Lackawanna College

ASN Nursing Program

Basic Requirements for Admission and Selection to Lackawanna College (effective 9/20)

The application process involves the submission of the following to the Office of Admissions:

- Apply online or submit a paper application for admission. There is no application fee for admission to Lackawanna College
- An official copy of his/her college transcript if the applicant is a transfer student.
- Official SAT/ACT Test Scores. Although not required for acceptance to

 Lackawanna College, standardized test scores will be evaluated for placement
 purposes. Students who have earned acceptable scores in all sections of the SAT
 will not be required to take the College's placement exams. Alternatively,
 students who have not achieved these scores or have not taken the SAT's will be
 required to take the placement exams.
- For International Students, please contact an Admission Counselor regarding admission requirements.

After submitting the above information, all applicants must complete an admissions interview with a Lackawanna College Admissions Advisor to determine individual educational goals and to finalize all requirements. Applicants will not be officially accepted to the college until they complete all of the admissions requirements. Upon completion of all admissions procedures, all applicants are required to pay a commitment fee (\$100/commuters, \$375 residents) within 30 days to guarantee a place in the chosen degree program. A check or money order should be made payable to Lackawanna College.

Requirements for admission into the ASN Program

Nursing Applicant Requirements (**deadline is March 1**):

Due to the limitations of the number of available seats for the ASN program, consideration is given to applicants who have met the admission standards as stated above, including the following:

- Attended program informational session and/or meeting
- Completion of the ASN program application (in addition to the Lackawanna
 College application)
- Submission of an official high school transcript or GED (a copy of the official diploma and scores) required. If currently a high school senior, the applicant must ensure that his/her final transcript is on file no later than 30 days following graduation. The **PA Dept. of State, Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 21** (§21.101) for nursing students requires applicants shall have completed work equal to a standard high school course with a minimum of 16 units, including:
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units of Social Studies
 - 2 units of mathematics (1 of which is Algebra)
 - College courses can be substituted for missing math high school requirements as evidenced by an official college transcript sent to Lackawanna College.
 - 2 units Science with a related laboratory or the equivalent
 - Completion of two (2) high school or college level biological/physical sciences (lecture and lab; 4 credits), with a passing grade of C or better. If completed in high school, the courses must be no more than three (3) years old. If completed at college level, the course must be completed within five (5) years or as part of a completed degree in a healthcare-related field. General Chemistry (with lab; 4 credit), with a passing grade of C or better, is recommended as one (1) of the prerequisite sciences. College level courses must be eligible for transfer to Lackawanna College. An official high school or

- college transcript must be sent to Lackawanna College as evidence.
- The applicant may be enrolled in these courses while in the process of applying to the ASN program, the applicant may receive probationary acceptance while completing these courses. Evidence by way of an official college transcript must be received confirming completion of the courses with a grade of C or better to be evaluated for official acceptance into the ASN program. Should the applicant either not complete the course or not receive the requisite grade, he or she will forfeit the seat within the ASN program.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher as evidenced by official high school/college transcript
- Completion of one (1) essay
- Submission of 3 references
- Completion of interview, if eligible

Lackawanna College Nursing Program Admissions Rubric

| Category | Requirement | Points Breakdown | Student Scores |
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| Professionalism (Phase 1 component) | Applicant completed application on time and correctly; attended information session or one- on-one meeting with core faculty or Nursing admissions representative | 10 points | |
| Veteran Support (Phase 1 component) | Prospective student of veteran status | 5 points | |
| Work Experience (Phase 1 component) | Healthcare work experience (CNA,CCMA, EMT, LPN, Paramedic with current license or certification) Completed college degree Graduate from Lackawanna College | 2 points 2 points 2 points | |
| Academic Ability (Phase 1 component) | GPA (x 10 for point total) *Note: Students require 3.0 for consideration of program admission | Maximum of 40 points (with GPA 4.0) | |
| | | Highest level of | |

| | | completed coursework: | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|
| | | High School | |
| | | College | |
| | TWO biological/physical sciences completed with lab. | Maximum of 30 points | |
| | Selected among: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Organic | Science #1: Grade: | |
| | Chemistry (C or better required; 4-credit lecture/lab if college level course) A B C | Science #2: Grade: | |
| | 15points 10points 5 points Total possible points: 30 | | |
| | Eligible Chemistry course completed with lab (4 credits) | 5 points | |
| Community Endorsement (Phase 1 component) | Reference Letters *5 possible points per rated area; 7 areas; 3 total references with each item averaged | Maximum of 35 | |
| Essay (Phase 1 component) | 1 written essay | Maximum of 32 points | |
| Interview (Phase 2 component) | Interview with Nursing program panel (average taken from each member of panel x 2) | Maximum of 100 points | |

After March 1st. After submission of all application materials due by March 1st deadline, the Nursing staff will review the completed applications utilizing the above rubric. As part of the process the top 40 candidates will be required to participate in a nursing interview. Applicants with the top 28 scores will be offered acceptance into the Lackawanna College Nursing Program. In the event of a tie, a member of the Lackawanna College Nursing Program advisory board will be included in further assessing candidate qualifications (without student names). Candidates with scores falling below that of the top 28 students will be placed on a waiting list in ranked order. If those candidates who are accepted decide against enrollment within the Lackawanna College Nursing Program, then candidates on the waiting list will be notified of the opening, in rank order. To note: <200.0 on the admissions rubric, he or she is automatically denied admission to the Lackawanna College Nursing Program.

*Completion of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee an interview for the ASN program.

*Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into ASN program.

*Lackawanna College's ASN program reserves the right to make changes in these admission criteria.

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