

Admission Requirements

All application materials available on this website are for informational purposes only and are not to be utilized for application to this program. If interested in applying to this program, please discuss next steps with your academic advisor or enrollment counselor to use our Epicor system for supplemental application submission.

Basic Requirements for Admission and Selection to Lackawanna College

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.
- International Students – the Educational Testing Service has designed three versions of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). The variation of the scores is due to the three different versions that potential international students may have taken since the creation of TOEFL in 1964. At present, approximately 97% of TOEFL testing is by Internet-Based Test (IBT). An international student with TOEFL scores of 55 (Internet-Based Test), 133 (Computer-Based Test) or 450 (Written Test) can apply to Lackawanna College who have not previously studied in the United States. The TOEFL test is administered at several local sites. Lackawanna College does not administer the TOEFL exam. Once the student completes the exam, an official score sheet must be sent to the Admissions Office for review.

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 the ASN Program

Pre-Nursing Requirements (deadline is January 10):

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 credits), with a passing grade of C or better, is recommended as one (1) of the pre-requisite 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
Professionalism (Phase 1 component)	Applicant completed application on time and correctly; attended information session or one-on-one meetings 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	
	TWO biological/physical sciences completed with	Highest level of completed coursework: High School College Maximum of 30 points	

	<p>lab. Selected among: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Organic Chemistry (C or better required; 4-credit lecture/lab if college level course)</p> <table><tr><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>C</td></tr><tr><td>15points</td><td>10points</td><td>5 points</td></tr></table> <p>Total possible points: 30</p> <p>Eligible Chemistry course completed with lab (4 credits)</p>	A	B	C	15points	10points	5 points	<p>Science #1: Grade:</p> <p>Science #2: Grade:</p>	
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15points	10points	5 points							
		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							

*Student deemed College Ready as per Lackawanna College Requirements? Yes _____ No _____

*Student has evidence of 2 math courses, one of which is Algebra? Yes _____ No _____

Candidate Name: _____ **Candidate Total:** _____/263

Application Deadline - January 10th: After submission of all application materials due by the January 10th deadline, the Nursing staff will review the completed applications utilizing the above rubric. As part of the process the top candidates will be required to participate in a nursing interview. Applicants with the top 40 scores will be offered acceptance into the Lackawanna College Nursing Program. In the event that qualified candidates present with the same scores, a member of the Lackawanna College Nursing Program Advisory Board will be included in further assessing candidate qualifications.

Please note: Utilizing an Admission Rubric, a score of <200 points will automatically generate a denial for acceptance into 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 to these admission criteria.**