

# VIRGINIA PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **NURSING PROGRAM** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. Why do I need to submit high school transcripts?

High school transcripts are a VA Board of Nursing requirement and are not required by VA Peninsula. Please submit your high school transcript as soon as possible. One year of high school Chemistry and Algebra are required. If you have not taken 1 year of these classes, you must complete them at the college level. MTH154 or MDE Math Modules are required for Algebra and CHM01 or CHM101 for Chemistry. CHM101 is recommended, as it is transferrable to BSN programs.

If you are unable to submit your transcript, a copy of your diploma can be used as proof of graduation/completion. You will then be required to complete the same CHM101 and MTH154/MDE Math Modules as explained above to fulfill these high school requirements. This also applies to students who have graduated high school from a foreign country, as transcripts and diplomas are often difficult to obtain. This also applies to GEDs.

2. What if I can't get an academic reference?

While one academic reference from a BIO or HLT instructor is preferred, a professional reference or one from a community member or volunteer leader are acceptable.

If you cannot obtain a BIO or HLT references, you can request a reference from any of the five pre-nursing courses. If you have only on-line instructors, please ask them to complete a reference based on your academic performance only.

3. What if I need to apply again? Can I re-use my references?

References cannot be transferred from one application to another. Please request a new reference from your provider in a new email. A new link to the new application will be sent from NursingCAS, and they can submit a new form.

4. Can I get a test accommodation (disabilities) for the HESI A2 admissions exam?

Yes, please contact the Office of Accessibility to complete the required paperwork. You will be eligible for double time (8 hours) and will test in a quiet, distraction free room. After you have an approved test accommodation form, please email it to [PSAHHS@tncc.edu](mailto:PSAHHS@tncc.edu) to arrange your test date.

5. What if I am in a nursing program at another institution and want to transfer to VA Peninsula?

You may be eligible to transfer into VA Peninsula's nursing program depending on space availability in the classes/level that you need. Please send an email to our program head (Jenni Jones, [JonesJe@vcc.edu](mailto:JonesJe@vcc.edu)) to explain the circumstances of your transfer request and provide some background on your situation and intent for our program. Please include a letter of good standing from your program head along with unofficial transcripts for review. The five pre-nursing courses (BIO141, ENG111, MTH154, PSY230, and SDV100) required for our program must be completed before your transfer can be approved.

6. How much does the nursing program cost, and what are all the out-of-pocket expenses?

The total cost of the nursing program is approximately \$15,0000. This includes tuition and school fees, textbooks, uniforms and lab supplies, background check and drug screen, physical exam and immunizations, CPR certification, and ATI products and assessments, and NCLEX live review.