

# Nursing Program

Information

Session

2023

# Information Session

- What is the purpose?
  - Provide accurate information and direction for the application process
  - Ensure all application requirements are met before submitting application
  - Provide summary of important nursing program requirements and information

# Virginia Peninsula Community College

## 2-Yr A.A.S. RN Program

- **Teaches the art and science of nursing**
  - Offers classes in varied disciplines to provide a comprehensive education
  - Upon successful completion, students are eligible to take the NCLEX NextGen exam for licensure as a registered nurse
- **Goals**
  - Pass the NCLEX NextGen on the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt
  - Gain entry-level employment as RNs
  - Continue education & earn a BSN
  - Develop as generally educated citizens who function in a global community

# PN to RN Career Bridge Classes

- PN-RN Bridge classes consist of 2 nursing courses (NSG115 and NSG200) taken in the fall session in Hampton or spring in Williamsburg.
- NSG115 is **not financial aid eligible**.
- After these 2 courses are complete, students will determine which cohort of the RN degree program they wish to join – Day or Evening Weekend and at which campus.
- Hampton campus starts in August and Historic Triangle starts in January. Space is more limited at the Historic Triangle campus.
- The A.D.N. degree plan will be declared as new program at Orientation, before the start of NSG115 and NSG200.

# Early College/Dual Enrollment

## A.A.S. Nursing Program -- Guaranteed Acceptance

- All 5 pre-req courses must be completed by the close of the application period on March 31 or in progress during the spring term of application.
- Placement testing is not required.
- Submit application and high school transcript. Reference is not required and resume is optional.
- Work with Dual Enrollment Advisors for eligibility:
  - Maggie Haley – [haleym@vpcc.edu](mailto:haleym@vpcc.edu)
  - Linda Hubbard – [hubbardl@vpcc.edu](mailto:hubbardl@vpcc.edu)
- Conditional acceptance will be awarded pending completion of all pre-req nursing courses in May and submission of new high school transcript to show graduation date in June.

# Application and Admission Information

- Admission to the nursing program is a separate process from general admission to the college and requires a separate application.
- Students may apply at either Hampton or Historic Triangle campus for all nursing programs

Program	Campus	Annual Application Period	Notification of Acceptance	Starting Semester
A.A.S. Nursing Pre-Licensure (RN)	Hampton	February 1 to March 31	May 1	Fall Day - Up to 60 students Eve - Up to 20 Students
A.A.S. Nursing Pre-Licensure (RN)	Historic Triangle	September 1 to October 1	November 1	Spring Day - Up to 30 students Eve - Up to 10 Students
PN to Professional Nursing Bridge Classes (PN-RN)	Hampton and Historic Triangle Day Only Up to 10 Students	February 1 to 28 Sept. 1 to Oct. 8	Early March November 1	Fall Spring
Early College (RN) Dual Enrollment AAS RN Application	Hampton	February 1 to March 31	May 1	Fall in Hampton or Spring at HT (Up to 10 students)

# Apply to the College

- The application for admission to the college is available on the web site at [www.vpcc.edu/new](http://www.vpcc.edu/new)
- The application must be submitted electronically
  - If you have previous enrollment in another nursing program, and/or were unsuccessful or dismissed from it, please contact Jenni Jones (Director) at [JonesJe@vpcc.edu](mailto:JonesJe@vpcc.edu) **BEFORE** an application is submitted. Additional information and criteria may apply.
  - You must be able to pass a national background check before acceptance. **Please contact Ms. Jones ([JonesJe@vpcc.edu](mailto:JonesJe@vpcc.edu)) to discuss any concerns that may inhibit acceptance prior to application.**
- Complete college placement tests (math, reading, and writing)
- Complete any developmental courses that are required

# Submit Official Transcripts

- Upload **unofficial** high school transcripts to [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org) and enter applicable info and data into your application:
  - Proof of graduation required – grad date listed on transcript or diploma
  - GED if not a high school graduate
- Upload **unofficial** transcripts from other colleges if applicable to [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org) and enter applicable info and data into your application.
- Submit **official** high school and college transcripts to Enrollment Services for your student record and award of transfer credit using Parchment, Credential Solutions, or National Student Clearinghouse:
  - Mailed directly from your College's Registrar's Office directly to:  
Virginia Peninsula Community College  
Enrollment Services Office/Student Records  
99 Thomas Nelson Drive  
Hampton, VA 23666
  - Fax - (757) 825-2763 or Email – [Registration@vpcc.edu](mailto:Registration@vpcc.edu)
  - In rare cases, official transcripts may also be sent electronically from your Registrar's Office.
  - Use this link to request an evaluation for award of transfer credit for nursing pre-req classes:  
[https://tncc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bEhzVitMD4ZBgkS](https://tncc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEhzVitMD4ZBgkS)

Please visit the Steps to Application webpage at <https://www.vpcc.edu/health/nursing/application-forms-and-requirements.html> for additional information



# Complete Program Entrance Requirements

**OFFICIAL High school transcripts** (in addition to other college transcripts) must be submitted to fulfill Board of Nursing requirements and **must be on record here at the College.**

- **High School Requirements:**
  - **1 Year of Chemistry** with grade of “C” or higher (or CHM 1, CHM 101, or higher). CHM101 is recommended, transferrable for BSN degree.
  - **1 Year of Algebra** with grade of “C” or higher (or competency in modules 1-5 or a higher college level Math course). MTH154 will satisfy this requirement.
- **Foreign High School Transcripts:** If these transcripts cannot be obtained, this requirement may be waived as long as CHM and Math courses have been successfully completed at the college level and documented on your transcript.
- GED Certificates are accepted.
- Unofficial transcripts must be uploaded to [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org) as part of your application.

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<https://www.vpsc.edu/health/nursing/application-forms-and-requirements.html> for additional information

# Pre-requisite Courses

- **Five pre-requisite courses MUST be completed** with a grade of “**B**” or higher to apply to the nursing program:
  - **SDV 101, Orientation to Health Sciences (Replaces SDV100)**
    - (SDV requirement is waived if previous college degree is held)
    - Applications will be accepted if SDV100 is being completed in an 8W1 session. This is the only pre-req that can be in progress after the close of the application period.
  - **ENG 111, College Composition I**
  - **MTH154, Quantitative Reasoning (Replaces HLT230)**
  - **PSY 230, Developmental Psychology**
  - **BIO 141, Anatomy and Physiology I**
  - **BIO142 A&P II also required for PN-RN Applicants**

*\* Both old and new pre-req courses will be accepted in the **FA23 application cycle for the last time**. **Course sub forms** will be required to substitute **HLT230 credit for MTH154**. **ONLY MTH154** will be accepted in the **SP24 cycle**.*

- Recommend Completion in Summer Sessions after above Pre-Reqs are taken
  - **BIO142** Anatomy and Physiology II and **BIO150** Microbiology
  - PN-RNs should take **BIO150** Microbiology in Summer after above Pre-Reqs are taken
  - **ENG 112**, College Composition II (**Replaces CST100 or CST126**) – Gen-Ed, Program Graduation Requirement, NOT an application requirement. **PHI220** is also required – take both in summer sessions.

**A MINIMUM GRADE “B” MUST BE ACHIEVED IN ALL REQUIRED PRE-REQ COURSES.  
ALL BIO AND MTH CLASSES EXPIRE AFTER 5 YEARS AND MUST BE RETAKEN**

# PRE-REQUISITE GPA CALCULATIONS

*Minimum* pre-requisite **3.0** GPA is required

Higher GPA is *beneficial*

Admission Average GPA = **3.815**

- Admission GPA is calculated using grades received in the 4 pre-requisite courses (BIO141, ENG111, PSY230, MTH154 or HLT230).
- 5 pre-requisite courses for PN to RN also includes the above and BIO142.
- SDV100/101 is not part of the calculation since the grade is Pass/Fail. Any pre-req course that has a posted Pass/Fail grade will not be used to calculate admission GPA.
- When transfer courses are used to satisfy the pre-requisite courses, the transfer grades are included in the calculation.
- If a student has multiple enrollments in a single course, the **most recent grade, not the highest** is included in the calculation.

# Nursing Curriculum

## Gen-Ed Courses to Complete

**These courses are part of the nursing curriculum and are recommended for completion prior to applying and are not calculated in the pre-requisite GPA.**

**All courses must be completed with a grade of “B” or higher**

- **These 2 BIO courses are recommended to be taken over the summer**
  - **BIO 142**, Anatomy and Physiology II - **Pre-req for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester nursing classes** and must be completed before for NSG152 and NSG170 registration
  - **BIO 150**, Introduction to Microbiology – **Pre-req for 3<sup>rd</sup> semester nursing classes** and must be completed before NSG210 and NSG211 registration

**Recommended to complete these 2 courses in a summer session before graduation:**

- **ENG112** (Replaces CST 100 Public Speaking or CST 126 Interpersonal Communications)
- **PHI 220** Ethics

**Students are encouraged to complete these courses prior to entering the nursing program or during a summer term to lessen course workload and facilitate success.**

# Reference & Resume

## One Academic reference required for application

- From any pre-requisite nursing course faculty (BIO faculty preferred)
- If an Academic reference cannot be obtained, a Professional reference will be accepted from a current or former supervisor.
- Request a reference from your provider and notify them that NursingCAS will send link to complete the reference section of your on-line application. References are a part of your application through [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org) and not a separate process.

*New NursingCAS information for how to submit application documents  
is posted on the Nursing webpage at*

<https://www.vpcc.edu/health/nursing/application-forms-and-requirements.html>

- A resume for work experience is **highly recommended**, but not required, and should be included in the EXPERIENCE portion of your application at [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org).
- Dual Enrollment Applicants – Reference is not required; Resume is optional.

# Apply ON-LINE to [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org)

## Declare Day or Evening/Weekend Preference:

- Select your preferred cohort - Day or Evening/Weekend.
  - Select your preferred cohort **AND** EITHER if you wish consideration for either cohort (as back up if you are not selected for your preferred cohort).
  - Select only EITHER if you have no cohort preference and will agree to the cohort that you are selected into.
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- Ensure all transcripts have been uploaded and applicable information and data has been entered into your application.
  - Ensure your resume has been uploaded.
  - Ensure all fields and information has been entered and completed.
  - **Application fee of \$60** will be charged with application submission.

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# Pre-Entrance Testing

**ATI TEAS Admissions Exam - Required for admission by both RN degree program and PN to RN Bridge classes.**

- Must be taken on campus at the College – Tests will start at 10am in Hampton III in Room 734 A/B. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Previous test results taken elsewhere are not accepted.
- Tests will be scheduled during the last weeks of September for PN-RN applicants and first week of September 2023 for both RN and PN-Rn applicants. Monitor **Step #10** of the Applications webpage at <https://www.vpcc.edu/health/nursing/application-forms-and-requirements.html> for test schedule & additional information.
- **AFTER** application is complete/submitted and transcripts uploaded to [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org), please email your request to schedule the TEAS exam to [PSAHHS@vpcc.edu](mailto:PSAHHS@vpcc.edu). Include your full name, student ID #, phone # and to which program you are applying to (RN degree or PN-RN Bridge/Transition) in your email request.
- **Create your ATI account ONLY. DO NOT PAY OR REGISTER for a test** until test day. A **test fee of \$70** will be paid just before the test begins. Please bring a photo ID and credit card to campus on test day.
- Scores are valid for two application cycles and can be re-used. If retaken, most recent score is counted, not the highest. If you tested in fall 2022, you would need to test again.

**Minimum** score must be in the **45<sup>th</sup> percentile** (not raw TEAS score)

**Admission Average TEAS = 85<sup>th</sup> percentile**

- You will have access to your score report in your ATI account – no need to submit your scores with your application (Nursing staff can access your scores directly).
- Content: Math, Reading, English, Science - Allow up to 4 hours to complete

# Pre-Entrance Testing (Continued)

- Special Instructions
  - Bring your log-in info with you on test day. Test proctor cannot log you in if you forget it.
  - Be on time and ready to log in a few minutes prior to test start time!
  - Bring photo ID and credit card for payment

Study Guide/ Practice test are available for purchase online at [TEAS Prep - For Students | ATI \(atitesting.com\)](https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep-for-students)

Test Taking Tips: Take a practice test, assess weakest areas, focus studying where weakest, set a timer



# Admissions Decisions

- **Students ranked based on the following:**
  - Pre-requisite curricular GPA and TEAS test score
  - Consideration is given to work experience in allied health professions, military service, previous higher degrees
- **Notification letters sent to all applicants** (conditional acceptance, alternate, or not accepted with justification):
  - End of April for Feb-March RN and PN-RN applicants at Hampton campus
  - Beginning of November for Sept. applicants at HT campus
  - Mid-March for PN to RN Bridge (for two fall courses in Hampton that start in August)

# How Can I Increase My Chances of Being Admitted?

- Strive for High GPA to be competitive
- Prepare for the ATI TEAS exam:
  - Take a practice test, then remediate or focus studying in weakest areas – Study, Study, Study
  - Set a timer to get used to taking timed test

# Questions

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# What You Need to Know about being a Virginia Peninsula Nursing Student

# What does conditional acceptance mean?

**Each of the following conditions must be met:**

- Orientation Session: MANDATORY attendance
  - **Review** website for required forms and instructions; **do not do anything** until notified
- Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screening
- CPR Certification- Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers (American Heart Association [AHA]) **ONLY**
- Physical Requirements: Physical Exam, Immunizations/Titers
- COVID-19 Vaccinations and Boosters are Required for Clinical
- Uniform Purchase

# Program Costs and Out of Pocket Expenses

- **College Tuition & Fees (Current \$164.81 per credit)**
- **PN-RN Bridge:** NSG115 (4 Credits) – NSG115 is NOT Financial Aid eligible.
- **Post-Admission Requirements**
  - Background check, drug screening, uniforms, physical requirements, CPR certification
  - Approximately \$700
- **Textbooks**
  - Students must purchase textbooks and required comprehensive testing package (NCLEX prep) approximately \$700 per semester.
  - PN-RN Students will purchase 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester packages before starting 1<sup>st</sup> semester approximately \$1,400.

# Nursing Program Costs

- **Uniforms** – Available for purchase through the Bookstore where Financial Aid may be used and may purchase from any vendor/store that has “eggplant” as a color option for top and bottoms; white only for lab coat. Name badges and patches must be purchased from VPCC bookstore.
- **Nursing Licensure**
  - Approximately \$600.00 (subject to change)

# Program Information

- Disciplined Day and Evening/Weekend program
  - Days – LEC and LAB on M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm, CLN on M-F, time varies.
  - Eves – LEC and LAB on M-F 3:00pm to 11:30pm with some labs on the weekend. CLN will be in the evenings and weekends, time varies.
- Requires significant time investment
- Professionalism required
- Passing score of 80% required in nursing courses
- Clinical & classroom components offered together
- Strict attendance policy
- The department registers you for nursing classes
- Nursing courses are scheduled at specific times in a specific order, so very little flexibility with scheduling



# Program Information (Continued)

- 4 semester program (tracked curriculum)
- Clinical Sites may vary
- Clinical days can start as early as 0630 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. 1<sup>st</sup> semester is usually 7:00am to 1:00pm
- Eves/weekend clinical start times vary (i.e., 6:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm)
- Strict clinical dress code
- Must comply with clinical agency requirements and guidelines

# Program Information (Continued)

- Maximum of 2 enrollments in any nursing course
  - Includes withdrawals, failures, LOA, etc.
- One course failure allowed
- Must complete program within 6 semesters from start date.

# Potential Clinical Rotations

- Patriots Colony
- The Chesapeake
- Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center
- Sentara Careplex Hospital
- Mary Immaculate Hospital
- Riverside Regional Medical Center
- Eastern State Hospital
- Medi-hospice
- Sentara Hospice
- VA Peninsula Foodbank

# Program Highlights

- Pinning Ceremony
- Student Nurses Association (SNA)
- Dual Enrollment Program w/ ODU
- Articulation Agreements
  - VCU, HU, ODU, & NSU, Lynchburg College, WGU, George Washington University, Bluefield College, Bellevue University, and many others

# Employment Opportunities

- This program of study is designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills required for employment as entry-level registered nurses in physician's offices, clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and mental health facilities.
- This program of study allows students the opportunity to articulate to a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) at four-year colleges and universities. Students should contact the specific four-year institution for further information.

# Contact Information

## Nursing Department Office

- Hampton Campus
  - Hampton III Building, Room 747 (525 Butler Farm Road)
  - **Website:**

<https://www.vpcc.edu/health/nursing/application-forms-and-requirements.html>

For questions/concerns, contact:

The nursing office at **825-2808** or email: [\*\*psahhs@vpcc.edu\*\*](mailto:psahhs@vpcc.edu)

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