

Putnam library to host guided birding hike Oct. 12 in Hennepin

Hike to look for eagles, herons and marsh birds

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The Putnam County Public Library will host a guided birding hike on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Sue and Wes Dixon Waterfowl Refuge in Hennepin.

The hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the boat launch to view migrating waterfowl on Hennepin and Hopper Lakes and proceed along part of the Seep Trail and the Prairie-Wetland Boardwalk to look for eagles, herons and marsh birds. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the lakes from the Observation Tower before returning to the boat launch at about 11:30 a.m.

Attendees are asked to follow the refuge's guidelines available on the



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website. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes and a sack lunch to enjoy after the hike.

This program is free and open to the public and is made possible through a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and SciStarter.

For information, call the Granville Library at 815-339-2038.

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Additional education – such as master's or bachelor's degrees in a related field, an associate degree or a paramedic certification – will be weighed. Because a certified nursing assistant certification remains a fundamental requirement for admission, it won't count as previous education but will count as work experience if the applicant still is active.

Grades in core courses and entrance exam (HESI) scores, remain the largest chunk of the admissions index score. The top 48 scorers are admitted to the associate degree program, and the next 16 scorers make it into the LPN certificate program.

Smith said a holistic admissions process is becoming common for health care school programs to draw qualified candidates who will be successful in school and the profession.

"I hope that in changing the admissions criteria, we see a more diverse population of qualified students in our future classes," Smith said. "We are thinking about how to better serve our students. Our goal is student success."

Prospective nursing students are mandated to attend at least one session. One session is from 2 to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the main campus, a virtual session is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m. Jan. 23 and the final session will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 26 on the IVCC main campus.

To learn more about the admissions procedure or to register for one of the information sessions, visit ivcc.edu/admissions/nursingadmissions.php.

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