NURSING - FAQ

1. Is there a website with information?
   http://dacc/hps/nursing/

2. Who can I talk to about the program?
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3. In a nutshell, what does a student need in order to apply?
   2.75 minimum on 5 pre-requisite classes (first passing grade),
   HESI A² 75% in all general categories.

4. How does repeating prerequisites apply to this program?
   a. If a student earns a grade of F in a prerequisite course and repeats the course,
      how is the new grade used toward consideration of acceptance into the
      program? Does the new grade replace the previous grade or is it averaged in
      with the F? What if the student repeats the course a second time?
      The new grade will replace the F as long as the student receives a
      grade of C or higher.
      The first passing grade is counted.

   b. If a student earns a grade of D in a prerequisite course and repeats the course,
      how is the new grade used toward consideration of acceptance into the
      program? Does the new grade replace the previous grade or is it averaged in
      with the D? What if the student repeats the course a second time?
      To be considered, the grade must be a C or better and the first passing
      grade is counted. The new grade will replace the D as long as the
      student receives a grade of C or higher.

   c. If a student earns a grade of C in a prerequisite course and repeats the course,
      how is the new grade used toward consideration of acceptance into the
      program? Does the new grade replace the previous grade or is it averaged in
      with the C? What if the student repeats the course a second time?
      The only grade that is counted is the first passing grade (C or better).

   d. Is there a cap on the number of times a student can repeat a course before
      the student will no longer be considered?
      Not at this time.

   e. Do any prerequisites or other courses have a time expiration? (Example:
      BIOL 225 must be repeated if taken more than 7 years prior to admission into
      the program.) If so, what are these courses and how do the new grade(s) work
      into the selection process?
      All science courses must be less than or equal to 7 years old when
      admitted to the program. Only grades that are within this time period
      are considered.

   f. How is transfer credit treated? Do you use the grade from the transcript
      where they previously attended and consider those grades or just take into
      consideration the CR, CD, or GR?
      The department uses the grade from the transcript where the student
      previously attended and those grades are considered.

   g. Are students selected based on their prerequisite GPA alone, or a combination
      of their prerequisite and cumulative GPA?
      They base their selection on the prerequisite course GPA. Their
      prerequisite GPA must be a 2.75 or higher. Cumulative is only
      reviewed to ensure the student is not on academic probation.

5. How does exercising the Adjusted Credit Option (ACO), affect student’s
   application?
   Some selective admission programs add or deduct points for exercising
   the ACO. This program does not. Students and advisors should, however,
   be aware of the overall consequences of exercising the ACO. The policy
   is outlined under the Academic Regulations section of the current
   DACC catalog

6. What kind of a salary do graduates earn?
   RN: $18 - 22/hr.       LPN/LVN: $13 - $16/hr.

7. What kinds of grades are needed in order to graduate?
   In order to remain in the program, students must receive a C or better in
   each technical course attempted. The Nursing program does not use a
   traditional grading scale so students should refer to the program for
   information regarding the current scale.
8 Are there any special exams that may be taken upon completion of the program?
NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN licensure exams to become licensed Practical Nurses or Registered Nurses anywhere in the United States. Students must take and pass a Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse exit exam in order to be eligible to graduate and seek licensure.

9 Does having a felony/misdemeanor prevent students from applying?
Closed to those with a criminal record. Prospective students are required to complete and pass a security background check in order to take clinical courses. Past criminal violations may prevent a student from completing the degree and gaining a nursing license or employment in the field.

10 Is there an application deadline?
Student applications are accepted May 1 for the Fall semester and December 1 for the following Spring semester.

11 How many students apply? How many are admitted?
Average number of students applying each semester is 75+
16-24 admitted for Fall semester and 16-24 admitted for Spring semester

12 What is the average GPA of students accepted?
Generally students admitted have a 3.5 or higher.

13 Is the program approved?
Please refer to the nursing program website for current information regarding state approval and national accreditation.
Http://dacc/hps/nursing/

14 Are there additional program costs?
See department.

15 Are there any special proficiencies students need to have?
English language (written and oral) and computer literacy.
For a list of additional considerations students must be aware of related to entry such as ability to stand for long periods of time, ability to lift 50+ with assistance, etc., etc., refer to the comprehensive list of "Categories of Essential Functions," listed under the Nursing program description in the current DACC Catalog.