Practical Nursing Program
Admission Criteria

Fall semester 2018 Applications to begin the semester two of the practical nursing program will be accepted beginning April 1, 2018. Application deadline is June 1, 2018.

The application will be available on the PRACTICAL NURSING page of the website during the application cycle.

The Practical Nursing program at Ridgewater has some specific admission requirements. Please see the information below on how to apply. If you have questions regarding admissions to the Nursing programs, please contact Matt Roberts, nursing advisor on the Hutchinson campus OR Leah Kadelbach nursing advisory on the Willmar campus.

- Matt Roberts  320-234-8505 or Matt.Roberts@ridgewater.edu
- Leah Kadelbach  320-222-5980 or Leah.Kadelbach@ridgewater.edu

To submit an application during the application cycle, the applicant must:

1. Attend a Nursing Information Session
2. Complete the general college application process and be an accepted Ridgewater College student
3. Meet all Nursing program admission criteria

- High school graduate or GED recipient
- College level Reading & Math, ACT score of 24 in Math and Reading or meet ACCUPLACER requirements
  - Reading: college level (“C” or higher in 24 credits of college-level reading courses or take ENGL 98
  - Math: college level (MATH 109 or above) or MATH 97

4. All applicants are required to complete the most current Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI), standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to application deadlines. (no max number of attempts)
5. Complete NA1612 Nursing Assistant course and be current on the Nursing Assistant registry
6. Complete all Semester 1 courses of the practical nursing curriculum plan with a minimum of a “C” grade

- PRNU 1617 Medical Terminology
- ENGL 121 English Composition I
- PSYCH 131 Introduction to Psychology
- BIOL 210 Human Anatomy

7. Have your official college transcripts from other institutions sent to the Admissions Office on the campus you plan to attend (Hutchinson or Willmar)
8. Complete and submit the Nursing Program application; attach required documentation showing that all admission criteria are met.

You must complete these requirements prior to applying for the Practical Nursing program. You must earn a "C" grade or better in all courses taken to meet admission criteria. You must take general education (non-Nursing) courses prior to acceptance in the Practical Nursing courses in semester 2.

Admission into the Practical Nursing program is selective. A limited number of students are accepted into the program. This enables Ridgewater to provide the quality clinical experience and skill set required of LPNs.

To schedule a time to take assessment tests (Reading & Math) call: (800) 722-1151