

Nurse Assistant Program Application Planning Guide

This is not an application. The intent of this guide is to help applicants develop a plan of readiness. An online application is available and may be submitted through your e-STORM account by selecting the “Program Applications” tile during the following periods:

Admission	Application Period
Spring (January) 2026 admission	September 1 – November 30, 2025
Summer (May) 2026 admission	February 1 – April 1, 2026
Fall (August) 2026 admission	May 1 – July 15, 2026

The application and all supporting documentation must be submitted during the application period.

Application Requirements

A. Proof of Residency

Applicants who reside in-district receive priority admission over out-of-district and out-of-state students. Illinois residents may qualify for in-district status through an Inter-district Cooperative Agreement. Proof of residency and any approved agreement must be on file with Enrollment Services prior to the application deadline.

East St. Louis campus: This application is grant-funded. Priority is given to applicants who live in: Alorton, Brooklyn, Cahokia, Centerville, East St. Louis, Fairmont City, Madison, and Venice. Some addresses in nearby cities may also qualify if they are considered to be in “high poverty” and “possible high poverty” areas. Check with a health science advisor to see if your address is eligible.

B. Grade Point Average – Point Earning

A minimum GPA of 2.5 from an accredited high school is required to meet multiple measures criteria and avoid placement testing. The GPA will be converted to an application point score. Example: GPA 3.25 = 3.25 Awarded Application Points

- **Applicants must have completed at least 12 college credit hours in order to use a college GPA in place of high school GPA or GED scores.**
- The most recent eligible GPA will be used for the application.
- GED and HiSET scores may be converted to a GPA by an Academic Advisor.

The latest semester that college grades are accepted for each application:

- Spring Admission: Summer semester before the program starts or November 30
- Summer Admission: Fall semester before the program starts or April 1
- Fall Admission: Spring semester before the program starts or July 15

Section B Points: _____/4

C. Math Placement – Point Earning

Applicants must demonstrate placement in Mathematics by completing one of the following:

- ALEKS placement test administered by a SWIC Testing Center, or
- Submission of official documentation for one of the following multiple measures:
 - ACT or SAT scores
 - GED or HiSET scores
 - High School GPA

Multiple measures are valid for six (6) years.

Previously completed appropriate college coursework may also be used to meet this requirement and does not expire.

Application points are assigned as follows:

ALEKS Score	Application Points
25+	1
14-24	.5
0-13	0

Section C Points: _____/1

D. English Placement – Point Earning

Applicants must demonstrate placement in Reading and Writing by completing one of the following:

- Accuplacer Reading placement test administered by a SWIC Testing Center, or
- Submission of official documentation for one of the following multiple measures:
 - ACT or SAT scores
 - GED or HiSET scores
 - High School GPA

Multiple measures are valid for six (6) years.

Previously completed appropriate college coursework may also be used to meet this requirement and does not expire.

Application points are assigned as follows:

Reading	Application Points
226+	1
212-225	.5
211 or lower	0
Writing Score	Application Points
226+	1
212-225	.5
211 or lower	0

Points are earned for reading and writing separately.

Section D Points: _____/2

E. Short Answer Question

All applicants will be required to briefly explain why they'd like to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. The short response should be two sentences and will have a limit of 250 characters.

Additional Application Point Opportunities

F. Previous Experience

Applicants may earn points in multiple categories. Be sure to review and claim all sections that apply.

Degrees and Certifications	Points	Select
Bachelor's degree or higher	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate degree	.5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completion of any Health Science certificate	.5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Previous attempts of any Health Science degree or certificate; or successful completion of Biology, Medical Terminology, Nutrition, or HES courses- up to 4	.25-1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section F Points: _____/3

★Total Application Points: _____/10

Campus and Class Options

CAMPUS	Fall & Spring	Summer
BELLEVILLE	Monday & Wednesday ○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM ○ 12:30 PM – 5 PM Tuesday & Thursday ○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM ○ 4 PM – 8:30 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday ○ 8 AM – 2 PM ○ 2:30 PM – 8:30 PM
GRANITE CITY	Tuesday & Thursday ○ 4 PM – 8:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday ○ 1 PM – 3 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday ○ 2:30 PM – 8:30 PM
RED BUD	Monday & Wednesday ○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday ○ 8 AM – 2 PM
EAST ST. LOUIS	Monday & Wednesday ○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM Tuesday & Thursday ○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM ○ 1 PM – 5:30 PM	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday ○ 8 AM – 2 PM

Mandatory Orientation Dates

for admitted students

CAMPUS	Summer 2026	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
BELLEVILLE, GRANITE CITY, & RED BUD	May 1, 2026 10AM – 1 PM Belleville Campus BCMC1410/14711	July 17, 2026 9 AM – 12 PM **	December 4, 2026 9 AM – 12 PM **
EAST ST. LOUIS	May 4, 2026 9 AM – 12 PM ESTL Campus Bldg A Room 1022/1023	July 20, 2026 9 AM – 12 PM **	December 7, 2026 9 AM – 12 PM **

**The orientation locations will be determined and shared at a later date.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

- **Fingerprinting:** Must be completed before the first day of class. A representative will be available at orientation.
- **Drug Testing:** Required before clinicals; students may also be randomly tested at any time. The instructor will give you information and paperwork
- **Documentation:** Please submit Healthcare Worker Criminal Background Check form and Drug Screening Permission form as soon as possible **prior to mandatory orientation**, and **bring your Social Security card with you to orientation**. If your card has been lost or stolen, please apply for a new card and bring your receipt to orientation until a new card has been issued
- **TB Testing:** A 2-step MANTOUX, QuantiFERON Gold, or TB Spot test is required before clinicals.
- **Flu Vaccine:** The annual influenza vaccine (not COVID-19) is required before clinicals.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE REVIEWED AT ORIENTATION

Items to submit prior to application deadline:

- ✓ Online Nurse Assistant application with short answer response
- ✓ Proof of residency and, if applicable, an Inter-district Cooperative Agreement
- ✓ GED or HiSet verification (if applicable), high school transcripts, and all college transcripts
- ✓ Accuplacer and ALEKS testing if applicable
- ✓ Any applicable certification

All communication regarding your application is sent to your SWIC email account.
**Need assistance or have questions? Contact Academic Advising at Advising@swic.edu
 or 618-235-2700 ext. 5455.**

