# DUTCHESS
## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

<u>There are two pathways to be admitted into the Nursing Program at DCC</u>

*Please note that applicants will be informed of their acceptance or denial by April 15th*

## Nursing Admission Criteria for Pathway 1

Admission to DCC's Nursing Program is a competitive program based on a point system. To calculate the number of points you have earned, follow the instructions below. Please note all application materials must be submitted by March 1st to be considered. LPNs follow the same admissions guidelines and must provide their LPN license. Non-DCC students and/or non-matriculated students must first apply and be accepted into DCC's GSP or other degree program. All official transcripts must also be on file with DCC before March 1st.

**Required qualifications for all applicants:**

- There are approximately 56 available new seats in the nursing program. A maximum of 14 seats will be allotted for New York State residents who live outside of Dutchess or Putnam Counties. Students from outside Dutchess or Putnam must comply with all requirements to be considered for admission.
- All applicants must have attended a Nursing Information Session.
- All applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.85. If you are a transfer student this must include your GPA from any previous colleges. GPAs based upon coursework older than 5 years old will NOT be included in the GPA calculation.
- All required prerequisites must be completed or in progress by February 1st and students must have a rubric score of at least 90 points when applying to the nursing program (Use guidelines below).
- All applicants must have earned a C+ or better in the following biology courses (BIO 131, 132), and they must have been completed within five years of applying.
- Should you choose to repeat BIO 131 &/or 132 (a course initially taken at DCC) the course(s) must be repeated at DCC.
- BIO 132 can be in progress at the time of application, Students with a midterm grade of B+ or more, will receive 8 points toward their rubric score. It is expected that their final grade will be a minimum of C+.
- The TEAS exam must be completed and submitted by March 1st with an overall score of at least 'Proficient' (scores are valid for 18 months).

    **Additional steps for students after acceptance into the program:**
- If you are admitted to the DCC Nursing Program you are required to have the current COVID vaccine annually (there are no medical exemptions at this time). The Flu vaccine is required annually by October 15th.
- Your physical examination has to be completed between 7/5 – 7/20, prior to the start of the fall semester. QuantiFERON TB Gold needs to be completed, as well as a color vision exam. These tests are repeated annually and CANNOT expire during any semester. Each student MUST have a valid health report to be cleared for clinical. Health reports are submitted to the DCC Health Office in order to obtain a health waiver.
- CPR/BLS, background check and drug screen test must be completed by July 1st; results are submitted to the nursing Clinical Coordinator. A respiratory questionnaire form needs to be completed by your physician, in order to have a mask fit test done by DCC EMS department.

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**Additional Information:**

- Applicants who are unsuccessful in a nursing program at another college are NOT eligible to apply to DCC nursing program.
- Nursing students at another school/college **who are/were in good standing may apply to the program. Nursing courses are NOT eligible for transfer credit at DCC.**
- Students who have a hiatus of more than 2 years in the nursing program at DCC must reapply to be considered for admission.
- If seats remain available after the initial admission selection, qualifying students will be contacted by the nursing department using the contact information on their application.  There is no waitlist.  Eligible students must apply again the following year in order to be considered.

Other (non-BIO) courses may also be in progress at the time of the intent, but will not be considered in the students point total.  Accepted students must pass the course(s) with a C prior to entering the Fall sequence.

# Nursing Admission Criteria for Pathway 2 (for high school students only)

**First time college students (non-transfer) must meet the following requirements prior to March 1 of their senior year in high school to be considered for the Nursing program:**

- All applicants must have attended a Nursing Information Session
- Apply to DCC using the admissions application AND submit the online Nursing application.
- Earn a high school average of at least *93*
- All official transcripts must be on file with DCC before March 1st.
- Place directly into ENG 101 and College Level Math based on high school transcript
- Take Science Placement and place directly into BIO 131
- The TEAS exam must be completed and submitted by March 1st with an overall score of at least 'Proficient' (scores are valid for 18 months).

**Additional steps for students after acceptance into the program:**

- If you are admitted to the DCC Nursing Program you are required to have the current COVID vaccine annually (there are no medical exemptions at this time).  The Flu vaccine is required annually by October 15th.
- Your physical examination has to be completed between 7/5 – 7/20, prior to the start of the fall semester.  QuantiFERON TB Gold needs to be completed, as well as a color vision exam.  These tests are repeated annually and CANNOT expire during any semester.  Each student MUST have a valid health report to be cleared for clinical.  Health reports are submitted to the DCC Health Office in order to obtain a health waiver.
- CPR/BLS, background check and drug screen test must be completed by July 1st; results are submitted to the nursing Clinical Coordinator. A respiratory questionnaire form needs to be completed by your physician, in order to have a mask fit test done by DCC EMS department.

Students entering DCC's Nursing program via pathway 2 do not need to follow the nursing eligibility **rubric** for admission. There is a maximum of five seats available via this pathway. Overall high school average and TEAS score will be used to select the candidates if there are more than five qualified applicants.

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## NURSING ELIGIBILITY RUBRIC (PATHWAY 1 ONLY)

### Step 1: GPA and TEAS scores

Cumulative GPA of at least a **2.85** (DCC or Transfer GPA)

GPA _____

Overall TEAS Score_____

### Step 2: Biology Courses:

Use the chart listed below to determine the number of points earned based on your grades in the biology courses required for the Nursing Program. To be considered, Anatomy and Physiology I & II must be completed within five years of application date (BIO 132 can be in progress at time of application). For those students where BIO 132 is in progress at the time of application, 8 points will be awarded for students who earned a MIDTERM grade of B+ or more. It is expected that their FINAL grade will be a minimum of C+.

Also, be sure to factor in possible point reductions, if applicable. Should you choose to repeat BIO 131 &/or BIO 132 (courses that were initially taken at DCC) the course(s) must be repeated at DCC.

Point Reductions: If you repeated BIO 131 and or BIO 132 because you earned below a C, or a W then deduct 2 points for the first attempt, 4 points for a second attempt, and 6 points for a third attempt. See examples below (Please Note: Point reductions are only cumulative per course). Students who have been approved for a Withdrawal Appeal for BIO 131 or BIO 132 will not receive point reductions. There will be NO Point deductions for BIO 131/132 grades below a C or W if the BIO 131/132 was taken over five years ago.

For attempts of below C made non-applicable through DCC's Fresh Start Program you do not receive point reductions.

| Nursing Biology Courses. (Anatomy & Physiology I & II) * | Grade Earned | Points Earned (Refer to chart to the right). | Points Deducted |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIO 131 | | | |
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| BIO 132 | | | |
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| Grade Earned | Points Earned |
|---|---|
| A | 20 |
| A - | 18 |
| B + | 16 |
| B | 14 |
| B - | 12 |
| C + | *8* |
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| Total points earned in Step 2 | |
|---|---|

| Nursing Biology Courses. (Anatomy & Physiology I)* | Attempt | Grade Earned | Points Deducted |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIO 131 | 1 | D, F, W | -2 |
| BIO 131 | 2 | D, F, W | -4 |
| BIO 131 | 3 | D, F, W | -6 |
| Total | | | -12 |

| Nursing Biology Courses. (Anatomy & Physiology II)* | Attempt | Grade Earned | Points Deducted |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIO 132 | 1 | D, F, W | -2 |
| BIO 132 | 2 | D, F, W | -4 |
| BIO 132 | 3 | D, F, W | -6 |
| Total | | | -12 |

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## Step 3: Non-biology courses:

If you have completed the courses taken below, calculate the number of points you have earned based on your grades in this section (courses can be in progress at time of application, however will not be considered in the point total). If you took any/all of these courses at another college, through AP, CLEP, or IB, calculate your grades from that school/exam into the chart.

| General Education Course * | Grade Earned | Points Earned |
|---|---|---|
| ENG 101 Composition 1 | | |
| ENG 102 Composition 2 | | |
| Appendix D: American History*[1] | | |
| BHS 103 Social Problems in Today's World | | |
| PSY 111 Principles of Psychology 1 | | |
| PSY 203 Developmental Psychology | | |

| Grade Earned | Points Earned |
|---|---|
| A | 12 |
| A - | 11 |
| B + | 10 |
| B | 9 |
| B - | 8 |
| C + | 5 |
| C | 0 |

| Advanced Placement | Grade Earned | Points Earned |
|---|---|---|
| 5 (A) | | |
| 4 (B) | | |

| International Baccalaureate | Grade Earned | Points Earned |
|---|---|---|
| 7 – 8 (A) | | |
| 5 – 6 (B) | | |
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| CLEP Exam | Grade Earned | Points Earned |
|---|---|---|
| 80 (A) | | |
| 79 (A-) | | |
| 78 (B+) | | |
| 77 (B) | | |
| 76 (B-) | | |
| 70-75 (C+) | | |

| Total points earned in Step 3 | |
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*1. Please select from one of the following courses: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 209, HIS 215, HIS 216, GOV 121.

*If you took these courses at another college, you can determine your points based on those grades. Use the most recent course grades if course(s) was repeated.

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## Step 4: Quality Points

You can earn additional points if the below criteria apply to you. If you answer "yes" to anything below, add the appropriate corresponding point number to your total points earned.

| Additional Points | If answer YES | Points Earned |
|---|---|---|
| I have earned a Master's degree * | 6 | |
| I have earned a Bachelor's degree* | 4 | |
| I have earned an Associate's degree* | 2 | |
| I am a veteran | 4 | |
| I have completed more than 12 credits at DCC at time of application | 4 | |
| I am an LPN or EMT (must provide certification with application) * | 4 | |
| I am a CNA, Certified Medical Assistant, OTA, PTA, PDC, RADTECH, or Dental Hygienist (must provide certification with application) * | 2 | |
| I scored Advanced on the TEAS exam | 4 | |
| I scored Exemplary on the TEAS exam | 8 | |
| I have 12 or more DCC credits and an overall DCC GPA of a 3.0 -3.49 (excluding courses over 5 years old) | 3 | |
| I have 12 or more DCC credits and an overall GPA of 3.5-4.0 (excluding courses over 5 years old) | 5 | |
| I have completed BIO 212 (microbiology) with a C/C+ on my first attempt. | 1 | |
| I have completed BIO 212 with a B-/B/B+ on my first attempt. | 2 | |
| I have completed BIO 212 with an A-/A on my first attempt. | 3 | |
| I have completed CHE 121 (or higher CHE) with a C/C+ on my first attempt. + | 1 | |
| I have completed CHE 121 (or higher CHE) with a B-/B/B+ on my first attempt. + | 2 | |
| I have completed CHE 121 (or higher) with an A-/A on my first attempt. + | 3 | |

| Total points earned in Step 4 | |
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| Total Number of Points Earned in Steps 2-4 | |
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*Only count highest degree/certification earned.

* If earning a degree from DCC in May in another discipline, the 'Application for Graduation' has to be received by the Registrar prior to March 1st.

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+ Credit will only be given for one CHE Course.

The maximum number of points that can be earned is 151, the minimum number of points you need to be eligible to apply is **90.** The more points you have earned, the more likely you have of being admitted to the Nursing Program. On average, there are approximately 56 seats available each year. The average number of points earned by accepted students varies each fall semester based on the applicants for that particular admissions cycle. In the event of a tie, the TEAS scores will serve as a tie breaker.

To ensure a correct evaluation of your application, the following items must be in place:
a.  Official transcripts of any course work and/or degrees not completed at DCC and included in the point total.
b.  Current NYS license, certificate, or proof of LPN, EMT, CNA, OTA, PTA, PDC, RadTech, Dental Hygiene, or Medical Assistant status.
c.  Verification of veteran status.

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