VPCC Nursing Program

INFORMATION

SESSION

VIRGINIA PENINSULA®
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Overview

- Discuss program application requirements
- Provide an overview of application steps
- Inform about approximate program costs
- Answer questions
- Provide with contact information & tips

Virginia Peninsula Community College
2-Yr AAS RN Program

► **Teaches the art and science of nursing**

  ► Offers classes in varied disciplines to provide a comprehensive education that meets the standards and guidelines set by the Virginia Board of Nursing

  ► Upon successful completion, students are eligible to take the NextGen NCLEX-RN exam for licensure as a registered nurse

► **Goals**

  ► Prepare students to pass the NextGen NCLEX-RN on the 1st attempt

  ► Assist graduates to gain entry-level employment as RNs

  ► Provide graduates with the tools to continue education & earn a BSN

  ► Develop students who are generally educated citizens who function in a global community

PN to RN Career Bridge Classes

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- 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 choose which cohort & campus of the RN degree program they wish to join – Day or Evening/Weekend

  - Hampton campus starts in August and Historic Triangle starts in January.

- The ADN Professional Nursing degree plan will be declared as primary program in SIS at Orientation, before NSG 115 & NSG 200 begin

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 waived.

- Submit application and high school transcript. Reference is not required and a resume is optional.

- Work with Dual Enrollment Advisors for eligibility:
  - Maggie Haley – **haleym@vpcc.edu**
  - Linda Hubbard – **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

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 24	November 15	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 March 31 September 1 to October 24	Early March November 15	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 completed electronically on the website: **https://www.vpcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-virginia-peninsula/index.html**

  - 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** **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 Director (JonesJe@vpcc.edu) to discuss any issues 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** 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** and enter applicable info and data into your application.

- Submit **official** high school and college transcripts to VPCC 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
  - Email – 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

Complete Program Entrance Requirements

▶ **High School Requirements:**

▶ **1 Year of Chemistry** with grade of "C" or higher (or CHM 1, CHM 101, or higher). CHM101 is recommended, transferrable to a 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).

▶ GED Certificates are accepted.

▶ Unofficial transcripts must be uploaded to **www.NursingCAS.org** as part of your application.

Please visit the Steps to Application webpage at

https://www.vpcc.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 (SDV requirement is waived if previous college degree is held)**
- ► **ENG 111 College Composition I**
- ► **MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning**
- ► **PSY 230 Developmental Psychology**
- ► **BIO 141 Anatomy and Physiology I**
- ► **BIO 142 A&P II also required for PN-RN Applicants**

► Recommend Completion in <u>Summer Sessions</u> after above Pre-Reqs are taken

- ► **BIO 150** Microbiology
- • **ENG 112** College Composition II
- • **PHI 220** Ethics

ALL BIO AND MTH CLASSES EXPIRE AFTER 5 YEARS

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)
  - 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.

- ▶ **These 2 BIO courses are recommended to be taken over the summer**

  - ▶ **BIO 142,** Anatomy and Physiology II **- Pre-req for 2nd semester nursing classes** and must be completed before for NSG 152 and NSG 170 registration

  - ▶ **BIO 150,** Introduction to Microbiology – **Pre-req for 3rd semester nursing classes** and must be completed before NSG 210 and NSG 211 registration

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

  - ▶ **ENG 112**

  - ▶ **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.

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.

▶ 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.**

New NursingCAS information is posted on the Nursing webpage at

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

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 faculty and notify them that NursingCAS will send a link to complete the reference section of your online application. References are a part of your application through **www.NursingCAS.org** and not a separate process.

▶ A resume for work experience is highly recommended and should be included (if you choose) in the EXPERIENCE portion of your application at www.NursingCAS.org.

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

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**, please email your request to schedule the TEAS exam to **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.

Minimum score must be in the **45th national percentile** (not raw TEAS score)

Admission Average TEAS = 85th 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).

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)**

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

Admissions Decisions

▶ **Students are 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 are sent to all applicants** (conditional acceptance, alternate, or not accepted with justification):

   ▶ End of April for spring applicants to fall start at Hampton

   ▶ Beginning of November for fall applicants to spring start at HT campus

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

▶ Ask for assistance for any items that are confusing to avoid missing requirements

Questions ???

"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 $169.60 per credit) (Virginia Resident)
  - **PN-RN Bridge:** NSG 115 (4 Credits) – NSG 115 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 $3000.00 divided into 3-4 payments
- **Uniforms –** Scrubs may be purchased anywhere. Financial Aid may be used for scrubs in the bookstore. The only accepted color is "eggplant" for shirts and pants; students can purchase an eggplant scrub jacket (in identical shade from same brand only) or a white lab coat with length that doesn't extend below the fingertips. *Name badges and patches must be purchased from VPCC bookstore.*
- **Nursing Licensure**
  - Approximately $500.00 (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)

► Must take courses in sequence, as designed in the college catalog

► 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

- ▶ Supportive & involved faculty

- ▶ Close-knit student body

- ▶ Community Outreach & Volunteering

- ▶ Professional Mentoring & Externship Opportunities

- ▶ Structured & individualized NCLEX study plan with personal nurse educator

- ▶ Student Nurses Association (SNA)

- ▶ Dual Enrollment Program w/ ODU & Riverside College of Health Sciences

- ▶ Articulation Agreements

  - ▶ VCU, HU, ODU, & NSU, Lynchburg College, WGU, George Washington University, Bluefield College, Bellevue University, and many others

- ▶ Pinning Ceremony

Nursing Program 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 **757-825-2808** or email: **psahhs@vpcc.edu**

Questions

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