2019-2020 Nursing Application Process Information Session
General Program Information

School of Health Sciences

- Nursing admission: Winter 2020
- Competitive admission program
- Top 24 students with highest points are admitted. No Waitlist
- Nursing AAS-T admission: Fall, Winter, Spring
- Full-time, day-time program only
- No summer courses offered
- Program length
  - 2 years: 6 quarters
General Program Information

School of Health Sciences

• Accreditation:
  • Lake Washington Institute of Technology is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities at the associate degree level and at the baccalaureate level.
  • Lake Washington Institute of Technology Nursing program is a nationally accredited program with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
  • Washington State Nursing Commission approved.
Estimated Program Costs

Estimated costs do not include pre-requisite coursework.

These numbers are estimates and are subject to change.

• 90 Credits, 6 Quarters
• Estimated Tuition & Fee Cost: $8,253
• Estimated Books and Supplies: $1,550
• Estimated Class/ Lab Fees: $7,090
• Estimated Technology Fees: $2,016
• Total Program Cost: $18,909
Nursing students are accepted on a competitive admission process.

Dates, procedures, and requirements stated in this information session and/or application are subject to change.

- **Quarter Start**
  - Winter, 2020
  - Application Deadline
  - October 11, 2019

- **Quarter Start**
  - Spring, 2020
  - Application Deadline
  - January 24, 2020

- **Quarter Start**
  - Fall, 2020
  - Application Deadline
  - July 10, 2020
Locating the Application

The Nursing AAS-T application is an online application

• The Nursing AAS-T application and information is available online at lwtech.edu/nursing

• There is a “Supporting Information Packet” that you can download, which includes an application checklist and an unofficial scoring table. This should not be submitted and is for your personal use only.

• If you require a paper application, please email selective.admission@lwtech.edu
Online Application

• Once your application is completed, make sure to click the "Submit Application" button on the last page.

• If you do not "Submit" your application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.
Application Requirements

• Pre-requisite coursework
• Medical Licensure
• Personal Essay
• TEAS Test

OPTIONAL:
• Prior Education
• Co-Requisites
## Selection Criteria

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<td>40 Pts</td>
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100 Total Points
Required Courses for Application

The listed requirements must be met before filling out the admission application for the Nursing AAS-T Program.

These courses cannot be “in progress” at time of application. Must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the 5 GPA Bearing Course Requirements. Each course must be completed with a 2.0 or better. Science courses must have been completed in the past 10 years.

• **GPA Bearing Course Requirements**
  • ENGL&101 (English Composition)
  • MATH&146 (Statistics)
  • BIOL&241 (Anatomy & Physiology 1)
  • BIOL&242 (Anatomy & Physiology 2)
  • PSYC&200 (Lifespan Psychology)

• **Non-GPA bearing Course Requirement**
  • CHEM&121 (General Chemistry)

Must be completed with a 2.0 or better.

Points for the GPA bearing course requirements is calculated by multiplying the average cumulative GPA of those 5 courses by 10.
**Medical Licensure or Experience**

Applicants must provide CURRENT proof of license that is verifiable on the Department of Health Website for one of the following:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (**”Registered”** Nursing Assistant is different and NOT accepted)
- Medical Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse

Applicants can provide military JST for related medical service for one of the following:

- Military Nurse or Corpsman
Applicants must write a short essay that is:
- Typed, 12 pt font
- Double Spaced
- Addresses all parts of the question
- Is no longer than two pages

**Essay Question:** Describe a circumstance, obstacle, or conflict in your life and the skills and resources you used to resolve it. What did this teach you and how will that knowledge support your success in the nursing program at LWTech?

Essays are scored upon 1) Content 2) Clarity 3) Grammar 4) Spelling
Essay: Tips & Suggestions

• Describe a specific challenge, obstacle, or conflict in your life. Try to be as succinct and specific as possible.

• Describe the specific skills and resources used to overcome that challenge. Start by describing the skill, how you learned it, how your skills and resources helped, how it was enough or not enough, etc.

• Describe what you learned from the experience. This should be a truly insightful review of your learning. Think about how you have used what you have learned, what makes it important, and how you and others have benefited from what you’ve learned.

• Describe how you will apply what you learned to support your success in the nursing program. Think about what you will need both in the program and in the industry, and try to provide examples.
TEAS Test

Applicants must take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Test

The TEAS is divided into the following sections:

- **Reading**: paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions
- **Math**: whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportions, statistics
- **Science**: reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science
- **English and Language User**: punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling
LWTech TEAS Testing Policy

If you wish to retake the TEAS test, you must wait 30 days from your first test date. To retake a second time, you must wait 365 days from the first test date.

Additional Information

• The test takes approximately **3.5 hours** and cost **$90** (subject to change).

• The test can be taken at LWTech’s Assessment Center (LWTech.edu/assessment). Test spots fill quickly, plan ahead.

• Test scores are valid for **two years**.

• You can schedule your TEAS test on the LWTech website: LWTech.edu/admissions/assessment/calendar

• You can take the TEAS at other colleges and/or testing centers that offer the test. In addition to the cost of the test at the other test centers, you will need to pay a fee (approximately $27) to have the results transferred to LWTech
Optional: Prior Education

Applicants can earn additional points for prior education
Regionally accredited institutions accepted
Program & degree/certificate MUST be listed on an official college transcript to earn points

• **1 Point**: Completion of a non-credit, community college NAC program (note that NAC programs taken at a private, non-educational institutions do not earn points, as they are not recorded on a college transcript)

• **2 Points**: Certificate of Completion (less than 45 credits) in a health related field

• **3 Points**: Certificate of Proficiency (more than 45 credits) in a health related field

• **4 Points**: Associate’s Degree or equivalent • equivalency is defined as junior standing -Completion of at least 90 college level quarter credits at a regionally accredited institution (or international equivalent) with a minimum of 5 credits each in: Written Communication, Quantitative or Symbolic Reasoning, and Social Science.

• **5 Points**: Bachelor’s Degree or above

Choose the highest level of education that applies to you. You cannot add levels together.
Optional: Prior Education (cont.)

Transferring Courses to LWTech from International Institutions

- Students who wish to transfer courses or use credentials from institutions outside of the United States will need to have a course-by-course evaluation of their transcripts performed by an international credential evaluation agency such as Foundation for International Services (www.FIS-web.com)

- Once the agency evaluation is complete, submit the officially sealed evaluation along with an English translation of your international transcript to Enrollment Services.

- A copy of your transcript will be made and the original will be returned to you. In order to match courses with specific LWTech courses, students may be required to obtain course descriptions in addition to submitting the agency evaluation.
Co-Requisites

Co-Requisites are courses that are NOT REQUIRED at the time of application. However, in the case of a tie-breaker, a student with co-requisites complete will be given priority.

Co-Requisite Courses are:

• NUTR&101 - (Nutrition)
• CMST& 210, 220 or 230 - (Interpersonal Communication, Introduction to Public Speaking or Small Group Communication)
• BIOL&260 – (Microbiology)

*Must be completed with a 2.0 or better

Students are encouraged to complete co-requisites prior to starting the Nursing AAS-T program due to the heavy course load.
Checking Application
Status

You will receive an admissions decision in a little over four weeks from the Selective Admissions Office.

- You can check on the progress of your admission decision status by logging into your Self-Service Center.
- Requirement status will be updated manually, when admission staff process and verify your application documents.
- This field does not update automatically.

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Application Decision Status

• The final decision status will be available on your online account. You can check decision status by logging into your Self-Service Center.

• To accept the offer of admission, you must return an accept/decline form.
  • Click ‘Respond’ in the top-right of this letter and submit online
    • If you experience any difficulty with this form, please email selective.admission@lwtech.edu or call (425) 739-8104 to get assistance
  • Stop by the Enrollment Services windows – West Building W201 walk-up windows and ask for the Accept/Decline form.
## Spring 2019 Cohort Statistics

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Planning for Pre-Reqs

If a student does not have prior college experience, it will take a minimum of 3-4 quarters to complete the pre-requisites to apply to this program.

This is the fastest sequence to complete courses, not necessarily the recommended sequence. See an advisor to find the sequence that would work best for you.

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The following two degrees offered by LWTech may be of interest to students pursuing the Nursing AAS-T program.

**Health Sciences AAS-T (90 cr)**

- **Not competitive admission, can start any quarter.**
- Program embeds all pre-requisites for Nursing AAS-T program, which presents a financial aid benefit.
- 11cr of degree is Nursing Assistant Certificate of Proficiency
- Graduates of this program can apply to Nursing AAS-T program as well as other healthcare related programs such as LWTech’s Behavioral Health BAS and Public Health BAS programs
- Students receiving Workforce Development funding can declare this program. ([www.lwtech.edu/wfd](http://www.lwtech.edu/wfd))
- Unsuccessful applicants to the Nursing AAS-T program may use this degree as a backup plan by using it to apply to other programs.
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Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP (95 cr)

- **Not competitive admission, can start any quarter.**
- Program embeds all pre-requisites for Nursing AAS-T program, which presents a financial aid benefit.
- Program designed to prepare students to apply to transfer to a BSN program at one of 10 participating schools in WA state.
- Graduates of this program can apply to Nursing AAS-T program as well as other healthcare related programs such as LWTech’s Behavioral Health BAS and Public Health BAS programs.
- Students receiving Workforce Development funding are not eligible for funding if they declare this program.
- Unsuccessful applicants to the Nursing AAS-T program may use this degree as a backup plan by using it to apply to other programs.
Certified Nursing Assistant @LWTech

Need your Certified Nursing Assistant license? Take the Nursing Assistant Certificate of Completion at LWTech.

- LWTech.edu/academics/nursing/nursing-assistant
- Offered every quarter (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring)
- 11 credits, completed in one quarter (3 months)
- Day and Evening options available
- Can earn a certificate of completion, worth 2 points for prior education
- Testing for license is arranged with faculty from the program
Paying for College @LWTech

• Apply to financial aid—the most common applications are the FAFSA and the WASFA
  • To learn more go to lwtech.edu/financialaid
  • The application is FREE
  • Once submitted, your application will take 6-8 weeks to process. Apply for financial aid before you apply to the program so that you are not delayed in receiving funding.

• Apply for other forms of funding such as scholarships
  • lwtech.edu/scholarships

• Apply for Workforce Development funding
  • lwtech.edu/wfd
Advising Assistance

Students are encouraged to plan ahead when considering applying to nursing. Meet with an advisor to plan the best sequencing for your pre-requisites.

Advising by Appointment

• Typical advising appointments are for 30-60 minute sessions. Appointments are available Monday – Friday.

• You can schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor by contacting Advising Office front desk in-person or by phone at: West Building, W207 or (425) 739-8300.

Drop-in Advising

• Speak with an Advisor without an appointment regarding questions that can be addressed in 15 minutes or less. If the question is complex, an appointment will be scheduled for another day. Daytime and evening hours available. For schedule, visit LWTech.edu/advising.

Need an entry code or have a quick advising related question?
Email: Advising@lwtech.edu

Questions about the Application Process?
Email: Selective.Admissions@lwtech.edu
Nursing AAS-T & Advising Planning Session

Visit the Nursing program page at lwtech.edu/nursing for dates, times, and locations

• This session is open to current and prospective students.
• This interactive information session will provide students the opportunity to learn about the LWTech Nursing AAS-T admission process and to meet with a Student Success Navigator for assistance with planning for taking pre-requisite courses.
• Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about
  • the admissions process
  • bring their transcripts for an initial evaluation
  • create a tentative academic plan outlining their pre-requisites in preparation for applying to the Nursing AAS-T program.