

# COTC Nursing Information Meeting

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# Agenda

- Nursing Program options
- Profile of a nurse
- Application requirements
- Plan of Study and coursework review
- Additional important facts

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# COTC Nursing Programs

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) – 70 students for each cohort

- 5-semester Associate Degree to become eligible to apply for the NCLEX
- Offered all semesters at Newark

Practical Nursing (PN) – 32 students for Newark & Coshocton cohorts, 16 for Knox & Pataskala cohorts

- 3-semester certificate program to become eligible to apply for the NCLEX
- Offered Autumn semester at Newark and Pataskala, Spring at Newark and Coshocton and Summer at Knox

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# COTC Transition Nursing Programs

## LPN Transition to ADN (LPN-ADN)

3-semester Associate Degree program for a LPN to be eligible to apply for the NCLEX

- Newark - accepting 16 students each semester (autumn, spring & summer)
- Coshocton - accepting 16 students for summer semester
- Knox - accepting 16 students for autumn semester
- Pataskala – accepting 8 students for spring semester

## Paramedic Transition to ADN

- Pataskala – accepting 8 students for autumn semester

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# Accreditation

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. Website: [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)

The COTC nursing programs are approved by The Ohio Board of Nursing.

Associate Degree in Nursing Program Accredited by:

- The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. 2020 survey resulted in continuing accreditation.



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Be strong in the sciences & math:

- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Biology

Have critical thinking skills:

- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Think quick on your feet
- ✓ Attention to detail

Like to work with people:

- ✓ Patients in pain and discomfort
- ✓ Anxious families

Accept high levels of responsibility

# Traits of a successful nurse

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# Nursing school is a balancing act:



- Family
- Work
- Financial
- Personal Well-being
- Challenging general courses
- Demanding nursing curriculum
- Varying clinical sites, subject to change
- Prepare to adjust priorities

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# Nursing Application Requirements

## LPN, ADN, LPN-ADN, Paramedic-ADN

- Apply for admission to COTC (no application fee)
- Submit official high school transcript, or GED and transcripts (see ahead)
- Submit ALL institution and adult education programs (see ahead)
- Attend nursing information meeting
- Complete co-requisite coursework *–if required, see ahead*
- Complete required program prerequisite courses *–if required, see ahead*
- Completion of the HESI

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# Transcripts for nursing selection

**Must have all final official transcripts on file prior to submitting nursing application.**

- High school or GED and all previously or currently enrolled postsecondary institutions including colleges and career centers (official transcripts must be in a school sealed envelope or sent electronically directly to COTC Records )
- International high school and college transcripts must be evaluated by a current member of NACES ([www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)) and an official report must be sent directly to COTC Records

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# Transcripts for nursing selection

- Students who completed College Credit Plus or Post-Secondary courses while in high school must request transcripts from the College providing credit
- Students who attended multiple institutions must request a transcript from each institution attended
- Students who withdrew from a college before completing any courses must verify if they have a transcript on file. If so, they must request a transcript

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# Transcripts for nursing selection

- Students with continuing education credit or employment training provided through a college must request a transcript
- Students who attended a permanently closed institution will still need to provide a transcript. Please visit the Ohio Department of Education website for information on how to request from a closed institution
- Students who are unsure of past institutions they have attended may view their educational attendance history through the National Student Clearinghouse – <https://www.studentclearinghouse.org>

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# How COTC determines English/Math course placement...

If you place into Math 013 and/or Engl 012, you must complete these courses along with Math 130 and Engl 112 before applying to nursing program.

Co-req courses are determined by:

- Submission of high school and college transcripts
- ACT/SAT scores may be reviewed from the past 5 years
- AP scores – request through College Board
- GED scores (from 2014 on)

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# Practical Nursing One Year Certificate

- Current Ohio State Tested Nurses Aide (STNA) Certification - COTC course NURS-002
- A full unit of high school biology or intro to biology, or higher equivalents, or approved COTC transfer credit

**Courses must be completed with a “C” grade or higher by application deadline**

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# Associate Degree Nursing

- Current Ohio State Tested Nurses Aide (STNA) Certification - COTC course NURS-002
- A full unit of high school biology and chemistry and/or college equivalents, or approved COTC transfer credit for BIO 130: Anatomy and Physiology I

*Courses must be completed with a “C” grade or higher  
by application deadline*

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# LPN – Associate Degree Nursing

Completion of the following COTC courses or approved transfer credit:

- College-level Statistics MATH 130
- Anatomy and Physiology I BIO 130
- Psychology PSY 100
- Verification of Ohio LPN License with Meds Yes approval. IV approval is also desirable.

***Courses must be completed with a “C”  
grade or higher by application deadline***

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# Paramedic - Associate Degree Nursing

- Current EMT Paramedic Certificate
- A full unit of high school biology and chemistry and/or college equivalents, or approved COTC transfer credit for BIO 130: Anatomy and Physiology I

**Courses must be completed with a “C” grade or higher by application deadline**

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# Plan of Study

Review the plan of study! Review the plan of study! Review the plan of study!

- General education courses can be taken ahead of time or no later than the assigned semester
- Nursing courses are LOCKSTEP, meaning they must be taken in a specific order in the semester that is assigned
- Flexibility is KEY! Your “ideal” clinical schedule and site placement are not guaranteed
- ***ADN PROGRAM ONLY: Financial aid status could be affected (1<sup>st</sup> semester)***

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# *Plan & Prepare!*

## *Have specific coursework questions?*

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Email your current advisor directly

OR

No Advisor: [cotcadvising@mail.cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadvising@mail.cotc.edu)

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# Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI-TEAS)

- Valid for one year
- Nursing selection exam (ATI-TEAS) may be taken multiple times. Only the most recent scores will be used.
- Current cost is \$87 plus tax and is administered at each campus (or remotely due to COVID). *The pricing of the ATI-TEAS exam is subject to change without notice.*
- Students are responsible for scheduling their exam at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). *Sign-up early as dates may become limited.*
- Practice tests on the ATI website and study guides can be found at the campus library or at each extended campus.
- Free resources available:
  - [www.atitesting.com](https://www.atitesting.com)
  - [www.atitesting.com/ati-tes27](https://www.atitesting.com/ati-tes27)
  - [www.atitesting.com/post/health-applicant-testing](https://www.atitesting.com/post/health-applicant-testing)

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# HESI A2

Health Education Systems, Inc.

- Valid for 12 months
- Current cost is \$50 and is administered at COTC, offered on ALL campuses
- HESI A2 exams will only be available in-person
- COTC does NOT offer remote-online exams
  
- Study guide materials, including practice exams are available on the HESI webpage
- <https://www.cotc.edu/post/health-applicant-exam>
  
- Test must be completed by program application deadline

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# HESI A2

Health Education Systems, Inc.

## Transfer from or taking at another location?

- Scores can be sent from any testing location as long as they meet the following criteria:
  - It must be administered in-person. No remote exams will be accepted.
  - The test must have **exactly** the same subjects our HESI A2 covers - **no more, no less.**

## Subject Areas:

1. Reading Comprehension
  2. Vocabulary & General Knowledge
  3. Basic Math Skills
  4. Biology
  5. Chemistry
- The score transcript must be ordered from HESI and sent directly to [cotcrecords@mail.cotc.edu](mailto:cotcrecords@mail.cotc.edu) to be verified.

\* Additional fees will apply

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# Program application deadlines

## **Practical Nursing deadlines**

Autumn start: June 1 Newark & Pataskala

Spring start: October 1 Newark & Coshocton

Summer start: February 15 Knox

## **Associate Degree Nursing deadline**

Summer start: February 15 Newark

Autumn start: June 1 Newark

Spring start: October 1 Newark

## **LPN - Associate Degree Nursing deadlines**

Summer start: February 15 Newark & Coshocton

Autumn start: June 1 Newark & Knox

Spring start: October 1 Newark & Pataskala

## **Paramedic to ADN transition deadline**

Autumn start: June 1 Pataskala

**Must contact an  
Academic Advisor to  
receive application.  
Applications  
available one month  
prior to deadline**

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# What are the selection criteria?

- Blended high school/college GPA
- HESI Scores
- All nursing admission requirements must be completed by application deadline

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# Considerations

## Programs are competitive

- Competitive selection (no wait-lists)
- Acceptance is not guaranteed
- Establish a parallel plan

## FBI and BCI check

- Students will be asked to complete an FBI & BCI check upon acceptance into a health program
- Any felony and certain misdemeanors automatically exclude applicants from the nursing profession (*\*\*Cases will be evaluated on an individual basis*)

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# What happens after applying?

You will be notified via COTC email approximately **4-6 weeks after** the application deadline.

## Acceptance

- Details of a MANDATORY nursing orientation, background checks and drug screening
- Failure to attend nursing orientation will RELINQUISH your seat

## Alternate

- A limited number of students may be selected as alternates and will be contacted if a seat becomes open for the term of their application.
- Does not guarantee a spot and is dissolved once the program starts.
- Must attend a nursing orientation.

## Non-Acceptance

- Please meet with your advisor to discuss your plan of action

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# Time sensitive requirements

**STNA** - Must be **CURRENT** and in the Ohio STNA registry on application deadline.

**Paramedic Certificate** - Must be **CURRENT** and listed in the Ohio Registry

**Nursing Information Meeting** – Valid for 12 months

**Nursing Selection Exam** (HESI) - Valid for 12 months

**Nursing Application** - Date specific for each term – 30 days before deadline

Must contact Academic Advisor for current application.

ALL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS DUE BY  
APPLICATION DEADLINE

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# Recommended for Success...

## **Microbiology – BIO 200**

- Required on associate degree and transition plans. Students are most successful taking this course before they enter the nursing program.

## **Medical Terminology - HLT 110**

- Not required for any nursing program, but we do suggest completing as it will help to understand terminology in any health program.
- It is included on the Health Services Technology plan of study and can be found in the course catalog under HLT-110 (offered online only).
- Taking this course may help with completion of additional health certificates or allied health degrees.

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# Selective Health Programs

To learn more, attend an information meeting:

<https://www.cotc.edu/program-information-meetings>

- Practical Nursing
- Associate Degree Nursing
- Licensed Practical Nurse - Associate Degree Nursing
- Paramedic – Associate Degree Nursing
- Surgical Technology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Radiological Technology

***MUST MEET ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/DEADLINES***

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# Open Enrollment Health Programs

**Health Services Technology Degree** -designated program for pre-health students applying to a selective health program, also serves as a parallel plan for students not selected but seeking a career within healthcare.

Completion requires students to fulfill general courses and two technical tracks. Each technical track provides an opportunity for students to earn a certificate.

## Chose from:

- Case Management for the Healthcare and Gerontology Professional
- Community Health Worker
- Home Health Provider
- Phlebotomy

## OR

- Health Services Technology Degree - Medical Coding Major
- Medical Coding – One Year Certificate (3 semesters)
- Medical Coding – Short Term Certificate (2 semesters)

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# Full Name Requirement

- Clinical sites and State Board testing (NCLEX) requires COTC to provide the full name for students, including full middle name. Please check your profile through **myCOTC** to verify what you have provided.
- If you need to make an update to your name, please call to make an appointment to visit The Gateway. Please know a picture ID and official social security card will be required.

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# Vaccination Requirements

- COTC does not require the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Most, almost all, of our clinical facilities require it and we must adhere to their policy.
- Each facility varies in whether they accept exemptions, with most evaluating at the facility and informing students of whether the exemption is accepted.
- If you are assigned to a facility that requires the vaccine, you must comply with their requirements to fulfil your clinical obligation for the course. If you do not, you must withdrawal as you cannot complete the course.

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# CPR Certification

- CPR is not a requirement for acceptance but is required during the first semester.
- The **only** acceptable CPR certification is: ***American Heart Association BLS for healthcare providers***
- COTC also offers a class: EMS-100. Students must register for this course with an advisor.
- *Information about local classes can be obtained by calling 1-800-242-8721 or [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)*

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# Tuition and Fees

Tuition is the same as standard tuition rates:

- For 2022 - 2023 school year: \$209 per credit hour

Course fees:

- Some classes will have additional course fees
- You can find this information under Tuition and Fees on the COTC website.

Upon acceptance:

- Students should prepare for additional fees upon acceptance: uniforms, shot records, Physical, TB testing

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# Program updates

- Any change in policies, procedures or program information will be communicated to the students in a timely manner.
- Be aware that the curriculum may be updated including specific courses and admission requirements; always follow the most updated “Program Overview” and “Plans of Study” published online.
- It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that they are following updated requirements.

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION MEETING  
HANDOUT AND REFER TO IT!

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# General Questions?

[cotcadvising@mail.cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadvising@mail.cotc.edu)

COTC Gateway  
740-366-9222

## Website review:

[cotc.edu/academics](http://cotc.edu/academics)

[cotc.edu/healthcare](http://cotc.edu/healthcare)

[cotc.edu/tuition](http://cotc.edu/tuition)

[cotc.edu/post/health-applicant-exam](http://cotc.edu/post/health-applicant-exam)

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