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 1st 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.
- 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 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**
  - 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 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 September 30	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	February 1 to February 28	Early March	Fall Day Only – Up to 10 Students
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**

- 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** **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)to discuss any concerns that may inhibit acceptance <u>prior</u> to application**.

- Complete college placement tests (math, reading, and writing)
- Complete any developmental courses that are required

Submit Official Transcripts

- Upload **<u>unofficial</u>** 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 **<u>unofficial</u>** transcripts from other colleges if applicable to **www.NursingCAS.org** and enter applicable info and data into your application.

- Submit **<u>official</u>** 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
  - In rare cases, official transcripts may also be sent electronically from your Registrar's Office.

Please visit the Steps to Application webpage at
https://vpcc.edu/health/nursing/information-and-resources 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.

- <u>Unofficial</u> transcripts must be uploaded to **www.NursingCAS.org** as part of your application.

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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)**
  - **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 for the SP23 and FA23 application cycles ONLY. 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

  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

- **ENG 112**, College Composition II (**Replaces CST100 or CST126**) – Gen-Ed, Program Graduation Requirement, not an application requirement

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 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 2nd semester nursing classes** and must be completed before for NSG152 and NSG170 registration
  - **BIO 150**, Introduction to Microbiology – **Pre-req for 3rd 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-nursing course faculty (BIO and HLT faculty preferred)

- If an Academic reference cannot be obtained, a Professional reference will be accepted from a current or former supervisor.

- Notify your reference provider that NursingCAS will send link to complete the reference section of your on-line application. References are now part of your application through **www.NursingCAS.org** and no longer a separate process. A separate reference form is no longer required.

  New NursingCAS information for how to submit application documents is posted on the Nursing webpage at
  https://tncc.edu/health/nursing/information-and-resources

- 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**.

- Dual Enrollment Applicants – Reference is not required; Resume is optional.

Apply ON-LINE to www.NursingCAS.org

<u>Declare Day or Evening/Weekend Preference:</u>

- 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 $55 will be charged with application submission.**

New NursingCAS information is posted on the Nursing webpage at
https://tncc.edu/health/nursing/information-and-resources

Pre-Entrance Testing

<u>*ATI TEAS Admissions Exam*</u> *- 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.

- Tests will be scheduled during the last week of February for PN-RN applicants and the last 2 weeks of March 2023 for RN applicants. Monitor **Step #10** of the Applications webpage at **https://www.vpcc.edu/health/nursing/application-forms-and-requirements** 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 number, and phone number.

- **Create your ATI account ONLY. DO NOT PAY OR REGISTER for a test** until test day. A **test fee of $65** 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 spring 2022, you would need to test again.

Minimum score must be in the **45th percentile** (not raw HESI A2 score)
Admission Average HESI = 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).

- 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)](atitesting.com)**

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 applicants at Hampton campus
  - End of October 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 $160 per credit)**

- **PN-RN Bridge:** NSG115 (4 Credits) – NSG115 is **<u>NOT</u>** 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.
  - **<u>PN-RN Students</u>** will purchase 1st and 2nd semester packages before starting 1st 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 <u>must be</u> 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 4:00pm 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 2nd Semester. 1st 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:**

httpp:www.vpcc.edu/health/nursing/information_and_resources

For questions/concerns, contact:

The nursing office at **825-2808** or email: **psahhs@vpcc.edu**

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