Nursing Petition Process Frequently Asked Questions

Will the panel be looking at the “Application to the College” date or “Accepted to Nursing Pre-Major” date for priority?
They will be using the “application to the college” date.

How do I find the “Application to the College” date?
Go to your MyWestern account (From www.westerntc.edu, click on Current Students, MyWestern. Log in to your account, click Self-Service, then Application Status (red bar), then NUAD (Nursing Associate Degree). It’s the date on the far left that corresponds with your nursing application (received date).

Where do I find the list of the required Thrive to Survive workshops?
Visit www.westerntc.edu/thrive for a list of dates and to register for a session.

If I choose to retake Anatomy and Physiology, will it affect my petition application?
If have already passed A&P with a C or better and choose to retake it to improve your grade, it will not impact your petition application. You must have earned a C or better before starting the application process.

If I don’t take any classes for a year, will it negatively affect my petition application?
If you have met the requirements, it will not negatively affect your petition application.

How many students do you admit each term?
24-40, depending on the term.

Can I go through the petition process before all my general education classes are finished?
Yes, however priority will be given to those students who have all of their general education and science classes completed with a C or better.

I live close to a Regional Location (1st choice) but would consider attending La Crosse (2nd choice) if the Regional Location was full. Which location do I select on my Intent to Enter?
Select your first choice. If that location is full we’ll still contact you to see if you would be willing to take your 2nd choice.

At what Western locations will cohorts be accepted in the upcoming terms?
Summer 2019 – La Crosse only
Fall 2019 – La Crosse only
Spring 2020 – La Crosse and Black River Falls
Summer 2020 – La Crosse and Mauston
Fall 2020 – La Crosse only
Does my part-time status negatively impact my petition application?
No. You can be attending part-time at during the petition process.

Can I attend the core Nursing program part-time?
The core Nursing courses require full-time status.

What if I fail a Nursing class and can’t continue with my cohort?
If you become out of sequence (due to course failure, medical issue, military deployment, etc.) you are then considered a re-entry Nursing student and will be placed based on seat availability.

Do I need to keep my Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license current or be working as a CNA?
No, you simply need to have passed the course (120 hours Wisconsin). Although, we highly encourage students to work as a CNA.

I received my CNA certificate in another state, will that work?
Out-of-state nursing assistant certificates are considered on an individual basis. These requests are processed through the Health and Public Safety Division. Please contact Darcy Dockter at 608-785-9195 for more information.

What if there are more qualified petitioners than nursing seats available?
Priority will be given to those students who have completed all of their general studies and sciences courses with a C or better. Next priority is given based on the date of application to the college. If there is still a “tie,” cumulative GPA will determine placement. TEAS Exam scores may also be considered if necessary.

If I was selected as an alternate but I did not get a spot, do I have to re-petition the next time?
Yes, you will need to re-petition.

How long will it take before I receive an answer on my petition?
It will take no longer than 21 business days to receive notification.

I took Chemistry in high school, but it doesn’t show up on my Western unofficial transcript. How do I know if it has been processed?
Proof of high school Chemistry will not be required to be posted on your Western unofficial transcript.

How is the college communicating with students?
All communications will be coming through Western’s email. (Reminder: You are required to reset your password every 90 days.)

I’ve completed all my general education and science classes, what else can I do while I wait?
If interested in pursuing your Nursing bachelor’s degree, you are encouraged to check Western’s current Transfer Agreements and complete other classes that will transfer to your university of choice.
I have my Castlebranch background check completed, do I have to do it again?
You do not have to redo your background check, but keep it current.

Do I have to start a Castlebranch background check before I petition?
No, it will be completed during the orientation to the Nursing program.

I’m still confused, what should I do or who can I ask?
The College Advisors will be hosting a series of “Drop-in Petition Prep” sessions to further explain the process and requirements, as well as answer any other questions you might have. The dates and times will be listed on the Petition Process web page. And, watch your Western email for more details.