

# NURSING PROGRAM STEPS TO APPLICATION

1. Ensure you are a Virginia Peninsula Community College student with a valid student ID number. Apply on-line at [https://www.apply.vccs.edu/applications/vccs/apply.html?application\\_id=4096](https://www.apply.vccs.edu/applications/vccs/apply.html?application_id=4096) to submit a college application. Placement tests may be required.

## 2. Pre-requisite Course Requirements:

- BIO141 - Anatomy & Physiology I
- ENG111 - English Composition I
- MTH154 - Quantitative Reasoning (Replaces HLT230)
- PSY230 - Developmental Psychology
- SDV101 - Orientation to Health Sciences (Replaces SDV100)
- BIO142 - Anatomy & Physiology II (**for PN-RN bridge applicants ONLY**)

**For the fall 2023 application period, the original 5 pre-reqs will be accepted (BIO141, ENG111, HLT230, PSY230 and SDV100) as well as the new MTH154 and SDV101.**

SDV100 and HLT230 will no longer be accepted after the fall 2023 application period, and MTH154 and SDV101 will need to be taken in order to apply in the spring 2024. Fall 2023 is the last application period course substitutions for MTH154 will be accepted. Course substitutions will no longer be accepted for spring 2024 applications and the new MTH154 and SDV101 must be completed.

Should SDV101 not be offered as a FA23 course offering as planned, please register for SDV100 instead. SDV100 credit will be accepted, and a course substitution form will be required to award credit for SD101.

Any science or math pre-req or gen-ed class (BIO141, BIO142, BIO150 and MTH154) **expires after 5 years of completion** and will need to be retaken. If BIO142 and BIO150 have already been completed and are less than 5 years old at application, these do not need to be retaken if they expire after acceptance to the nursing program.

**All pre-reqs must be completed with a grade of B or higher** for nursing application, even though the College accepts a C grade for transfer credit. It is **NOT recommended** to repeat any course already passed in order to improve chances of selection. Instead, please study and prepare for the ATI TEAS admissions exam so you perform above the benchmark for application.

**A minimum curricular GPA for these pre-req classes must be at least 3.0 to be eligible for application.** Any course that posts a P grade will not be included in this curricular GPA calculation. With program approval, the cumulative GPA may be used for application if a curricular GPA of the 4 pre-req courses cannot be calculated. SDV101 is not included in the curricular GPA.

3. **Official college transcripts** for previous degree or courses taken must be submitted for evaluation of transfer credit. Please visit: [Request for Transfer Credit Evaluation Web link](#) for direction on how and where to send your transcripts and to request the evaluation. Please email [Admissions@vpcc.edu](mailto:Admissions@vpcc.edu) if you have questions or need assistance with this process.

**PN-RN bridge** students must submit transcripts as above and must also submit official of transcripts for **PN education**. **BIO150** is a pre-req for 3<sup>rd</sup> semester nursing classes and must be completed before joining the RN degree students; **ensure to take this class in a summer session.**

4. **Official high school transcript or GED transcript** must be submitted. Please email [Admissions@vpcc.edu](mailto:Admissions@vpcc.edu) if you have questions or need assistance with submitting this transcript or call 757-825-2700.

- A grade of C for one year of high school Chemistry is required by the Board of Nursing. If this course was not completed in high school, it may be completed at the college level in CHM101.

- A grade of C for one year of high school Algebra is required by the Board of Nursing. If this course was not completed in high school, it may be completed at the college level in MTH154 or other higher level math course.
- If you **attended high school in a foreign country** and cannot obtain your transcript, your diploma will be accepted to show completion of secondary education. Please ensure translation if necessary. College Algebra and Chemistry will be required if high school transcript.

5. **Contact an Advisor BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1** at <https://www.vpcc.edu/advising> to set up an appointment to ensure all pre-req requirements are complete and that you are eligible to apply.

6. **Attend a virtual information session.** Please review **Fall 2023 Nursing Information** presentation slides are being updated and will be posted here soon. Please review the spring information session here / [2023 Info Session PP Presentation](#) / . Attendance at an information session is **no longer required, but strongly recommended.**

A live review of Fall 2023 application requirements and process, a brief overview of the nursing program, and a Q&A session with program head will be held on:

- **Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm** – Please use Zoom link \_\_\_\_\_ to join this session.
- **Friday, September 8, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** –Please use Zoom link \_\_\_\_\_ to join this session.
- **Tuesday, September 19, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** – Please use Zoom link \_\_\_\_\_ to join this session. This is the **LAST** information session of the Fall 2023 RN and PN-RN application period.
- **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** - Please use Zoom link \_\_\_\_\_ to join this session.
- **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** - Please use Zoom link \_\_\_\_\_ to join this session. This is the **LAST** information session of the fall 2023 semester. Information Sessions will resume in January 2024.

Please also plan to **attend our Nursing Open House** scheduled for **September 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm** at the Historic Triangle campus. Click here for more details: [Nursing Open House Flyer](#)

7. Request a **reference** from a Biology or Health (**preferred**) faculty member (full-time or adjunct) from any higher education institution. A professional reference may be submitted as an alternate if a BIO or HLT instructor reference cannot be obtained. Please contact your reference provider to ask them to complete the reference section of your NursingCAS application and to look for an emailed link from NursingCAS. A separate reference form is no longer required.

8. A **resume** for your work experience may also be included in your NursingCAS application. Please complete the EXPERIENCE portion of the NursingCAS application to include your work history, any medical or allied health experience you may have, as well as any military service. Upload a copy of your resume to NursingCAS (if desired, not required).

**PLEASE APPLY EARLY SO YOU HAVE TIME  
TO STUDY AND PREPARE  
FOR THE ATI TEAS ADMISSIONS EXAM**

9. **Complete the on-line application at [NursingCAS.org](https://www.nursingcas.org)** for the program you wish to apply:

All applications must be received BEFORE 5:00 pm on **Sunday, October 8.**

**An application fee of \$55 is required upon application submission.**

For the **RN degree program**, applications will be ranked for Day or Evening/Weekend selection based on the cohort you select:

- If you also select **DAYS and EITHER**, your application will be considered for both days and evening/weekends. This implies you prefer DAYS but allows your application to be considered for the Evening/Weekend program if you are not selected for DAYS.
- The same holds true if you select **EVENING/WEEKEND and EITHER**.
- If you select **EITHER only**, this means you have no preference and can be placed in either DAY or EVENING/WEEKEND cohorts depending on your ranking.

The **PN-RN Bridge** application is for 2 courses (NSG115 and NSG200) in day-only fall sessions in Hampton. **NSG115 is not Financial Aid eligible and must be paid out of pocket.** Upon completion of these 2 classes, applicants are eligible to join RN degree students in the 3rd semester at the Hampton campus in August 2024 or at the Williamsburg campus in January 2025. Advanced standing credit for 1st and 2nd semester nursing courses will be awarded after successful completion of NSG115 and NSG200.

**Please be prepared to:**

- Upload **copies** of college transcripts for nursing pre-req classes (BIO141, ENG111, MTH154, PSY230, and SDV10. **PN-RN Bridge** applicants ensure BIO142 (and BIO150 if already completed) is listed on the transcript.
- Upload **copy** of high school transcript for proof of graduation and completion of Algebra and Chemistry.
- **PN-RN Bridge** applicants must also upload a copy of transcripts for PN Education and a copy of their PN license.
- Request a reference from a BIO or HLT instructor.
- Complete the Experience section of the application for your employment, medical experience, or military service and upload a resume.
- Schedule your ATI TEAS exam.

10. **ATI TEAS Admissions Testing**– Please review TEAS information at [TEAS Exam Details | ATI \(atitesting.com\)](#) will be administered in the **Hampton III Building (525 Butler Farm Road, Hampton) in Room 734 A/B from 10am to 2pm (Don't be late!)** Please email [PSAHHS@vpcc.edu](mailto:PSAHHS@vpcc.edu) to schedule your exam after the application period has opened and your pre-reqs are all complete.

**Fall 2023 TEAS Testing Schedule**

- Friday, September 22, 2023
- Friday, September 29, 2023
- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Additional test dates will be added as necessary -- 50 Students Per Test Session

Create your **username and password ONLY** for your ATI Testing account at [How to create an ATI Student Account \(atitesting.com\)](#). Click on Create Account at the top of the page just below the orange bar. **DO NOT REGISTER for an exam** at this time. Test registration will take place on exam day. Please visit <https://help.atitesting.com/create-an-ati-account> for additional direction and assistance.

The exam costs **\$70 (includes July 1 \$5 increase)** payable on-line on test day. **DO NOT PAY IN ADVANCE.** Please bring your credit card and driver's license or student ID with you on test day. Payment will be made, and your test will begin.

TEAS is a 4-hour general knowledge exam that tests reading comprehension, grammar, math, and science. The test will begin at **10 am; late arrivals will not be admitted.**

If you have previously taken the ATI TEAS exam elsewhere, unfortunately, those results are not accepted by the nursing program. This exam **must be** taken through Virginia Peninsula Community College.

Scores are valid for two application cycles and can be used twice. The most recent score is counted, not the highest score. If you tested in Fall 2022, you need to test again.

Please purchase the ATI TEAS study guides, tutorials and practice tests at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep>. Here is a SmartPrep flyer for more information [*SmartPrep Flyer*].

Please visit local libraries, etc. for other remediation materials. More information for practice tests and remediation materials will be added here as new information becomes available.

Please prepare for this high-stakes exam early by taking a practice test to assess the areas in which you are weakest and then focus your studying in those areas. Set a timer to practice taking a timed test.

Please visit <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-on-campus-at-institution> to learn more for what to expect and do on test day and visit ATI's Help Center at <https://help.atitesting.com/ati-teas-version-7> for additional information on the exam, scoring and transcripts.

Decision letters will be sent electronically by the middle/end of October to all applicants to both the RN degree program and PN-RN bridge classes. All applicants will receive written notification sent to student email @email.vccs.edu addresses.