

**BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE & PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS
NURSING ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST**

This checklist is to be used as a guide for interested nursing students. Please understand that it is the student's responsibility to fully read and comprehend the Admission Policies and Procedures for details. The criteria listed in this packet are valid for the application year 2010-2011.

If you have questions, please seek assistance from a BCC counselor or the Nursing Department.

1. Obtain a Nursing packet _____
2. Apply to college _____
3. Complete COMPASS Test (if required) _____
4. See Student Services Counselor _____
5. Obtain Transcripts _____
6. Complete Pre-requisites _____
7. Complete TEAS Test _____

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

8. Orientation _____
9. CPR, Health Form and Immunizations _____
10. Background check/drug test _____

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Bladen Community College subscribes to an “open door” admission policy. However, due to the complexity of health care, legal responsibilities of nursing practice, and required academic standards, there are selective admission criteria for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing Education (PNE) programs. The ADN and PNE programs adhere to the college policy of providing nondiscriminatory, inclusive access for all qualified students who meet these selective admission criteria. Students are admitted to the programs in the fall semester. Student applications will be processed only after all requirements have been met. All requirements must be completed prior to the application deadline in order to be considered for admission in the fall semester. The Vice President of Student Services and staff are responsible for administering all admission policies. **The nursing applicant is responsible to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline of May 13, 2011.**

Guidelines, policies, and deadlines apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exception. All applicants to the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing Programs must complete the following:

1. **Nursing Packet** - Obtain nursing admission packet from a counselor in the Student Services Department, the Nursing Department Secretary (located in the Health Education Building), or a high school guidance counselor.
2. **Application**- Complete general college application requirements in the Office of Student Services. Please complete the *nursing application* on the day of your scheduled entrance test, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
3. **COMPASS Test** – Complete the COMPASS, the college placement test. If the following cut scores are not met, the applicant must take the recommended sequence of developmental courses before taking the entrance test (TEAS).
 - Reading 81
 - Writing 70
 - Pre-Algebra 47
 - Algebra 46SAT scores of 475 (or higher) for verbal/critical reading and 475 (or higher) for math will be accepted in lieu of the COMPASS Test. See *COMPASS Test schedule for other possible exemptions*.
4. **Program Counseling** - Immediately following the COMPASS test, applicant will be counseled by a member of the Student Services Counseling Staff.

5. **High School Transcript** - Applicants must have an *official* high school, adult high school or GED (General Educational Development) transcript sent to the college.
6. **College Transcripts** – Applicants must have *official* transcripts from all post-secondary education courses sent directly from the forwarding institution to the college. Student copies are not acceptable.
7. **Pre-requisites (courses required *prior to admission*)** - Applicants must have completed the following courses or their equivalents as determined by the Vice President of Student Services, with a grade of “C” or better. **The following pre-requisite courses must have been completed within five (5) years:**
 - **Associate Degree Nursing**
 - High School Biology or Biology 110/111 or an equivalent **(must have been completed within five years)**
 - High School Chemistry or Chemistry 090 or an equivalent **(must have been completed within five years)**
 - Nursing Assistant I Certification with current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry (without substantiated findings) **by May 13, 2011**
 - **Practical Nursing**
 - High School Biology or Biology 110/111 or an equivalent **(must have been completed within five years)**
 - Nursing Assistant I Certification with current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry (without substantiated findings) **by May 13, 2011**
8. **Nursing Entrance Test:** Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC offers the **Test of Essential Academic Skills – TEAS V®** for short. This test has four parts:
 - **Reading** – paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions (42 items, 58 minutes)
 - **Math** – whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion (30 items, 51 minutes)
 - **Science** –science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science (48 items, 66 minutes)
 - **English and Language Usage** – punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling (30 items, 34 minutes)

****Students must score a minimum of 58 on the TEAS Test to be eligible for admission.***

Applicants will follow the directions listed separately in this packet to register and take the TEAS.

Dates for testing are scheduled through the office of Student Services. The TEAS is paid for online, with a debit or credit card, the day of the test.

See Tommy Rains, the BCC Testing Coordinator, (Building 2, Room 118) for scheduling and information on study aids.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAMS

- 1. Notification Letters:** Acceptance letters, letters to alternates, and letters to those not accepted to the programs will be sent by **June 17, 2011**. In the event that any student selected declines acceptance or fails to register during the designated registration period, alternates will be granted admission based upon their rank and the number of positions available.
- 2. Orientation** - Prior to the fall semester, students accepted to the ADN and PNE Programs **must** attend a two-day orientation seminar at BCC in July. Handbooks, policies and procedures, uniform and supply information, and other pertinent data will be discussed. Information regarding this orientation will be attached to the acceptance letter.
- 3. CPR and Health Evaluation Form-** Verification of Adult/Child CPR and a completed medical evaluation, with immunization records must be submitted to the nursing secretary by September 1, 2011. State approved medical evaluation forms are available in the office of Student Services, located in Building 2.
- 4. Criminal Background Check and Drug Testing-** Be advised that most clinical agencies now require background checks and drug testing before a student may enter their facility. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny any student access to a facility based on their criminal background or a positive drug test. If access is denied to the clinical facility, the student will be unable to complete the requirements of the nursing program, which will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SCORING PROCESS

The point system was developed as an objective means for evaluating Associate Degree and Practical Nursing candidates. Applicants are ranked based on a formula that assigns numerical values to specific criteria.

Acceptance into the ADN and PNE programs will be based upon the highest cumulative scores on the TEAS Test. In addition to the TEAS score, points are awarded for the following:

- Any degree obtained (One year allied health degree, two year or four year degree)
- Any Allied Health Certificate (Phlebotomy, NA II, Surgical Tech, Med Aide, EMT)

Additional points are also awarded for a grade of "B" or better for the completion of the following related courses. **Science courses (i.e. BIO) completed prior to June 15, 2006 will not be considered in the scoring or evaluation process.** Additional points for **both the ADN and PNE** programs:

- **BIO 168** Anatomy & Physiology I
- **BIO 169** Anatomy & Physiology II
- **BIO 275** Microbiology
- **CIS 113** Computer Basics or **CIS 110** Intro To Computers
- **ENG 111** Expository Writing
- **ENG 114** Professional Research and Reporting
- **HUM 115** Critical Thinking
- **MAT 101** Applied Mathematics I
- **OST 141** Medical Terminology I
- **OST 142** Medical Terminology II
- **PSY 110** Life Span Development
- **PSY 150** General Psychology
- **PSY 241** Developmental Psychology

Points are calculated and maintained in the Office of Student Services. A waiting list is not maintained from year to year; therefore, interested students must re-apply each year if not accepted in the nursing programs.

*Any questions regarding **Readmission or Transfer** in the nursing programs should be directed to Mrs. Hinson, Dean of Allied Health, (910-879-5632). Mrs. Hinson's office is located in Room 102 of the Health Education Building.*

**Associate Degree Nursing Program
Course and Hour Requirements
(Beginning Fall 2010)**

FIRST LEVEL

1ST Year Fall -Semester 1	CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDIT
NUR 111 Intro to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
*BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
*ENG 111 Expository Writing	3	0	0	3
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
*ACA 115 Success and Study Skills	0	2	0	<u>1</u>
				19

1ST Year Spring-Semester 2

NUR 112 Health-Illness Concepts (8wks)	3	0	6	5
NUR 114 Holistic Health Concepts (8 wks)	3	0	6	5
*BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
*PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				17

SECOND LEVEL

2nd Year Fall-Semester 3

NUR 113 Family Health Concepts (8wks)	3	0	6	5
NUR 212 Health System Concepts (8wks)	3	0	6	5
NUR 211 Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
*ENG 114 Prof Research and Reporting	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				18

2nd Year Spring-Semester 4

NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
*PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
*CIS 110 Intro to Computers	2	2	0	<u>3</u>
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Total Program Hours	70
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*Courses may be taken prior to admission to the program

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**Practical Nursing Education
Course and Hour Requirements
(Beginning Fall 2010)**

Fall Semester	CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDIT
NUR 101 Practical Nursing I (12 wks)	7	6	6	11
NUR 102AB Practical Nursing (4 wks)	2	0	3	3
(Continued in Spring Semester)				
*BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
*PSY 110 Lifespan Development	3	0	0	3
*CIS 113 Intro to Computers	0	2	0	<u>1</u>
				22
Spring Semester	CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDIT
NUR 102 BB Practical Nursing II (8wks)	6	0	9	9
(Continued from Fall Semester)				
NUR 103 Practical Nursing III (8 wks)	6	0	12	10
*BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
*ENG 111 Expository Writing	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				26
Total Program Hours				48

*Courses may be taken prior to admission to the program