DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
Criteria for the Professional Phase (Admission to the Nursing Major)

1. Admission to Delaware State University.

2. Effective February 24, 2012, the nursing entrance test, National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam (NLN-PAX):
   a. Math, Verbal and Science Scores should be at least 45% minimum in each area
   b. The NLN-PAX score is only 1 of the criteria for acceptance into the Nursing Major and does not guarantee admission to the major

3. Applying for admission to the Professional Phase:
   a. At the time of application, students must have successfully completed, or be currently enrolled, in all courses listed on the Nursing Program of Study for the freshman and sophomore semesters.
   b. Application for admission will be available to download from the Nursing Department website, or hard copy obtained from the CEHPP Student Services Center (EH-106).
   c. Applicants must have earned a minimum grade of “C” in all prerequisite, general education and support, courses.
   d. Applicants must have earned a minimum overall GPA of not less than 2.8 on a 4.0 grading scale at the time of application; the minimum GPA 2.8 DOES NOT guarantee admission to the major.
   c. Applications must be completed and submitted by the third (3rd) Monday in March, by 16:00 (4 PM) Eastern Time. NO late applications will be accepted. The following documents MUST be included with the application:
      • unofficial transcript dated March 1st or later of the application year (e.g. 3/1/2013)
      • Copy of NLN-PAX Score Report
      • current Health Care Provider CPR Card
      • Personal Statement- see page 1 of application for instructions
      • if applicable, copy of Certification as a Nursing Assistant and Licensure as a Practical Nurse in the State of Delaware

4. Information concerning acceptance decisions:
   a. Final admission decisions are made in June;
   b. All students are required to have a Criminal Background Check & meet the requirements for professional licensure as set forth by the Delaware Board of Nursing; clearance in the State of Delaware Adult & Child Abuse Registries (completed at the student’s expense)
   c. Health clearance is completed through the Delaware State University Student Health Services Department and includes completed immunization requirements for healthcare workers as set forth by the CDC and includes a 2 step PPD, plus a Random 10 Panel Urine Drug Screen (completed at the student’s expense)
   d. Faculty panel interview is required.
   f. Incomplete application packets will not be accepted.

5. Each student is responsible for her/his own transportation to and from their assigned clinical sites, That may be at facilities located throughout the tri-state area/region.

The Baccalaureate Nursing Program is approved by the Delaware State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). Contact information:
   • DE Board of Nursing: 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Cannon Building, Ste. 203; Dover DE 19901; 302.744.4500 customerservice.dpr@state.de.us
   • NLNAC: 3343 Peachtree Rd, NE, Ste. 850; Atlanta GA 30326; 404.975.5000; www.nlnac.org

THOSE POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE – January 2013

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