



The Peninsula's 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 Thomas Nelson. 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. ALG158 or Math Modules 1-5 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 CHM01/CHM101 and ALG158/Math Modules 1-5 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.

2. What if I can't get two references?

While one academic reference from a BIO or HLT instructor and one professional reference is preferred, any combination of these or even from a community or volunteer references are acceptable. If you cannot obtain the two recommended 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. If you do not have two academic references, two professional or personal references will be accepted.

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

References are indefinite and be re-used. Information session certificates expire after 1 year or 2 application periods. When you send your notice of intent to apply again, please also send a note to Kristin May (maykr@tncc.edu) to request your intent to re-use these application documents. She will forward them to Enrollment Services to include with your new application packet.

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

Yes, please contact the Disabilities Office 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 your test accommodation form, please contact Kristin May (maykr@tncc.edu) to arrange your test date.

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

You are eligible to transfer into Thomas Nelson's nursing program into depending on space availability in the classes/level that you need. Please send an email to our program heads (Crystal Clark clarkc@tncc.edu and Dorothy Wentworth wentworthd@tncc.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 their review. The five pre-nursing courses (BIO141, ENG111, HLT230, 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 HESI remediation and NCLEX live review. [Nursing Program Cost Sheet](#)

7. How do I transfer Pre-Req Credits from other VCCS colleges?

Please meet with a Thomas Nelson Advisor (757-825-2993) to review your transcript from other institutions and ensure an official copy is sent to Enrollment Services for evaluation. There is an on-line form that must be completed to request an evaluation. Once the evaluation is complete, please meet with your advisor again to ensure you are not retaking courses unnecessarily and that you are on track for application.

8. Do pre-requisite courses expire?

No, pre-requisites do not expire. In the past BIO courses expired after 10 years, but this limitation is no longer placed on BIO141, BIO142 or BIO150. Expiration dates do not apply to any nursing pre-requisite courses.