Collegiate Nursing Academy

Program Overview

The part-time Collegiate Nursing Academy is an option for students in their senior year of high school who are interested in medicine and have a desire to become a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA). Students must meet the program requirements as outlined below. Students who pursue this opportunity will attend William Jewell College during the first semester for half of the school day. During the second semester, students will participate in clinicals at Liberty Hospital. Students engaged in this program are still considered full-time LPS students and are eligible for all MSHSAA athletics and activities.

Please note, enrollment in the program will be limited to 20 students for the 2026-2027 school year.

Program Requirements

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A grade of B or higher in all science classes
- Must be a Senior in the fall of 2026
- Official student disciplinary record from the school
- Record of at least 90% attendance
- Completed application and a signed agreement to abide by the expectations and responsibilities of the Collegiate Nursing Academy.
- Students will need to purchase black shoes, scrubs, and cover the cost of the CNA exam.

Student Benefits & Outcomes

- The Collegiate Nursing Academy provides students with a learning experience in healthcare that exposes participants to the nursing profession, the educational expectations and academic rigor expected of those who plan to enter the nursing field, clinical experience, and the necessary preparation to earn the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certification.
- All participants will receive instruction from college-level faculty at William Jewell College for their required 75 hours of coursework and 100 hours of real-world clinical experience with teaching nurses at Liberty Hospital.
- All students who successfully complete the required coursework will be eligible to sit for the state of Missouri CNA certification exam.
- Students who successfully complete the program are guaranteed an employment interview with Liberty Hospital and a Collegiate Nursing Academy scholarship if attending William Jewell College.

Applications are due January 16, 2026

Please complete the application below and return to:
LPS District Administration Center
Attention: Colleen Jones
8 Victory Lane
Liberty, MO 64068

Collegiate Nursing Academy Application

Student Information

1. First and Last Name:_____
2. School:_____
3. Grade:_____
4. Address:_____
5. Phone Number:_____
6. Parent/Guardian Name:_____
7. Please list your GPA (Minimum Requirement: At least a 3.0 GPA to apply and a B or above in all science classes): _____

Student Transcripts

Please include a copy of your student transcripts in this application.

Immunizations

All students participating in the Collegiate Nursing Academy will need to be up-to-date on all immunizations. Students will need to provide proof of immunizations before the Spring Semester begins.

Absenteeism

Attendance is crucial to a student's success in the Collegiate Nursing Academy. To receive CNA certification, a student must have 100 clinical hours, so we ask that absences are avoided if possible. If you need to be absent for an instance of illness or other emergency situation, please contact your William Jewell College instructor and your high school.

Statement of Interest Essay

1. Please write a brief essay, explaining why you would like to take part in this program:

2. How do you intend to use your experience in the CNA program in a future career?

3. My future plans include:

Statement of Program Agreement

I, _____, agree to adhere to all policies and procedures as
(insert name)

determined by the Collegiate Nursing Academy. Failure to adhere to these policies could result in forfeiture of acceptance into the program or expulsion once accepted.

_____Yes, I Agree (*please mark X if you agree*)

William Jewell College Enrollment Information

If you would like to be contacted by William Jewell College regarding potential college enrollment, please check the box below.

- ☐ YES, I would like William Jewell College to contact me
- ☐ NO, I do not want William Jewell College to contact me

Parent/Guardian & Student Signature

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date