

# Nursing Program

Information

Session

Spring 2020

# Information Session

- What is the purpose?
  - Provide accurate information and direction for the application process
  - Provide summary of important nursing program requirements and information
- Certificate of Attendance awarded at conclusion of session
  - Attach to your application
  - Valid for one year or two application periods
  - Welcome to attend multiple sessions

# Thomas Nelson Nursing 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 exam for licensure as a registered nurse
- **Goals**
  - Pass the NCLEX-RN on the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt
  - Gain entry-level employment as RNs
  - Continue education & earn a BSN
  - Develop as generally educated citizens who function in a global community

# 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
Nursing Pre-Licensure	Hampton	February 1 to March 31	May 1	Fall (Up to 60 students)
Nursing Pre-Licensure	Historic Triangle	September 1 to September 30	November 1	Spring (Up to 30 students)
**LPN to RN	Historic Triangle	February 1 to February 28	May 1	Fall (Acceptance Varies based on space available)
**LPN to RN	Hampton	September 15 to October 15	November 1	Spring (Acceptance Varies based on space available)

# Apply to the College

- The application for admission to the college is available on the web site at [www.tncc.edu](http://www.tncc.edu)
- The application must be submitted electronically
- Complete college placement tests (math, reading, and writing)
- Complete any developmental courses that are required

# Submit Official Transcripts

- Submit official high school transcripts
  - Proof of graduation
  - GED if not a high school graduate
- Submit official transcripts from other colleges if applicable
  - Sent directly from one institution to another or sealed copy
  - Complete request for transfer evaluation (form available online)
- Provide course descriptions or syllabi
- Request transcript evaluations ASAP to ensure time to process before close of application period
- Contact Ms. Edie Gilbert at (757) 825-3517
  - [gilberte@tncc.edu](mailto:gilberte@tncc.edu)

# Complete Program Entrance Requirements

**High school transcripts** (in addition to other college transcripts) must be submitted to fulfill Board of Nursing requirements and **MUST be received before you can apply.**

- **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)

- **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.

# Entrance Requirements, Cont'd

- **Five pre-requisite courses MUST be completed** with a grade of “C” or higher in order to apply to the nursing program:
  - **SDV 100, College Success Skills (Waived if previous degree is held)**
  - **ENG 111, College Composition I**
  - **HLT 230, Principles of Nutrition and Human Development**
  - **PSY 230, Developmental Psychology**
  - **BIO 141, Anatomy and Physiology I**

**In addition to the above, the LPN to RN articulation program also requires:**

- **BIO 142, Anatomy and Physiology II**



# PRE-REQUISITE GPA CALCULATIONS

***Minimum* pre-requisite 2.5 GPA is required**  
**Higher GPA is *beneficial***  
**Admission Average GPA = 3.79**

- Admission GPA is calculated using grades received in the 5 pre-requisite courses listed on previous slide (6 pre-requisite courses for LPN to RN articulation).
- When transfer courses are used to satisfy the pre-requisite courses, those grades are included in the calculation.
- If a student has multiple enrollments in a single course, the **most recent grade** is included in the calculation.

# Nursing Curriculum

## 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 “C” or higher**

- **These 2 BIO courses are recommended to be taken over the summer**
  - **BIO 142, Anatomy and Physiology II**  
**(LPN to RN articulation applicants must complete prior to application, but all others must complete prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the nursing program)**
  - **BIO 150, Introduction to Microbiology II**  
**(LPN to RN articulation requires completion before 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, and RN program requires completion prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester)**
- **CST 100 or CST 126, Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications**
- **PHI 220, Ethics**

**Students are encouraged to complete these courses prior to entering the nursing program to lessen course workload and facilitate success.**

# References

**Required for admission -- Submit sealed reference letters to include with application**

- Reference form and instructions available at:  
<https://tncc.edu/sites/default/files/content-documents/Reference%20Form.pdf>
- Reference forms also available in advisors office
- TWO references are **required**
  - 1 Academic: From a pre-nursing course faculty reference (BIO and HLT faculty preferred)
  - 1 Professional: From a current or former supervisor
  - If you have difficulty in obtaining one of each type of reference, two of the same type are acceptable (or from community, volunteer org, etc.)

# Schedule Appointment to Complete Nursing Application

## Email Notice of Intent to Apply to Enrollment Services *(After application period opens)*

- **Hampton Campus**
  - Send email to Enrollment Services ([NursingApplication@tncc.edu](mailto:NursingApplication@tncc.edu))
- **Historic Triangle Campus**
  - Send email to set up an appointment with Tammera Wright ([wrightt@tncc.edu](mailto:wrightt@tncc.edu)) and list several dates/times of your availability
- Sent from **Thomas Nelson email address**, include your name/student number and state your intent to apply to the nursing program

# Apply in Person

**After Notice of Intent email is received,** Enrollment Services will confirm your eligibility and invite you to submit an application.

- **Hampton:** Griffin Hall, room 208
- **Historic Triangle:** Tammera Wright in Student Services
  - If you visit Enrollment Services before you receive notification to apply, you **WILL NOT** be able to complete **the process** at that time. Please follow these steps.
  - Please submit information session certificate and two references at this time.

# Pre-Entrance Testing

- ***Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)***
  - Requirement for admission by both RN and LPN to RN articulation programs
  - Must be taken at Thomas Nelson
  - Schedule test at time of application submission (last step of application process)
  - Scores valid for two application cycles and can be re-used (most recent is counted, not the highest score)
  - ***Minimum*** score must be in the **45<sup>th</sup> percentile** (not raw TEAS score)

**Admission Average TEAS = 85<sup>th</sup> percentile**

- Content: Math, Reading, English, Science
- Allow up to 4 hours to complete

# Pre-Entrance Testing

- **Cost – \$65.00 (Paid by credit card at time of test)**
- **Special Instructions**
  - **Create an account (user name and password at [www.atitesing.com](http://www.atitesing.com)) prior to test date**
  - **Present valid photo ID (license or school ID)**
  - **Arrive 30 minutes prior to test start time**
  - **Be on time!**
- **Study Guide/ Practice test are available for purchase on line at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)**
  - **\$50 to \$115, depending on product**

# Admissions Decisions

- **Students ranked based on the following:**
  - Pre-requisite curricular GPA and TEAS score
- **Notification letters sent to all applicants (conditional acceptance, alternate, or not accepted with justification):**
  - End of April for Hampton campus
  - End of October for HT campus
  - End of April for LPN to RN Articulation



# 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
  - Set a timer to get used to taking timed test

# Questions

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# What You Need to Know about being a Thomas Nelson Nursing Student

# What does conditional acceptance mean?

**Each of the following conditions must be met:**

- Orientation Session: MANDATORY attendance
  - **View** website only 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
- Uniform Fitting & Purchase

# Nursing Program Costs

- **College Tuition & Fees (Current \$160 per credit)**
- **Post-Admission Requirements**
  - Background check, drug screening, uniforms, physical requirements, CPR certification
  - Approximately \$700.00
- **Textbooks**
  - Approximately \$850.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> semester
  - Approximately \$1500 total for program – all books are purchased in first year

# Nursing Program Costs

- **Standardized Testing Fees** (Includes an NCLEX-RN Live Review Course at the completion of the program)
  - Approximately \$700.00 (subject to change) with **4 payments required.**

*Please factor this into your budget each term!*

- **Nursing Licensure**
  - Approximately \$475.00 (subject to change)

# Program Information

- Disciplined program
- 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

- Maximum of 2 enrollments in nursing courses
  - Includes withdrawals, failures, etc.
- One course failure allowed
- Must complete program within 3 years



# Program Information

- 4 semester program (tracked curriculum)
- Clinical Sites may vary
- Clinical days can start as early as 0630
- Currently only a daytime program (Mon.- Fri.)
- Strict clinical dress code
- Must comply with clinical agency requirements and guidelines

# 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:**  
**[http://www.tncc.edu/health/nursing/information\\_and\\_resources](http://www.tncc.edu/health/nursing/information_and_resources)**

For questions/concerns, contact:

The nursing office at 825-2808 or email: [maykr@tncc.edu](mailto:maykr@tncc.edu)

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