

MA Career Ladder Program: Guide to Understanding LPN Program Admissions

To participate in the MA Career Ladder Program, **you must first be accepted into a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program** for the current admissions cycle (i.e., Fall 2025), in addition to meeting the other eligibility criteria.

If you are not yet accepted into an LPN program for Fall 2025 and/or are **thinking about applying in the near future**, this guide is for you.

Read each section below and follow the recommended next steps.

1. Consider which of the following eligible community colleges or Vocational technical schools with approved LPN programs might be the easiest for you to commute to and attend in-person.

Many schools require in-person attendance. There may be select courses at certain schools that have hybrid or remote options. All schools except for Mount Wachusett Community College have a May deadline for Fall admission (September).

Community Colleges:

- [Berkshire Community College](#) (1350 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201)
- [Greenfield Community College](#) (80 Locust St. Northampton, MA 01060)
- [Holyoke Community College](#) (Homestead Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040)
- [Massachusetts Bay Community College](#) (490 Franklin St, Framingham, MA 01702)
- [Mount Wachusett Community College](#) (College 444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440)
 - **Note: this is the only school with a Spring admission (January). The application deadline is September 1st.**
- [North Shore Community College](#) (1 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923)
- [Northern Essex Community College](#) (414 Common Street, Lawrence, MA 01840)
- [Quinsigamond Community College](#) (670 West Boylston Street, Worcester, MA 01606)

Vocational Technical Schools

- [Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School](#) (220 Sandwich Rd, Bourne, MA 02532)

- [Southeastern Technical Institute](#) (250 Foundry St South Easton, MA 02375)

Recommended next steps:

1. Use Google Maps or another preferred app to understand your potential commute to and from a school
2. Pick your school(s) of interest

2. Explore the admissions requirements for your specific school(s)

Each LPN program has its own set of admissions requirements.

Though admissions requirements vary, they typically look to understand:

- Your English proficiency (through test scores or past transcripts)
- Your Math proficiency (through test scores or past transcripts)
- Your score on the [ATI TEAS](#) exam (common entrance exam for nursing school)
- Your completion of the required prerequisite courses and your grades in these courses
 - Prerequisites vary by school but often include college-level Psychology, Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology

Recommended next steps:

1. [Click here for a table](#) listing the admissions requirements are for each school
2. **Click on the school-specific links** for the most updated information
3. Reach out to the specified Admissions contact to get additional information and support
4. **Note:** some schools hold mandatory information sessions. Sign up and attend those sessions for your school(s) of interest.
5. Jot down which requirements you still need to fulfill

3. Complete the MA Career Ladder Program application.

Great work on your school research so far! At this point, you should have a better sense of 1) which LPN programs you want to apply to, and 2) which admissions requirements you may still need to complete. Be sure to click on the school-specific links for the most updated information. To apply to the Career Ladder program please use this [application link](#).

Community College	Admissions Contact Information	Important Links	Key Admissions Requirements (click links for most updated information)
Berkshire Community College	nursing@berkshirecc.edu One Stop Enrollment Center: 413-499-4660	Program Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements • Step-by-Step Procedure 	Click Program Overview link for more detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of secondary school graduation or its equivalent. Submit official transcript(s) from high school or high school equivalency, previous colleges or post-secondary schools attended. • Math: ACCUPLACER QAS score of 250 or greater OR successful completion of MAT-028 or MAT-028C or higher (if taking college math, must earn a C or better); • BIO-150 (Intro to the Human Body) or BIO-201 and BIO-202 (Anatomy and Physiology I and II - each with labs) with C (73) or better within 7 years; • Completion of ENG-101 (English Composition 1) with a C (73) or better; • Completion of PSY-107 (Introductory Psychology) with a C (73) or better; • Attend a mandatory PN matriculation meeting (see in Step-by-Step procedure)

Greenfield Community College	<p>Laura Earl, Admissions Contact for Nursing Programs, Office: C103, 413-775-1816, email: earl@gcc.mass.edu</p>	<p>Program Info Packet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Process • Admissions Requirements • Step-by-Step Procedure 	<p>Click Program Info Packet for more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of High school diploma or GED/HiSet certificate if applicable submit previously attended college transcript • Completion of MAT 095 or MAT 095s or MAT 105 or equivalent or higher-level math course with a “C+” grade or better within 5 years; • Completion of ENG 101 with a “C” grade or better; • Completion of BIO 194 or BIO 215 or BIO 216 with a “C” grade or better within 5 years; • TEAS exam scores meet the minimum scores indicated on the program application
Holyoke Community College	<p>admissions@hcc.edu</p> <p>Health, Education, Culinary Arts & Human Services Division: 413-552-2030</p>	<p>Coursework requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements <p>Online Health Career Information Session Open House</p>	<p>Click Coursework requirements for more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an Online Health Career Information Session or Health Education Open House (Link here) • Students need to have completed HCC BIO 217, NTR 101, PSY 110 (or equivalent at another accredited college or university) at the time of application with a “C+” (77) or higher in each course • Accepted students must complete HCC BIO 217; BIO 218, NTR 101 PSY 110 and PSY 216 General Education courses (or equivalent at another accredited college or university) successfully with a “C+” (77) or higher before September 1

			in the year of acceptance for enrollment in the PN program.
Massachusetts Bay Community College	admissions@massbay.edu Admissions Staff: 781-239-2500	Program Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements • Curriculum Overview 	<p>Click Program Overview link for more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School diploma or equivalent, or Associate Degree or higher • MassBay Placement into Freshman English I (EN 101) or completion of Fundamentals of Composition II (EN 98) with a grade of C or higher • MassBay Placement into Intermediate Algebra (MA 98) or completion of Introductory Algebra (MA 95) with a grade of C or higher • Successful completion of Reading Assessment Test with a score of 246 or higher • Completion of BI 215 Anatomy & Physiology and BI 217 Anatomy & Physiology II, within a five (5) year timeframe with a grade of C or higher • Documentation of Hepatitis B vaccine • HESI Admission (A2) exam score of 70% or better. HESI exam scores are valid for one year, at which time the exam must be retaken. <u>OR</u> • A passing ATI TEAS score (60%) Results are valid for three years. The most recent test results will be used for that admission cycle only.

<p>Mount Wachusett Community College</p>	<p>admissions@mwcc.mass.edu</p> <p>Admissions office: 978-630-9447</p>	<p>Program Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements 	<p>Click Program Requirements link for more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a mandatory information session • Must complete a TEAS exam at MWCC 12 months prior to application deadline with a score of 50% for math, 35.4% for science, 53.3% for English and 54.8% for reading • High school diploma or equivalent degree • Transcript of all completed college-level course • Test of English as a Foreign Language scores if applicable • Math proficiency successful completion of a math course equal to MAT 126 with a grade of “C+” or better • Students are strongly urged to have successfully completed ENG 101 with a “C+” or better
<p>North Shore Community College</p>	<p>Admissions office: info@northshore.edu or call 978-762-4188</p> <p>If you have advising-related questions, please contact practicalnursing@northshore.edu or call 978-762-4160</p>	<p>Program Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements 	<p>Click Program Requirements link for more detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory information session attendance during the academic year prior to admission • ATI TEAS exam version 7 with a minimum score of: Reading 69%, Math 63.3%, Science 45.5%, English 54.2% • Exemption for applicants with a Bachelor of Science and completed anatomy & physiology 1 and 2 with a grade of “C” or better. • Submit a copy high school transcript or GED score report • Demonstrated math and communications proficiency with SAT scores or Accuplacer testing. If you have demonstrated proficiency with your high school GPA or

			<p>with college level courses, this will be updated upon review of your submitted materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional letter of recommendation from an employer, school counselor/advisor, or professor speaking to professionalism, integrity, and work-ethic. • Essay in English with the following prompt: Please state why you would like to pursue a Practical Nursing career and what specific qualities do you feel would make you a good candidate for our program. Please, also include steps you will take to ensure your success in the Practical Nursing Program. Anecdotal evidence is strongly recommended.
<p>Northern Essex Community College</p>	<p>Center for Health Professions 978-655-5936 centerforhealthprofessions@nec.mass.edu</p>	<p><u>Program Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements • Additional program information • TEAS exam factsheet 	<p>Click the <u>Program Overview</u> link for more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official high school transcript(s) showing evidence of high school graduation, or the equivalent with passing GED or HiSET scores • Official college transcript(s) if transfer credits are being requested. GPA 2.0 or higher • College level Anatomy and Physiology I with lab, with a grade of 'C' or higher and college level Anatomy and Physiology II with lab, with a grade of 'C' or higher. • Must attend a Mandatory Nursing Information Session between Fall 2023 and Fall 2025 • Must complete ATI TEAS exam within the last five years with a minimum score of 55% for math, 43% for science, 54% for English and 58% for reading

Quinsigamond Community College	508-853-2300 nurseeducation@qcc.mass.edu u	Program Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Requirements • Curriculum • Career stats 	Click the Program Overview link for more detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Diploma or GED/HiSET. • Attendance at a Health Information Session or complete FYE 102 with a grade of “C” or higher. • Must show evidence of being compliant with the immunization requirements specified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Additional immunization requirements will be required for clinical experiences. • Required TEAS V or TEAS composite score of 55% or higher (cannot be a combination of multiple tests) must be achieved within five years of applying to the program. • Applicant must obtain a composite score of 55% or higher in no more than three attempts within a three-year period. • A TEAS composite score between 51% and 54% meets the admission criteria with appropriate biology and college GPA
Upper Cape Tech	Judith Pelletier, MSN, RN, CNE, Director, Division of Nurse Education (508) 759-7711 ext. 277 jpelletier@uppercapetech.org	Student Handbook Application link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLN-NEX scores of 50% in Verbal and Math • Completed Program application (inclusive of the written responses completed at time of interview and the 3 • references) • Satisfactory evidence of secondary school graduation, or its equivalent • Required Verbal and Math scores for the NLN NEX.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Clearance/MA DPH Immunization Requirement* • Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) review
Southeastern Technical institute	508- 230-1297 stiadmissions@stitech.edu	Handbook Overview of program PN Admissions Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an online application along with a (non-refundable) application fee. Please click here to apply online. • Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Entrance Examination. Applicant must meet a minimum adjusted individual score in all three sections as identified below to continue with the selective admissions process: ATI TEAS Reading 65%, ATI TEAS Math 50%, and ATI TEAS English 55% • Proof of high school graduation with an official transcript, or official GED (scores included) or official HiSET (scores included). Certified translations must be provided for transcripts supplied in a language other than English and equivalency to U.S. education must be provided. • Two (2) confidential reference forms: recent supervisor, employer, school teacher/instructor. • Completed Proof of Health Insurance form with copy of card, front and back. • Interview with Program Director.