

Vocational Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is the start date for the Vocational Nursing Program and how long does it last?

The Vocational Nursing (VN) Program start date is May 5, 2025. The VN Program is a 12-month program. There are 3 16-week terms. Each term has at least a 1-week break. This is a full-time program Monday through Friday. Possible evenings, Saturday and Sunday will be required if clinical rotation facilities require alternate shifts.

2. Is the VN Program approved?

The VN Program is approved by the BPPE and by the BVNPT. The BVNPT granted Full Approval for a four-year period commencing on January 7, 2025.

3. When are applications being accepted?

Applications are accepted between January 21st and April 21st.

4. How many students are admitted to the program?

GMC has up to 30 open seats for the May 2025 incoming class.

5. How much does the program cost? Is there a payment plan? Are there scholarships?

The VN Program total program cost is \$35,000. There is a payment plan broken into five payments. The program payments must be received on time to remain in the program. The first payment is a non-refundable application fee of \$250. The program fees are due prior to the start date. There are 3 term-payments due the week prior to the term start date.

Genesis Medical College does not offer financial aid for this program. The cost of the program is paid out of pocket by students.

Admitted students may be eligible for scholarships. Different types of scholarships may be available. The AJ Henrickson Scholarship is a standing scholarship for vocational programs only. Students may apply online anytime for this scholarship and an award is only valid for admitted students. There may be additional scholarships related to different funding sources. These will be announced to prospective and/or current students pending the scholarship requirements.

6. What are the admissions prerequisites?

VN Program applicants will be required to take and pass the HESI entrance examination with a minimum passing score of 65% in Math and Science and 65% in Reading and Comprehension (scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number). The HESI Exam consists of three sections: Math, Science, and Reading Comprehension. The HESI Exam must be completed within 2 years before the scheduled start date of the VN program.

7. What are the admissions requirements?

The admissions requirements are summarized below. For more details refer to the Academic Catalog. All applicants must provide the following documentation:

- Completed Admissions Application Form
- Completed Student Performance Fact Sheet and Enrollment Agreement
- ID: A clear and legible copy of government issued photo identification
- SSN: Possess a valid social security number
- Proof of education: Official transcripts for all secondary and/or post-secondary institutions attended.
- Immunization Requirements – Students must provide proof of vaccine for the vaccinations listed in the catalog.
- CPR: Submit proof of a current Health Care Provider BLS from American Heart Association valid throughout the entire program
- Essay: Write a 500-word essay. To be completed in person on campus.
- Resume
- Financial: Applicants must complete all financial arrangements before the program start.
- Technology: Applicants must meet the minimum technology requirements.

Additional documentation, if applicable

- Proof of professional licensure or certification, if applicable
- Students must not have a felony conviction on their record.

Applicants with Foreign Educational Credentials should refer to the catalog for more details.

8. Are there other admissions requirements?

All applicants will be placed in rank order based a point system assigned to admissions criteria and meeting all admissions requirements, e.g. entrance test scores. The rubric point totals will be numerically ranked to select the incoming class and alternates. Final selections will be made at least two weeks prior to the program start, according to the number of seats available and final rank order. Students must respond within 7 days. After being admitted the candidate must attend an interview, pass a background and drug test, attend and orientation, among other activities.

9. What is the rank order system? How do I get more points?

The selection of candidates will be based on a comprehensive evaluation criterion and a fair objective process. The factors assigned points include at least the HESI scores, the essay and interview, official transcript demonstrating completed prior education, health related certificates, and related work experience.

Health related certificates include at least but are not limited to Certified Nursing Assistant, Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Phlebotomy Technician, Emergency Medical Technician. All others will be determined at the discretion of the Director of Vocational Nursing.

10. What if I need time off during the year for a planned or for an unexpected event?

The BVNPT approval requires full attendance with no absences of any type. If a student knows or is planning an event that will cause the student to be absent, then the student should apply to attend a different class start date for which there will no attendance disruptions. If a student has an unexpected absence, the student will be required to withdraw from the program.

12. Can I keep my job while I am enrolled in the Vocational Nursing Program?

Students are strongly encouraged to not be working while in the full-time 1-year program. However, with careful time management, students may be able to maintain part-time employment up to 8 hours per week.

12. Will the Vocational Nursing Program prepare to pass the NCLEX exam?

NCLEX exam preparation is strongly emphasized throughout the entire curriculum. There is also NCLEX study materials and practice questions available through the textbook publisher, and we have external resources to support student's continued exam preparation.

12. Is there a wait list?

GMC does not have a waitlist. Applicants will be notified of their status and may choose to cancel their enrollment in the program or apply for the next start pending BVNPT approval to accept students into a next cohort.