

# Western Technical College

HEALTH AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY DIVISION

## Nursing Petition Process Frequently Asked Questions

**Will the panel be looking at the “Application to the College” date or “Application to the Nursing Pre-Major” date for priority?**

They will be using the “Application to the Nursing Pre-Major” date.

**If I don’t take any courses for a year will it negatively affect my petition application?**

No, but be sure to check in with your College Advisor every term. If you have met the requirements, it will not negatively affect your petition application.

**How many students do you admit each term?**

We admit 24-40 depending on the term.

**Can I go through the Petition Process before all my General Studies courses are finished?**

Yes, however, priority will be given to those students who have all of their General Studies courses and science courses completed with a “C” grade or better.

**Can I petition for more than one location?**

No, fill out the cover sheet for the correct location.

**At what Western locations will cohorts be accepted?**

We admit as follows:

Fall – La Crosse

Spring – La Crosse and Black River Falls

Summer – La Crosse and Mauston (Mauston admits every other year 2022, 2024, 2026, etc.)

**Does my part-time status negatively impact my petition application?**

No. General Studies courses can be done on a part-time basis.

**Can I attend the core Nursing program part-time?**

No. The core Nursing courses require full-time status.

**What if I fail a Nursing course 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. A Nursing hold will be placed on your student account.

**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 (75 hours Wisconsin, 2 credit). 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 your College Advisor 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 science courses with a "C" grade or better. Next priority is given based on the date of application to the Nursing program. 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. Alternates attend program orientation but do not register for core courses unless a spot opens up.

**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. Check your Western student email for a communication.

**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. Please contact your College Advisor for further clarification.

**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.) Password reset link: [Change/Forgot Your Password](#)

**I've completed all my General Studies and science courses, 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 courses that will transfer to your university of choice.

**I have my Viewpoint Screening background check completed. Do I have to do it again?**

You do not have to redo your background check but keep it current. It needs to be renewed every 4 years at Western.

**Do I have to start a Viewpoint Screening 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?**

Please contact your assigned College Advisor.