



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Catawba Valley Community College's **Associate Degree Nursing – LPN to RN Bridge 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.

LPN to RN Bridge MAR Checklist Submission Deadline – December 18 at 11:59pm EST

Preparing for Application:

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

- ☐ **Watch the [LPN to RN Bridge Option Information Session](#)**
- ☐ **Complete All Pre-Requisite Coursework with a minimum of “C” or higher:**
 - Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO168)
 - Writing & Inquiry (ENG 111)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO169)
 - General Psychology (PSY150)
- ☐ **Complete Practical Nursing Coursework with a minimum of “C” or higher** from a regionally accredited school.
 - Practical Nursing I, II, & III (NUR 101, 102, & 103)
- ☐ **Complete Pre-Admission Coursework with a minimum of “C” or higher:**
 - Writing/Research in the Disciplines (ENG 112) **OR** Prof Research & Reporting (ENG 114)
 - Developmental Psychology (PSY241) **AND** a Nursing Humanities/Fine Arts Elective
- ☐ **Meet the GPA Requirement: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.80**
- ☐ **Hold an active, unencumbered LPN license with privileges to practice in North Carolina.** (Compact State License accepted)

Applying to CVCC & the Nursing Program

After meeting the above requirements, follow these steps. Students who do not have an active, unencumbered LPN license or have not completed all pre-requisite and pre-admission coursework listed above will not be considered.

- ☐ **[Apply Now](#)** to the “LPN to RN Bridge” 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](#) and any updated transcripts on-line **by December 18th**.**

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.

Sincerely,

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Competitive Selection & Ranking

Associate Degree Nursing Program—Bridge 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 December 18th. The following criteria are used to rank qualified applicants.

Criteria	Description				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
Required Pre-Admission Coursework	School	A	B	C	Grade	Points
ENG 111		100	75	50		
ENG 112 or 114		100	75	50		
PSY 150		100	75	50		
PSY 241		100	75	50		
BIO 168		600	500	400		
BIO 169		600	500	400		
Elective (ART 111, 114, or 115, MUS 110 or 112, PHI 215 or 240, or HUM 115)		100	75	50		
The following contribute to competitive selection point total - Not required for admission						
Additional Education	School	Degree/Credential			Score	Points
Post-Secondary Education or Professional Credentials beyond LPN (i.e. EMT, Paramedic, Cosmetology, Medical Office Assisting)		Certificate			50	
		Diploma			100	
		Associates Degree			200	
		Bachelor's Degree			300	
		Graduate Degree			400	
Additional Coursework	School	A	B	C	Grade	Points
Microbiology (BIO175 or 275)		600	500	400		
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 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 **by March 1, 2026**. 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 – Bridge 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 – Bridge Option

The estimated cost for the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing – Bridge Option is approximately **\$6,000** 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	\$143.00	
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	\$90.00	\$45/semester
Nursing Class Dues and Pinning fees	\$150.00	\$75/semester
ATI Testing and Remediation	\$2,100.00	Divided across 2 semesters
Clinical Tracking Software	\$100.00	
Student Nurse Membership Dues	\$50	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**.

Pre-Admission Course Work (Required prior to Application)

Course	Title	Class	Lab	Credit
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	4
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	4
ENG 111	Writing & inquiry	3		3
ENG 112 OR ENG 114	Writing/Research in the Discipline OR Professional Research & Reporting	3		3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3		3
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3		3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	ART 111-Art Appreciation, ART 114–Art History Survey I, ART 115–Art History Survey II, HUM 115-Critical Thinking, MUS 110–Music Appreciation, MUS 112– Introduction to Jazz, PHI 215–Philosophical Issues, or PHI 240– Introduction to Ethics	3		3

LPN Course Work & Licensure for AP Credit

The following courses in the NUR curriculum will be granted AP credit at CVCC: NUR 111 (Intro to Health Concepts), NUR 112 (Health- Illness Concepts), NUR 113 (Family Health Concepts), NUR 114 (Holistic Health Concepts) and NUR 211(Healthcare Concepts). Competency objectives were met by earning the LPN credential from a regionally accredited institution that includes NUR 101, 102, and 103 and the possession of current LPN licensure issued by the Board of Nursing.

Course	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	7	6	6	11
NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	7		9	10
NUR 103	Practical Nursing III	6		9	9

LPN to RN Curriculum

Course	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
Fall Semester				Total	13
NUR 214	Nursing Transition Concepts	3		6	4
NUR 221	LPN to A.D.N. Concepts I	6		9	9
Spring Semester				Total	9
NUR 223	LPN to A.D.N. Concepts II	6		9	9

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—Bridge 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.