



**Associate Degree Nursing Program Admission Criteria**  
**\*Criteria Effective for 2019-2020 Nursing Cohort\***

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is a selective admission program. Nursing Program applicants must meet criteria to be considered for the Nursing Program. Applications are accepted from October 1-July 31 each year. Only applicants who meet established minimum criteria will be considered for the nursing program. Meeting minimum standards does not ensure admission to the nursing program. Applicants will be accepted until each class is fully enrolled.

**Minimum Criteria Checklist:**

- Students under the age of 18 are subject to additional policies regarding their dependency status..
- Placement into Math 104 or successful completion of Math 103 with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Accuplacer re-evaluation of English and Math is needed:
  - for any assessment scores greater than three years old
  - for college coursework that is greater than 5 years old
- Cumulative GPA in the following pre-requisite courses must be a 3.0 or higher:
  - English Composition (ENG 101) or Technical English (ENG 105)
  - General Psychology (PSY 101)
  - Human Anatomy (BIO 250)
- Completion of ORI 100: The College Experience
- BIO 250 and BIO 251 must be completed within the last 7 years and must be complete with a minimum of a B- or higher.\*
- HESI A2 Admissions test:
  - Minimum score of 75% in math and English Composite score
  - Minimum score of 70% cumulative score
- Current certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant in any state.
- Acceptance into Gogebic Community College.
- Personal Statement: include why you have chosen nursing as a career, what makes you a good candidate for the nursing program, pertinent background regarding who you are as a person, and any additional information that would help explain you or your academic path.

*\*The B- requirement for BIO 250 and BIO 251 will go into effect for students entering into GCC for the first time in the fall of 2019 and for those who need to retake the BIO 250 or BIO 251 class due to the age limit.*

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the nursing program. All applicants are subject to minimum requirements which are subject to change. Students should contact the Allied Health Office or visit the program website at <http://www.gogebic.edu> for the most current requirements.

Students can repeat a pre-requisite class a maximum of 2 times in 5 years. The higher of the two grades will be considered in the cumulative GPA. If a student is repeating a course for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 5 years due to personal difficulties experienced during the previous attempts, a letter can be submitted to the Director of Allied Health to reevaluate the transcript. The letter should explain the situation that resulted in the student needing to repeat the class multiple times, and describe changes made to increase academic success.

Gogebic Community College Nursing Program has a rolling admission. Once a student has met all minimum requirements, they will be considered for acceptance into the program. Acceptance letters will be sent out between May and the start of the academic year.

Continuation in the nursing program is conditional until the following requirements are met:

1. A physical exam revealing no medical reason which would exclude the student from participating in the nursing program.
2. A record of current immunizations per the immunization policy.
3. Current CPR for the Health Care Provider card from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
4. A negative drug screen as defined by the Gogebic Community College drug screen policy.
5. Negative criminal background checks and fingerprinting results as defined by the Gogebic Community College Criminal Background Check Policy.

The HESI A2 Exam will be taken at the Gogebic Community College Ironwood and Houghton Campuses. The test must be taken at Gogebic Community College, at the applicant's expense. Early testing dates will be offered on each campus prior to the end of Spring Semester for students who have completed pre-requisite coursework. Two additional testing dates will be offered on the Houghton Campus between May and July and three additional testing dates will be offered on the Ironwood campus between May and August.

### **General Information**

1. Applicants should be aware that any previous or current conviction of a crime and/or treatment for substance abuse may result in ineligibility to be licensed as a registered nurse. The determination of eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN is made by the Michigan State Board of Nursing.
2. A physical exam is required (at the student's expense) confirming that the student meets the physical and mental requirements, found in the Nursing Technical Standards, needed to be successful in the program. Students with a documented disability can request reasonable accommodations to meet these standards. The college will provide appropriate accommodations, but is not required to substantially alter the requirements or nature of the program. Requests for accommodations should be directed to the Disability Services Office at (906) 307-1237.
3. Registered Nurses provide direct care for individuals and families. This care requires the nurse to meet specific technical standards in order to perform nursing functions. To be considered for

admission to the program or continue in the program, applicants must be able to meet the Nursing Technical Standards available on the GCC Nursing Website.

4. Students admitted to the nursing program must consent to criminal background checks and drug screening. Convictions of a certain felonies or misdemeanors may prevent a student from admission to a nursing program for a specific period of time in accordance with facility policies and the Michigan Compiled Laws. No student will be allowed to continue in the program with a positive drug screen for illegal substances. Positive background checks or drug screening may also be grounds for prohibiting students from entering into the program or continuing in the program. If you have any questions or concerns about these requirements, contact the Allied Health Coordinator at 906-307-1224. All drug screens and background checks are at the expense of the students.
5. The abuse of alcohol and/or the use of illegal drugs and controlled substances are known to cause physical, mental and psychosocial effects and may render an individual unable to perform the essential functions of an Allied Health Student in a safe and competent manner. A student must not be mentally impaired and must be able to function optimally in the clinical setting in any case. Students may need to work with their primary care physician for alternative treatments if the student is taking a prescribed drug that impairs function. Students should note that medical marijuana or its metabolite is not an accepted substance in drug screens and will result in a positive drug screen. Students with a prescription for medical marijuana and recreational marijuana are not considered cleared from a positive drug screen, nor are they exempt from a drug screen.
6. Students must complete the nursing portion of the program in an appropriate time frame. Students withdrawing or failing withdrawal must follow the readmission policy found in the student handbook. Students will be required to meet the same admission requirements as all new incoming Allied Health Program students.
7. Students are required to have reliable internet access and a portable device that they can access classroom information, eBooks, and program educational resources.
8. Students will attend clinical rotations at a variety of sites in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Wisconsin. Students and faculty are required to meet and follow the policies and procedures of these clinical facilities. Due to the number of students in the program, students will be placed at a variety of facilities for clinical and observation. Students are expected to maintain a flexible schedule during the course of the nursing program. Clinical assignments vary and are subject to change. Students are required to be available for rotations any day of the week and any shift. This includes weekends. On days that are not scheduled for class or clinical, students may be expected to study, complete activities, review materials, or practice in the skills laboratory. There may be mandatory events on other days, however, students will receive advanced notice for any changes to the schedule.
9. Students are required to adhere to the policies and procedures found in the Allied Health Handbook, as well as the Gogebic Community College Handbook.
10. Prior to graduation students must complete at least one Humanities Course and one Communications Course with a "C" or higher.

<b>NURSING ADMISSION DATES AND DEADLINES</b>	
Applications accepted	October – July *effective September 2018

Entrance Testing Ironwood Campus Early test date- must have all other pre-requisites Additional testing dates	March, May, July, August (last chance testing)
Entrance Testing Houghton Campus Early test date- must have all other pre-requisites Additional testing dates	March, May, June, July

To sign up for a testing date call 906-307-1345

February testing dates available on the nursing website by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

If there are more eligible candidates than space in the program, students will be placed on a wait list. In the event that two candidates have equal eligibility, the following point system will be utilized to determine eligibility:

Criteria	Points Scale	Score
*Cumulative GPA of the following pre-requisite the courses: BIO 250 ENG 101 PSY 101 Maximum points allowed – 35	4.0-3.90 =35 pts 3.89-3.80 =33 pts 3.79-3.70 =31 pts 3.69-3.60 =29 pts 3.59-3.50 =27 pts 3.49-3.40 =25 pts 3.39-3.30 =23 pts 3.29-3.20 =21 pts 3.19-3.10 =19 pts 3.09-3.00 =17 pts	_____ Points
HESI Score Maximum points allowed = 45	100%-95% =45 pts 94.5%-90% =41 pts 89.9-85% =37 pts 80 %-84.9% =33 pts 79.9%-75% =29 pts < 75% =0 pts	_____ Points
<b>BONUS POINTS</b>		
Previously on alternate list for the last acceptance period but not accepted.	2 points	_____ Points
Two points for taking all GCC coursework.	2 points	_____ Points

- In the event of a tie in number of points placement will be determined by:
- Highest HESI Score
- GPA