

Heartland Community College Associate Degree in Nursing

For detailed Nursing program information, please visit the nursing website and attend an Information Meeting (<https://www.heartland.edu/nursing/admissions.html>).

APPLICATION DATES – FALL 2026 PROGRAM

- Application process begins October 1
- Application deadline is March 1
- Supporting documents due March 15
- Program decisions made by April 15
- Program starts Fall yearly

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

- Heartland Community College application
- Nursing application
- Official final high school/ GED, and college [transcripts](#) for priority 2 courses (if not already submitted)
- [Residency documentation](#) (Preference for admission is given to **in-district** applicants)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Priority #1 - These are prerequisites for applying for the program. They must be completed by March 15.

- Active status on the Illinois CNA registry. Applicants can be enrolled in a first 8-week or 16-week spring 2026 Heartland CNA section (acceptance into the program is contingent on final grade).
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in Priority 2 coursework.
- Eligible to enroll in BIOL 181 (Anatomy & Physiology I) or show completion of equivalent (*no expiration*).
- Complete the ATI TEAS with a minimum score of Proficient (58.7%). It is strongly recommended that applicants prepare for this test. Study materials are available at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep> or the HCC Library.
 - Test through ATI at <https://atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-ati>.
 - Limited *remote* TEAS dates will be offered through Heartland from October through March. Contact nursing.admissions@heartland.edu for dates and times.

Priority #2 - These are the general education courses that are required as a part of the nursing program. They are not required to be completed before applying, but they can improve your application point total. All courses must be completed with a “C” or better grade, and an overall 2.5 GPA is required.

- BIOL 181 – Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL 182 – Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIOL 191 – Introductory Microbiology
- COMM 101 – Introduction to Oral Communication
- ENGL 101 – Critical Reading & Writing
- ENGL 102 – Multimodal Composition
- PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 101 – Sociology

Priority #3 - These courses are not required for the Heartland nursing program. However, they may earn you additional points toward your application if **all** the nursing general education courses (Priority #2) are completed. All courses must be completed with a “C” or better grade.

- CHEM 120 – Fundamentals of Chemistry
- HLTH 110 – Medical Terminology
- HLTH 120 – Nutrition
- MATH 141 – Introduction to Statistics
- PSY 209 – Human Growth & Development
- SPAN 100 – Spanish for Healthcare Professionals

Application Evaluation – For advising purposes only. Official evaluation will be completed by Admissions.																																	
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*If a transcript utilized in the application process has a Credit or Pass in lieu of a letter grade for a Priority 2 or 3 class taken after January 2020, HCC will verify that the Credit or Pass equated to a letter grade C. If the Credit or Pass does not meet this standard, that course will not be accepted as passed. This provision shall only be allowed when there is documented evidence this grading policy related to Credit or Pass is in effect. HCC reserves all rights in the determination of utilization of letter grades versus other grading mechanisms.