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Applying to the Program

– What are the steps to apply to the Calhoun Community College Nursing Program?

- Apply for admission to the college.
- Send official transcripts to Admissions from **ALL** schools previously attended, including high school/GED transcripts if required by Admissions.
- After you have been admitted to the college and granted a student ID# (A#), log in to [your MyCalhoun account](#) to verify your coursework has been properly evaluated and is showing on your unofficial Calhoun transcript.
 - You may find the MyCalhoun link on the college's homepage in the upper right corner.
- Submit an application to the nursing program.
- Wait for admission decision letters to arrive in your Calhoun.edu email. No later than the first full week of October.

Transcripts

– Where do I submit my transcripts?

- Transcripts need to be sent to the Office of Admissions and Records. Do not submit transcripts to the nursing office.

– When do I need to have my transcripts submitted?

- Transcripts should be submitted at least one month before the application deadline to guarantee your coursework will be evaluated by the application deadline. ***Transcripts received less than month before the deadline are not guaranteed to be evaluated in time to be used in the application evaluation for the nursing program.***

– I've attended several schools. Can I just submit transcripts from the last school I attended?

- No - Transcripts must be received from **ALL** schools attended by the application deadline to meet the minimum requirements for acceptance.

– I have a degree already. Which transcripts do I need to submit?

- Transcripts must be received from **ALL** schools attended, including graduate and undergraduate degrees.

– There is a hold on my transcript at a previous school Can I submit an unofficial transcript?

- No, official transcripts must be submitted from all schools attended.

– My name is different on my transcripts from another school. What do I need to do?

- When you applied to the college, you should have included any aliases or alternate names. If the name on your transcript is different from any of those names listed, contact Admissions and Records for information on how to update your account to include this name.

Test Scores

– How do I view my ACT score on MyCalhoun?

- Go to www.calhoun.edu
- Click on MyCalhoun at the top of our home page.
- Sign into MyCalhoun with your A-Number & Password
- Select Banner Self Service.
- Sign in with your Calhoun email address & MyCalhoun password
- Select the Student tab
- Select the Student Landing Page, then choose Student Profile
- Select Prior Education and Testing

– What is the minimum test score I must have to be eligible for the program?

- Applicants must submit a valid ACT composite score **OR have** taken the HESI A2 at Calhoun within the past 3 years.

– Where do I need to send my ACT scores?

- ACT Scores must be sent to the CCC Office of Admissions and Records. Do **not** send your scores to the nursing office.

– Where can I obtain my ACT scores?

- You may contact ACT at www.ACT.org to obtain official scores. If you took the ACT in high school, it is possible the scores are included on your high school transcript.

– Where can I take the ACT?

- You may take the national or residual ACT. The national ACT is transferrable to other institutions, and information may be found at www.ACT.org.

– Where can I take the HESI A2?

- You may take the HESI A2 by making your testing center appointment here: [Calhoun HESI A2 Testing](#)

– Will the TEAS or Accuplacer test take the place of the ACT?

- No, you must have an ACT composite or HESI A2 score.

– What happens if I have not taken the ACT?

- Applicants who have not taken the ACT or the HESI A2 will not be considered for admission into the program. This is a minimum requirement for all applicants.

– Can I use my residual ACT score from another institution?

- If the residual ACT score is from another Alabama Community College System institution, we may use the scores for your nursing program application. The scores will not be used for other college purposes, such as being used as a placement score into an academic course. The scores must be submitted to Admissions and Records.

– How long does the ACT take to be scored?

- According to www.ACT.org, the ACT score report can take 2-8 weeks to be delivered. More information can be found at <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores.html>.

– What is the latest I can take the ACT and guarantee the scores will be back in time for the application review?

- We cannot guarantee scores will be back in time to be included in the application review if the exam is taken less than one month before the application opens.

– **My previous college had my ACT scores. Will those scores be on my transcripts?**

- It is possible your ACT scores may be on your college transcripts, but most colleges do not include those scores on official transcripts. Check with Admissions and Records to verify your scores if you have any questions as to whether or not they were transferred.

Core and Program Courses

– **What courses do I have to have completed to be eligible for the program?**

- You must have completed the following courses to be unconditionally admitted to the program:
 - BIO 201: Anatomy & Physiology I,
 - BIO 202: Anatomy & Physiology II,
 - ENG 101: English Composition,
 - MTH 100: Intermediate College Algebra or higher-level math,
 - PSY 210: Human Growth & Development, and
 - Speech elective (3 credit hours)

– **Do I have to have all my core courses completed before I apply?**

- You may be granted conditional admission based on seats available if you are currently enrolled in the core courses. These courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher by the end of the term before the program begins.

– **What is the minimum letter grade I must have for the courses to count toward completing the program requirements?**

- All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher to apply toward your degree.

– **If I am taking a course at the same time I apply, will it count toward the application?**

- Summer courses may apply toward your application. However, courses must be complete and showing on your Calhoun Community College unofficial transcript at the time of the application deadline to be considered. Courses in progress at the time of the deadline will not count toward your application points total.

– **If I have not completed all the general education courses, when will I need to take the courses?**

- The program is designed to be completed in three semesters. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment in the program. Any co-requisite courses not completed at the time of admission must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher during or before the semester it is listed in the curriculum plan.

– **How do I know if my transcript has been processed?**

- Log in to [your MyCalhoun account](#) to view your unofficial transcript. All grades transferred from previous institutions will be found there. It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain all relevant coursework is listed on the CCC transcript. No points will be awarded if the courses and grades are not listed on the CCC transcript.

– **Why is there a "T" in front of some of my grades?**

- Grades from other schools will show as "TA," "TB," "TC," etc. This signifies that the grade is a transfer course.

– **What if there is only a "T" and no letter grade on my transcript?**

- You will need to contact Admissions and Records to have the proper grade assigned to the course. Grades of only "T" will not be used to calculate your GPA or provide points for your application. It is each student's responsibility to make sure all required coursework is showing on their unofficial Calhoun transcript by the application deadline.

– One of the grades on my Calhoun transcript is wrong. What do I need to do?

- Contact the Office of Admissions and Records to have the grade corrected.

GPA

– What is the grade point average (GPA) requirement for the program?

- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 based on the core courses:
 - BIO 201: Anatomy & Physiology I,
 - BIO 202: Anatomy & Physiology II,
 - ENG 101: English Composition,
 - MTH 100: Intermediate College Algebra or higher-level math,
 - PSY 210: Human Growth & Development, and
 - Speech elective (3 credit hours)
- Additionally, applicants must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at their current, native, or transferring institution.

– How is my GPA calculated if I have not taken any or all of the core courses?

- If you have not taken all the core courses, your GPA will be calculated based on those you have taken, whether it be one, two, or more of the core courses. The core courses must be completed before you are eligible for unconditional admission.

– How is AP credit factored into my GPA?

- AP credit is not factored into the GPA, but it is awarded points as if it were a "B". You will need to ensure Admissions and Records has a copy of your exam results to award credit.

Eligibility Criteria and Program Requirements

– Are there any physical requirements for the program?

- All applicants must read and signify understanding of the Alabama Community College System [Nursing Eligibility Criteria](#).