



December 21, 2009

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the WWCC Associate Degree Nursing Program. The admission process is underway for the class beginning August 2010. Enclosed are application materials. If you are interested in applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program for Fall 2010 the nursing application form and checklist must be received in the nursing department by 5:00 pm **Wednesday, March 31, 2010 or postmarked Wednesday, March 31, 2010**. You may also apply on line at www.wvcc.wy.edu/academics/nursing. College application and transcripts must be to Admissions postmarked March 31, 2010. *Note: Deadline for Spring Semester transcripts is May 26, 2010.*

Admission Process

See enclosed Admission Criteria. *Please contact your nursing advisor to discuss any questions you may have about meeting these requirements.*

Please refer to the application checklist for more details.

[If you are a GPN or LPN interested in advanced placement into the second year of the program, please request the advanced placement application packet - call 307-382-1713.]

Notice to Prospective Nursing Students

The following history information must be reported in writing to the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) when submitting an application for Nursing Assistant certification, or Practical Nurse or Professional Nurse licensure: all charges, arrests, citations or convictions for any criminal offense including, DUIs and felonies even if pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred. WSBN also requires notification of admission to a facility for treatment for drug/alcohol abuse within the last 10 years. The WSBN requires an official background check of all applicants. Applicants will not be denied the opportunity to take the competency examination for Nursing Assistants, Practical Nurses or Professional Nurses; however, the WSBN may deny certification or licensure based on history revealed through the background check and history information. Please refer to the WSBN website at <http://nursing.state.wy.us> for additional information regarding the application process and contact information.

Western Wyoming Community College

**** Outreach Opportunities for Associate Degree in Nursing ****

Western Wyoming Community College serves a significant number of students who live outside of the Rock Springs and Green River area. In an effort to meet the needs of all students, the nursing department has several options that help students participate in the nursing program.

- The entire Associate Degree Nursing Program is available in Rawlins at the Carbon County Higher Education Center (CCHEC).
- Some clinical experiences are available in outreach sites throughout the service area.
- Portions of nursing courses are available on line.
- All nursing students will attend some clinical out of town.

**** Opportunities for Associate Degree in Nursing in Rawlins ****

CCHEC has four reserved slots for qualified applicants on the Rawlins campus. The first four slots will be filled by qualified applicants of Carbon County School District #1. The last four slots will be filled by ranking the other qualified applicants. The last four positions may be filled by someone from Carbon County School District #1 or the student may be from another community.

Western Wyoming Community College TEAS®-V (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

This test is required for entry into the WWCC Associate Degree Nursing Program. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage. The test is intended for use primarily with adult nursing program applicant populations. The objectives assessed on TEAS® are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants. The TEAS® exam is administered by the Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI).

Testing Dates/Times:

Testing will NOT be offered at any other time until Spring 2011, so it is critical that you make arrangements if you want to apply to the program Fall 2010. No additional testing times will be arranged. You must register by the **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** given below. **Test fee is \$25.00. No refunds will be issued. Seating is limited.**

Western Wyoming Community College -- Rock Springs Campus			
Test Date	Time	Location	Registration Deadline
Wednesday, March 3, 2010	5 - 9 pm	Rm. 1430 (OIS North Lab)	March 1, 2010
Friday, March 12, 2010	1 - 5 pm	Rm. 1430 (OIS North Lab)	March 10, 2010
Saturday, March 27, 2010	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Rm. 1430 (OIS North Lab)	March 25, 2010

Western Wyoming Community College -- Evanston Outreach			
Test Date	Time	Location	Registration Deadline
Monday, March 15, 2010	10 am - 2 pm	Rm. 144	March 11, 2009
Monday, March 15, 2010	6 - 10 pm	Rm. 144	March 11, 2009

Carbon County Higher Education Center – Rawlins			
Test Date	Time	Location	Registration Deadline
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	5-9 pm	Computer Lab (main campus)	March 18, 2010

Registration:

If you are testing in Rock Springs, to register you must:

- Pay the \$25.00 test fee to the WWCC Rock Springs Campus Business Office (Room 3001).
- Take the receipt to the Career Services and Job Placement Office - Room 1436 (307-382-1660) and sign up for the test.

If you are testing in Evanston, to register you must:

- Register and pay the \$25.00 test fee to the WWCC Evanston Outreach office (307-789-3988).

If you are testing in Rawlins, to register you must:

- Register and pay the \$25.00 test fee to the Carbon County Higher Education Center, Rawlins. Contact Patty Pedersen at 307-328-9204.

If you live out of state or a significant distance from WWCC test sites,

- it may be possible for you to take the test where you live. Contact Testing Assistant **Brenda Haskins at 307-382-1660** in the Career Services and Job Placement Office to discuss these options. **Any out-of-area testing must be arranged by March 15, 2010 and completed by March 27, 2010.**

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TEAS® Test Rules:

- Previous TEAS® test scores will not be accepted.
- Students may only take the test once and must test through WWCC unless other arrangements have been made with Career Services & Job Placement Office.
- You should arrive at the test site at least 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time, and ***you must bring a picture ID.***
- You will not be admitted to the testing room if you are late.
- No reference or support materials are allowed in the testing room. An on-line calculator will be available during the test.
- You will not be allowed to communicate with other students during the test. If you have a question or a problem, raise your hand to alert the proctor.
- You will not be allowed to leave the testing room during the test, except for a brief restroom break, if necessary, between sections.
- You are not allowed to make phone calls at any time. ***Cell phones must be turned off during testing.***
- Do not wear a watch that "beeps" as you will have to remove it from the room.
- If the proctors note any activities that are in conflict with the rules stated above, they can either stop your test immediately or they can note the concern and your test can be determined to be invalid at a later time.

Suggestions:

We suggest that you arrive at the site early and try to focus on a positive attitude. Get an adequate amount of sleep the night before and be sure to wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. It is always a good idea to bring along a light sweater or jacket. Make sure you eat appropriately before testing and avoid stimulants. If interested in a study manual, contact the WWCC Bookstore (307-382-1673). The study manual is available at a cost of approximately \$55.00. *The bookstore will mail the manual for a fee.*

Results:

Results will be available upon completion of the test. A copy of your score will be forwarded to the nursing department. Remember, this test is part of the admission process, not a sole determinant of acceptance. The Career Services and Job Placement Office **CANNOT** tell you if you are admitted to the program. The decision to admit is made by the nursing department.

If you have a documented disability, you may be permitted to take the test with accommodations appropriate to your disability. Present documentation when you register for the TEAS®. Contact Brenda Haskins for additional information.

Western Wyoming Community College Prospective Nursing Students * March 2010

The result of your TEAS® is one component of the admission criteria for the WWCC nursing program. Your TEAS® score does not indicate if you will be admitted or not. The other components taken into account are GPA on prerequisite courses and additional points for taking other general education courses required for the associate degree nursing program. All points are added after spring courses are completed. Scores are ranked. Qualified applicants with the highest points are admitted into the nursing program on a space available basis. Students will be notified in writing by June 10, 2009. Information regarding acceptance will not be given over the phone or face to face.

Admission Criteria:

- TEAS® - Individual Total Score = **100 points maximum**
- GPA (prerequisite courses only) = **80 points maximum** (GPA X 20)
General Biology I, Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, General Psychology, English Comp I, and Problem Solving or higher (*2.5 GPA or higher to qualify*) (*Nurse assistant course not included in GPA.*)
- Completed required general education courses = **4 points maximum** (1 point each course)
English II requirement, Cultural Anthropology or Sociological Principles, US Government course, Computer Information Systems

TOTAL possible points = 184 points

For example:

72 TEAS® - Individual Total Score
 + 66.364 GPA points (*see below for configuration*)
 + 3 General education course points
141.364 Applicant's total points

Prerequisite Courses	Credits	Grade	Credits x grade points = points
Gen Biology I (BIOL 1010)	4	B	4 x 3 = 12
Human A&P I (BIOL 2010)	4	A	4 x 4 = 16
Human A&P II (BIOL 2015)	4	A	4 x 4 = 16
Gen Psychology (PSYC 1000)	4	C	4 x 2 = 8
English Comp I (ENGL 1010)	3	B	3 x 3 = 9
Problem Solving (MATH 1000)	3	A	3 x 4 = 12
Total	22		73
(Points divided by credits = GPA) 73 / 22 = 3.3181818 = 3.3182 GPA			
(GPA x 20 = GPA points) 3.3182 x 20 = 66.364 GPA points			

General Education courses	Grade	Points
English Composition II (ENGL 1020)	C	1
American & Wyoming Government (POLS 1000)	B	1
Computer Information Systems (COSC 1200)	A	1
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1200) or Sociological Principles (SOC 1000)		
Total General Education course points =		3

The highest number of points and the lowest points earned for admission vary from year to year. Below are several examples:

	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Highest Total Points for Admission	183	179	170
Lowest Total Points for Admission	156	132	120

If you have questions, contact a nursing advisor.

Western Wyoming Community College

Admission Criteria □ Associate Degree in Nursing

2009-2010

The nursing department provides information to all students who express an interest in the program. In addition to the regular college admission requirements, prospective nursing students must meet applicant requirements of the nursing program to be considered for admission. Admission into the program is granted only in the fall semester. Interested applicants should contact the Nursing Department for specific requirements.

To apply for the nursing program:

- ✓ Complete WWCC admissions process. Receive acceptance to the college.
- ✓ Submit a completed nursing application form directly to the nursing department by application deadline. Application packet available January - March.
- ✓ Achieve a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale from prerequisite courses. (Nurse assistant course not included in GPA.)
- ✓ Complete prerequisite courses with a “C” or better.
- ✓ Take the TEAS® entrance test. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage. TEAS® study manual may be purchased through the WWCC Bookstore (307-382-1673).

Prior to starting Nursing I, you must:

- ✓ Evidence of a nurse assistant course. Student may take course in the summer for fall admission.

Admission Criteria:

- TEAS® entrance test – Individual Total Score
- Grade point average - prerequisite courses
- Completed required general education courses - 1 point for each course

❖ Applicants are encouraged to contact a nursing advisor periodically to ensure the appropriate classes are taken and to communicate program changes.

Admission Process:

Students are notified in writing of admission criteria and application deadlines. Admission into the nursing program is competitive and based on the cumulative score of points the applicant receives for grade point average from prerequisites, TEAS® Individual Total Score, and completed required general education courses. Grade point average from prerequisites and TEAS® Individual Total Score account for the majority of the total points. Qualified applicants with the highest points are admitted into the nursing program on a space available basis. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the admission process. Qualified applicants who have not been admitted are ranked (according to cumulative points) and placed on an alternate list. If positions become available to accommodate additional eligible applicants, those on the alternate list will be notified. Applicants not admitted must re-apply for the next year. Re-applicants will be subject to the same scrutiny and consideration as an initial applicant. Applicants who are admitted but decline entrance into the program must re-apply.

Western Wyoming Community College
Program for Associate Degree in Nursing
2009-2010

Prerequisites

Prerequisites (three semesters)	<u>Credit</u>
* General Biology I (BIOL 1010).....	4
* Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2010)	4
* Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 2015).....	4
* General Psychology (PSYC 1000)	4
* English Composition I (ENGL 1010).....	3
* Problem Solving (MATH 1000) or higher	<u>3</u>
	22
* Nurse Assistant course	

The only course that can be taken in the summer prior to admission is nurse assistant. All other prerequisites must be completed by the end of spring semester.

First Year

Fall Semester	<u>Credit</u>
* Nursing I (NRST 1610)	10
Computer Information Systems (COSC 1200).....	<u>3</u>
	13

Spring Semester	<u>Credit</u>
* Nursing II (NRST 1620).....	9
English II (ENGL 1020, 1111, or 2010).....	<u>3</u>
	12

Summer Semester (Optional PN Spin-Off)	<u>Credit</u>
* Practical Nursing Roles (NRST 1985)	1

Second Year

Fall Semester	<u>Credit</u>
Nursing III (NRST 2630).....	10
US Government	<u>3</u>
	13

Spring Semester	<u>Credit</u>
Nursing IV (NRST 2640).....	9
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1200) or Sociological Principles (SOC 1000)	<u>3</u>
	12

* **Required to earn Practical Nursing (PN) Spin-Off Certificate.**

All above courses must be completed with a “C” or better to earn Associate Degree in Nursing.

All general education courses may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program.

General education courses taken while in nursing program must be taken evenings, Internet or other asynchronous format.

Students must be admitted to the program to enroll in nursing courses.

