



CATAWBA VALLEY

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Catawba Valley Community College's **Associate Degree Nursing – Traditional Option**. This packet explains the steps to apply to CVCC and be considered for selective admission to the Nursing Program. While the college follows an open-door admission policy, nursing applicants must also meet additional Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR). Hyperlinks included throughout this document are provided to assist you during the application process.

ADN Traditional MAR Checklist Submission Deadline – January 31 at 11:59pm EST

Preparing for Application:

Before applying to the CVCC Nursing Program, complete the following steps:

- ☐ Watch the [ADN Traditional Option Information Session](#)
- ☐ Complete Pre-Requisite Course: Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO168)
Note: Additional completed coursework may improve your ranking in the competitive selection process.
- ☐ Meet the GPA Requirement: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.80
- ☐ Register and take the [ATI TEAS Exam](#): Earn a composite score of 63 or higher.

Applying to CVCC & the Nursing Program

After meeting the above requirements, follow these steps:

- ☐ [Apply Now](#) to the “Nursing-A.D.N.” program and receive your CVCC ID and student e-mail.
- ☐ [Submit Official, Sealed Transcripts](#):
 - High School/High School Equivalency Transcript.
 - College Transcripts*Note: If you complete additional coursework after submitting an initial transcript, updated transcripts must be received prior to the deadline to ensure transfer credit is considered.*
- ☐ Submit the completed [MAR Checklist](#) on-line **by January 31st**.

Being accepted to CVCC does **not** mean you are accepted into the Nursing Program. Admission to the Nursing Program is a separate, competitive process. Requirements may change at any time without notice, so it's important to follow the instructions in this packet carefully and submit all required materials by the deadline. **The CVCC team is here to support, we welcome your questions.**

Questions about the **Nursing Program** should be directed to the **Department Head of Nursing**

Dr. Brooke Kistler

Phone: (828) 327-7000, ext. 4338

E-mail: kkistler@cvcc.edu

General questions about the college or application process should be directed to our

Enrollment Managers

Phone: (828) 327-7000 ext. 4216

E-mail: healthcare@cvcc.edu

Sincerely,

Brooke Kistler, PhD, RN, CNE

Department Head, Nursing

Competitive Selection & Ranking

Associate Degree Nursing Program – Traditional Option

The CVCC Associate Degree Nursing Program admits a limited number of students through a competitive selection process. To be considered, applicants must complete the MAR checklist by January 31. The following criteria are used to rank qualified applicants.

Criteria	Description				Grade/Score		Points
GPA 2.8 Minimum	Cumulative, unweighted HS GPA or Highest average GPA from secondary institutions with a minimum of 6 credits						Required No Points
ATI TEAS Score	Minimum Score: 63 required (Scores valid for 3 years) Points = TEAS Score x 2					X2	
BIO 168: Anatomy & Physiology I (C or better)	School:						
	A = 600	B = 500	C = 400				
Post-Secondary Education (Certificate, Undergrad or Graduate)	School:				Points: 100		
	Degree:						
Completed Courses	School	A	B	C	Grade	Points	
ENG 111		100	75	50			
ENG 112 or ENG 114		100	75	50			
PSY 150		100	75	50			
PSY 241		100	75	50			
BIO 169		600	500	400			
BIO 275		600	500	400			
Elective (ART 111, 114, or 115, MUS 110 or 112, PHI 215 or 240, or HUM 115)		100	75	50			
Total Points							

Qualified applicants must have a 2.8 unweighted high school GPA or a GPA from at least 6 transfer credits from a regionally accredited college. Points are awarded for TEAS scores, prior degrees, and grades in related courses. Re-admission applicants must meet current admission criteria.

Student Responsibility & Notification of Acceptance:

It is the responsibility of each applicant to regularly monitor their CVCC student account and email through the application process. This includes checking for updates, missing documents, and important communications related to admissions. Missing email updates may affect your application status.

Applicants will be notified of their admission status via their CVCC e-mail **4-6 weeks after the January 31st deadline**. Applicants not initially accepted may be placed on an alternate list and will be admitted in ranked order as space becomes available.

Applicants should consider the following requirements of the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing – Traditional Option. Qualified applicants notified of acceptance will be required to show proof of items 1 to 4 prior to final admission for Fall.

1. **Physical and Emotional Health:** Students will be required to complete a medical form validating satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunization status. Clinical agencies determine clinical requirements including immunizations. These requirements may change during the course of the program. Students are required to remain compliant with all requirements during their enrollment in the program.
2. **Nursing Assistant I:** Students must be listed as a Nursing Assistant I on the Nurse Aide I registry with no substantiated finding from the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Practical Nurses with current licensure are exempt.
3. **CPR Certification:** Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification by the American Heart Association must be maintained as current for the duration of the program.
4. **Background Check & Drug Screen:** Carefully read the information below regarding background checks, drug testing, and the result of a negative background check. Applicants must use CastleBranch, a background screening and compliance management company, for background check/drug screenings.
 - a. Clinical facilities will require students to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing.
 - b. The student will be required to pay fees associated with these screenings.
 - c. Clinical facilities may refuse access to clinical experiences based upon results of a criminal background check, drug screening or immunization/vaccination status.
 - d. If any clinical facility refuses to allow a student access to a clinical experience, the student will be unable to continue in the program.
 - e. The NC Board of Nursing will review the criminal background check of each applicant applying for licensure. Applicants can be denied licensure based on this review.
5. **Technology Requirements:** Students are required to have a laptop computer with access to reliable internet. Cell phones are not a substitute for laptops; they cannot be used to complete assignments for this program.
 - a. Laptop recommendations for successful completion of this program:
 - Windows 10 or later with at least 4GB of RAM (6GB or more preferred) and at least 3GB Hard Drive capacity (more preferred)
 - Web camera and microphone
 - Installation of Microsoft Office Suite & Teams (provided by CVCC)

- Installation of the free Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or newest Microsoft Edge browser (Chrome recommended)
 - Reliable Internet access and printer access
- b. CVCC Student E-mail
- Applicants will receive a CVCC email address once their application to the college has been received and activated.
 - Communication between applicants, students, faculty, and college personnel will be via CVCC e-mail. Students should monitor their e-mail frequently for important information regarding their application and admission status.
- c. The CVCC nursing program utilized on-line learning resources including e-textbooks and exams.
6. **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) & Undocumented immigrant status:** Current North Carolina Community College System policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at CVCC at the out of state tuition cost. However, acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program.
- a. Students with DACA status are eligible to apply to any Allied Health program.
 - b. Students must remain in active DACA status while enrolled.
 - c. State licensing boards grant professional licensure; **students MUST inquire with the appropriate licensure board for specific licensure requirements.**
 - d. Currently, all DACA students are eligible to apply and test for NCLEX® upon successful completion of a Board approved school of nursing.
 - e. Undocumented students are not eligible for admission to Allied Health programs
 - f. According to North Carolina and Federal laws, undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure.

*This policy is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulations.

7. **Qualifications of Graduates for Examination:** Graduates of the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing Program are eligible to apply and take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) which is required to practice as a registered nurse.
8. **Employment Opportunities in Nursing:** Opportunities in nursing are vast and include acute hospital care, specialty care, chronic health management, and community-based services. For general information related to the profession of nursing, refer to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor](#).
9. **Program Accreditation:** The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accredits the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing Program. Additional information can be found at <https://www.acenursing.org/>

Estimated Program Costs

Associate Degree Nursing Program – Traditional Option

The estimated cost for the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing – Traditional Option is approximately **\$10,275** for in-state students. Tuition is set by the North Carolina legislature and may change. Additional costs include books, uniforms, instruments, insurance, and other college fees.

Estimated Program Cost

Health Requirements		
Physical exam	\$200.00	
Castle Branch Clinical Requirements Access & Storage, Drug screen and background check	\$127.00 \$72.00	Year 1 Year 2
CPR	\$40.00	
Immunizations	Cost will vary based on student needs	
TB test (2 step or Quantiferon)	\$110.00	
Program Fees		
Malpractice Insurance (annually)	\$38.00	
Simulation Fee	\$225.00	\$45/semester
Nursing Class Dues and Pinning fees	\$150.00	\$30/semester
ATI Testing and Remediation	\$2,700.00	Divided across 5 semesters
Clinical Tracking Software	\$150.00	Covers 2 years
Student Nurse Membership Dues	\$100.00	\$50/year; option to waive
Program Supplies		
Nursing Uniforms (Scrubs/Jacket/Shoes)	\$350.00	Will vary based on order
Watch with second hand	\$25.00	
Bandage scissors	\$10.00	
Dual-head stethoscope	\$57.00	Will vary
Books	Will vary based on where books are purchased	
Professional Fees (Post Program Completion)		
NCLEX Exam Fee	\$200	
NCBON Licensure Fees and Background Check	\$75 + \$38	
These prices are subject to change without notice.		

This does not include CVCC College tuition, fees, and graduation costs.

Financial Aid: Applicants are encouraged to complete the **FAFSA** at www.FAFSA.gov. For assistance, contact CVCC's [Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid](#) at financial_aid@cvcc.edu or **828-327-7000, ext. 4860**.

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Course	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
First Year – Fall Semester				Total	18
NUR111	Introduction to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
BIO169	Anatomy & Physiology	3	3		4
ENG111	Writing & Inquiry	3			3
PSY150	General Psychology	3			3
First Year – Spring Semester				Total	13
NUR112	Health Illness Concepts	3		6	5
NUR114	Holistic Health Concepts	3		6	5
PSY241	Developmental Psychology	3			3
Summer Semester				Total	9
NUR212	Health System Concepts	3		6	5
BIO275	Microbiology	3	3		4
Second Year – Fall Semester				Total	13
NUR113	Family Health Concepts	3		6	5
NUR211	Health Care Concepts	3		6	5
Humanities/ Fine Arts	ART 111, 114, or 115; HUM115, MUS 110 or 112, PHI 215 or 240	3			3
Second Year – Spring Semester				Total	13
NUR213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
ENG 112 or 114	Writing Research in the Discipline or Professional Research & Reporting	3			3

Hickory Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN): The [Hickory RIBN](#) (Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nursing) program is a four-year nursing option that will dually admit and enroll students to both **Lenoir-Rhyne University and CVCC**. This program will provide a seamless Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to a Baccalaureate Nursing Degree (BSN) for top academic students who meet RIBN's stringent admissions criteria. Upon successful completion of the first three years at CVCC, students will take their fourth year entirely at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Admission to the program is highly competitive and selective; students will be chosen based on specific academic requirements. For more information please contact:

RIBN Student Success Advocate: Kaitlyn Harwell Email: Kaitlyn.Harwell2@lr.edu Office: (828) 328-7292.

RN to BSN Uniform Articulation Agreements

CVCC has exceptional [College Transfer](#) programs leading to four-year degrees.

Participating Universities: Appalachian State University, Fayetteville State, East Carolina University, NC A&T, NC Central University, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke, UNC-Wilmington, Western Carolina University, or Winston-Salem State University

Performance Technical Standards

Associate Degree Nursing Program – Traditional Option

Nursing requires cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance. The following examples are activities students will be required to perform to successfully complete the program.

Critical Thinking	Nursing student should possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Student must be able to identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations; develop or participate in the development of nursing care plan.
Interpersonal Skills	Nursing student shall possess interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, groups, etc. from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Student shall establish rapport with clients/patients and health care team members.
Communication Skills	Nursing student shall possess communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and client/patient responses.
Mobility	Nursing student shall possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces, stand and walk for extensive periods.	Moves around in patients' rooms, work spaces and treatment areas, administer cardiopulmonary procedures.
Motor Skills	Nursing student shall possess gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Calibrate and use equipment, position clients/patients.
Hearing	Nursing student shall possess auditory ability, sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help.
Visual	Nursing student shall possess visual ability sufficient for observation and test necessary in nursing care.	Observe patient responses, see calibration of BP equipment, assess patient.
Tactile	Nursing student shall possess tactile ability sufficient for physical test.	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or therapeutic interventions, insertions of catheters.
Weight-Bearing	Nursing student shall possess ability to lift and manipulate/move 45-50 pounds, weekly & sometimes daily.	Position clients/patients, move equipment.
Cognitive Abilities	Nursing student shall possess ability to be oriented to time, place and person and organize responsibilities, make decisions.	Student shall assess client/patient complaints and implement appropriate.
Occupational Exposures	Nursing student may be exposed to communicable disease and/or body fluids, toxic substances, medicinal preparations, latex, and shall use appropriate precautions at all times.	Student may be assigned a patient with a communicable disease and shall provide total care using universal precautions.

Note: Standards developed by the Board of Directors for the Southern Council of Education for Nursing to assist Nursing Education Programs in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act. Examples are not all inclusive. If you have a disability and need accommodations; please contact the Counselor for Students with Disabilities and Special Programs at least 72 hours in advance at (828) 327-7000, ext. 4222 or accommodations@cvcc.edu.