla Walla Community College are required to receive baseline screening prior to entering the program, using two-step Tuberculosis Skin Testing (TST) to test for infection with *M. tuberculosis*. If the first-step TST result is negative, the second-step TST should be administered 1-3 weeks after the first TST result was read. A second-step TST is not required if the person has a documented TST result from any time during the previous 12 months.

Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs) can be used in place of (but not in addition to) TST in all situations in which CDC recommends TST.

Persons with a baseline positive or newly positive result for *M. tuberculosis* infection or documentation of treatment for Latent TB Infection (LTBI) or TB disease will need one chest (x-ray) radiograph result and documentation of treatment to exclude TB disease.

Persons with a positive skin test or positive IGRAs, but have a negative chest (x-ray) radiograph result will need to submit radiograph results and an annual TB Symptom Screening Form (to the right) signed by both the student and healthcare provider. CDC MMWR TB

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**Second-Step TST: TST tests must be administered 1-3 weeks after First-Step**

| Date/time placed: ____________________ Signature, Title, Agency: ____________________ |
| Result: ______ mm. Date/time read: ____________ Sig., Title, Agency: ________________ |

**or**

**Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRAS)**

| Date of Blood Draw: ______________ Results: __________________ |
| Signature, Title, Agency: __________________ |

**or**

**Chest X-ray (if required)**

| Date: ______________ Results: __________________ |
| Signature, Title, Agency: __________________ |

- Attach Radiology Report
- If Chest X-ray is completed prior to June 1 (Nursing), or more than one year ago for other programs, you must complete the Annual TB Screening Form below.

**SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM (Nursing only):**

**One-Step TST**

| Date/time placed: ____________________ Signature, Title, Agency: ____________________ |
| Result: ______ mm. Date/time read: ____________ Sig., Title, Agency: ________________ |

**or**

**Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRAS)**

| Date of Blood Draw: ______________ Results: __________________ |
| Signature, Title, Agency: __________________ |

**or**

**ANNUAL TB SYMPTOM SCREENING FORM**

Required annually ONLY for those with prior Chest X-ray/positive TST/IGRAs. Must be signed by student AND healthcare provider

| Date of Last Chest X-ray: ______________ |

**SIGNS/SYMPOTOMS SCREENING (Yes/No):** If none of these symptoms are present, an updated chest x-ray is not necessary.

- ______ Lethargy/weakness
- ______ Coughing up blood
- ______ Fever
- ______ Unexpected weight loss
- ______ Loss of appetite
- ______ Chest pain
- ______ Sputum-producing cough
- ______ Night sweats
- ______ Swollen glands

☐ I am tuberculin positive. I have had the recommended course of treatment for Tuberculosis infection (LTBI).

☐ I have had one negative chest x-ray since becoming tuberculin skin test positive.

☐ If I develop any of the above symptoms, I agree to seek immediate medical attention.

| Student signature | Date | Healthcare provider signature | Date |

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### Vaccination and Tuberculosis Screening Requirements

#### STUDENT NAME: ___________________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ___________________________

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<td><strong>Varicella (Chicken Pox):</strong> Due to clinical agency requirements, effective Fall 2016 physician diagnosis is no longer acceptable for proof of immunity. Students must provide documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 28 days apart or laboratory evidence of immunity.</td>
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<td><strong>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):</strong> Documentation of either 2 doses of Measles and Mumps vaccines separated by 28 days or more, and at least one dose of live rubella vaccine, or laboratory evidence of measles, mumps and rubella immunity.</td>
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<td><strong>Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap):</strong> Must have a 1-time dose of Tdap. Must have a Td booster every 10 years.</td>
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<td><strong>Hepatitis B Vaccine:</strong> Series of 3 vaccines completed at 0-, 1-, and 6-month and post vaccination titer at 6-8 weeks after series completion. Minimum entry requirement: Series initiated and on schedule. Must complete series and titer prior to beginning the fourth quarter of the program. Alternatives for students with a negative titer (anti-HBs&lt;10mlU/mL): You may choose one of two options recommended by the CDC:</td>
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1. additional booster
2. additional titer
3. If still negative: 2 additional boosters 1 final titer
   **OR**
   Repeat the three step series followed by a final titer. |

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| Hep B #4 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| **OPTION 1** Hep B #4 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| Hep B #5 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| Hep B #6 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| **OPTION 2** Hep B #4 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| Hep B #5 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| Hep B #6 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| **SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM (Nursing students only):** |

| Hep B #5 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| Hep B #6 Date: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |
| **Final Post Vaccination Titer:** |
| Date: _________ Results: _________ Signature: ___________________________  |

**Influenza:** 1 dose of the most current influenza vaccine annually. **SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM (Nursing students only):**

Date: _________ Signature, Title, Agency: ___________________________