



Riverland Practical Nursing Application

Riverland Nursing (PN) Application is intended for students pursuing a Diploma as a Practical Nurse

First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security: _____ **Riverland Student ID:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Email Address:** _____

Telephone: including area code: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

To be considered for Fall 2026 PN Full-time day Program, students must complete the following:

- Apply, and be accepted to Riverland Community College. <http://www.riverland.edu/admissions/apply-to-riverland/>
Admissions: 507-433-0600.
- Complete and submit this program application between January 1, 2026 - June 1, 2026. Students will be notified by email of their admission status following the application review in mid-June. The notification will be sent to the email address you indicate on this application.
- Include a copy of an active Nurse Aide State Registry with the program application.
- Include a copy of your HSRT exam report with the program application. ***HSRT must be taken in person at a Riverland Campus site.***

All program prerequisites must be completed with a grade C or better prior to submitting the program application.

Complete the following Program Admission tables:

Prerequisite Course Information Table	Name of School/College	Grade (C or better)	Date completed
BIOL 1030 Human Biology			
PSYC 1240 Developmental Psychology			
ENGL 1101 Composition I or ENGL 1102			
One credit Elective			

List all previously attended high schools and colleges, including Riverland. **If other than Riverland**, send an **official transcript** for review of transfer credits, **unless already submitted**. Check if your transcripts are available as e-transcripts. Your application will not be reviewed until all transcripts are received. If questions, please email the Records and Registration team at registration@riverland.edu.

Name of School/College (include City, State)	Year(s) attended	Date of official transcript sent, or indicate if already on file.	Major	Degree Awarded

Please sign (print/type name): _____ Today's Date: _____

After completing the application, save to your personal device. Email your saved application as an attachment, include a copy your HSRT exam report and proof of an active nursing assistant registry status. Email the application and documents to: marlene.wipplinger@riverland.edu. Or, send by postal mail: Riverland Community College Austin West Campus, Attn: Marlene Wipplinger, Practical Nursing Program, 1900 Eighth Avenue NW, Austin, MN 55912.

Practical Nursing Program Application Information and Checklist

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Riverland Community College is asking you to provide private information in order to process your application form. This information will be used during the program application review. You are not legally required to provide this information; however, the college may not be able to effectively process your request if you do not provide sufficient information. Access to this information will be limited to school officials. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent to state and federal agencies or as otherwise permitted by other state and federal laws.

Admission Criteria:

- Admission to the program is based on completion of the Health Science Reasoning Test (HSRT). This test must be taken at a Riverland Campus site only and must be in person. Applicants must achieve a score of 70% or higher.
- Applicants must have the following pre-requisites courses completed prior to the application submission with a grade of C or higher. BIOL1030 Human Biology, PSYC1240 Developmental Psychology, ENGL1101 Composition I or ENGL1102, and One credit elective.
- Applicants must be active on a nurse aide state registry and must include a copy with the program application.

** In order for your application to be reviewed the following list will help assist you to make sure you have included all the necessary information with the nursing application.

- I have applied and have been accepted to Riverland Community College. If not, or unsure, please contact Admissions 1-800-247-5039/507-433-0600. **Students must be accepted to Riverland before applying to the Nursing program.** <http://www.riverland.edu/admissions/apply-to-riverland/>
- I have included a copy of my active nurse aide state registry with the practical nursing application.
- I have completed the HSRT exam and have included the **final score report** with the practical nursing application. In the event of a tie-breaker for admission, scores from the Analysis category will be ranked.

NOTE: Prior to program admission, correspondence will be sent to the email address you indicate on the application. Once accepted to the program, all correspondence will be sent to your Riverland student email address.

*Students accepted into the practical nursing program are required to register and attend PNUR1200 Nursing Orientation in order to begin the nursing program. Orientation will take place prior to the program start.

Students accepted and enrolled in the Nursing Program will be required to complete a Department of Human Services (DHS) background study. The background study will be initiated through the Allied Health Department at the college. Students will receive further details including the DHS privacy practices notice prior to the study being initiated. An individual who is disqualified as a result of the study and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health will not be permitted to participate in any clinical activities in a Minnesota licensed health care facility. Students not in compliance with due dates for background study completion will lose their place in the program. Additionally, students who are disqualified or fail to participate in the background study process will not be eligible to progress in the program.

The Riverland Community College Nursing Program reserves the right to deny admission to anyone who has been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony) or is pending a criminal charge (excluding minor traffic violations.)

For further questions concerning the Practical Nursing Program, please visit with your Academic