Frequently Asked Questions about the NIC Associate Degree Nursing Program

When are applications posted? When is the due date?

Applications are posted twice a year. They are posted in November for entry into the following fall semester with a due date of late January, and in June for entry into the following spring semester with a due date of mid-August.

Is there an average amount of points needed to get into the nursing program?

Not really. Typically, applicants who have close to 50 points in the current point system are competitive.

How often are students accepted into the program?

Twice a year. Fall and Spring Semester.

How many times can I apply to the nursing program?

There is no limit to the amount of times you may apply, however, you may only start the program twice (admission and readmission combined).

Are there points given if you have applied in the past?

No.

Do I have to have a CNA license, even if I have a medical background? (i.e. EMT, Surgical Tech, Medical Assistant).

Yes. Certified Nursing Assistants are able to perform basic nursing care including bed baths, personal hygiene (i.e. denture care), vital signs, patient transfers, documentation, communication, etc. Not all other healthcare professions specifically address nursing care.

Can I work while I am in the program?

Maybe. It is understandable that students may need to be employed while in the program. It has been seen that students who work more than 16-20 hours have difficulty in meeting program requirements.

Can I have tattoos?

Maybe. Some clinical facilities require that all tattoos must be covered. Others will not allow students to perform clinical if they have a visible tattoo that could be deemed as “offensive” to any potential patient or staff member. Although not specifically prohibited by the program, if a student has a tattoo that is not accepted by clinical facilities, the student may be unable to meet program requirements.

What is the time commitment while attending the nursing program?

Approximately 40 hours per week. (Includes class, clinical, clinical prep, lab practice and study)
If I don’t make it through the semester, can I reapply or go into another health care program?

Yes. Depending on the circumstances surrounding exiting the program, most students are eligible to apply for readmission. (A student may be readmitted once during the program). In regard to other health care programs, you may apply as long as you meet the specific pre-requisites required for the program.