



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Catawba Valley Community College's **Associate Degree Nursing – Evening 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 Evening MAR Checklist Submission Deadline – September 1, 2026 by 11:59pm

Preparing for Application:

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

- Watch the [ADN Evening Option Information Session](#)
- Students are required to complete the following coursework prior to applying to the program:
 - Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO168)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 169)
 - Microbiology (BIO 275)
 - Writing & Inquiry (ENG 111)
 - Writing/Research in the Disciplines (ENG 112)
 - OR Prof Research & Reporting (ENG 114)
 - General Psychology (PSY 150)
 - Developmental Psychology (PSY 241)
 - Nursing Humanities & Fine Arts Elective:
(Select one of the following)
ART 111, 114, or 115; MUS 110 or 112; PHI 215 or 240; or HUM 115
- Meet the **GPA Requirement**: Minimum required coursework 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.-Evening” program and receive your **CVCC ID and student e-mail**.
- [Submit Official, Sealed Transcripts](#):
 - High School/High School Equivalency Transcript.
 - College Transcripts
- Submit the completed [MAR Checklist](#) on-line **by September 1, 2026**.

The Team at CVCC wants to support you on your journey here at the college. Courses for the evening program are scheduled from 4:30-8:30 on Tuesdays with clinical scheduled for the evening and weekends based on course and clinical agency availability. The first and last course require a lab component scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday. See the informational video for more details.

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

Dr. Brooke Kistler

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

Enrollment Managers

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Sincerely,

Brooke Kistler, PhD, RN, CNE

Department Head, Nursing

The CVCC Associate Degree Nursing Program uses a competitive selection process to admit a limited number of applicants every other year. The following criteria are used to evaluate and rank the best-qualified applicants.

Please note acceptance to the college does not constitute application or acceptance into the CVCC Nursing Program. Admission requirements may change, please ensure you are reviewing the most current application packet. Students must ensure all materials have been submitted **before** the deadline and as directed by the packet.

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				
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 114		100	75	50		
PSY 150		100	75	50		
PSY 241		100	75	50		
BIO 168		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 completed High School with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8. Students who have a minimum of 6 hours of transfer credit from a regionally accredited school may use the average GPA of that institution. Points will be awarded for TEAS scores, prior academic degrees, and related course grade performance. Students applying for re-admission are required to meet the current admission criteria.

Notification Process: Accepted applicants will be notified via their CVCC e-mail of the result of the competitive selection process 4-6 weeks after submission deadline. Alternates will be admitted based on ranked order as space becomes available in the program.

Additional Program Requirements Associate Degree Nursing Program – Evening Option



Applicants should consider the following requirements of the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing – Evening Option. Qualified applicants notified of acceptance will be required to show proof of items 1 to 4 prior to final admission by **December 1, 2026**.

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/>

The estimated cost for the CVCC Associate Degree Nursing Program – Evening Options is approximately \$12,000 based on current in-state tuition and associated program costs estimated below. College tuition is set by the North Carolina State legislature and subject to change. Students are required to purchase a variety of books, instruments, clinical uniforms, malpractice/accident insurance, and other fees as set by the college and program.

Health Requirements		
Castle Branch - Clinical Requirements Drug screen and background check	\$127.00 \$72.00	Year 1 Year 2
Physical exam	\$200.00	
TB test	\$110.00	
Immunizations	Cost will vary based on student needs	
CPR	\$40.00	
Program Fees		
Malpractice Insurance	\$20.00	
Simulation/Lab Fee	\$315.00	\$45/semester
Nursing Class Dues and Pinning fees	\$175.00	\$25/semester
ATI Testing and Remediation (Paid with tuition in 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th and 6 th semester)	\$3600.00	Paid in Installments of \$900 over 4 semesters
Clinical Tracking Software	\$150.00	Covers duration of the program
Program Supplies		
Nursing Uniforms (Hospital and Casual)	\$350.00	Will vary based on order
Watch with second hand	\$25.00	
Bandage scissors	\$10.00	
Dual-head stethoscope	\$57.00	Will vary
Ready Hawk Ready provides on-line text & additional resources	\$875*	\$125/semester
Supplemental nursing text incur additional charges based on students choice*		
Institutional Fees		
Student Activity Fees	\$350.00	\$50/semester
Student Accident Insurance	\$8.75	\$1.25/semester
Computer Use & Technology fee	\$336.00	\$48/semester
Access Safety & Security Fee	\$350.00	\$50/semester
Red Hawk Ready Course Materials	\$875.00	\$125/semester
Graduation Fee	\$35.00	
Professional Fees		
Student Nurse Membership Dues	\$100.00	\$50/year; optional
NCLEX Exam Fee	\$200	
NCBON Licensure Fees and Background Check	\$75 + \$38	
These prices are subject to change without notice.		

Financial Aid: All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.FAFSA.gov) For information about financial aid, contact [the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid](#) at financial_aid@cvcc.edu or by calling at 828- 327-7000, ext. 4860.

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Course	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
First Year – Spring Semester				Total	8
NUR111	Introduction to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
First Year – Summer Semester				Total	5
NUR112	Health Illness Concepts	3		6	5
First Year - Fall Semester				Total	5
NUR113	Family Health Concepts	3		6	5
Second Year – Spring Semester				Total	5
NUR114	Holistic Health Concepts	3		6	5
Second Year – Summer Semester				Total	5
NUR212	Health System Concepts	3		6	5
Second Year – Fall Semester				Total	5
NUR211	Health Care Concepts	3		6	5
Capstone – Spring Semester				Total	10
NUR213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
Total Credit Hours					43

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: Maggie Murray Email: Maggie.Murray@lr.edu Office: (828) 328-7482

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

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.