



CATAWBA
VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2024 ADMISSION PACKET Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

- ❗ Application & Requirements Deadline - **January 31, 2024**
- ❗ Please allow 2 weeks to complete all application requirements.

It is the student's responsibility to monitor the completion of the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR), whether enrolled at CVCC (Catawba Valley Community College) or elsewhere. CVCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice. Applicants are responsible for completing admission requirements and ensuring all materials have been submitted by the deadline.

This packet provides information to assist you with the admission and selection process for the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program. Please carefully review all information provided in this packet. Additional information can be found on the CVCC Nursing web page. For questions regarding the Nursing program or admission requirements please contact Student Services at (828) 327-7000 ext. 4216 or email healthcare@cvcc.edu.

What is the class schedule/length for the ADN program?

CVCC currently offers an Associate Degree in Nursing program during the day. Students participate in classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences Monday through Friday, with some Saturday clinical assignments. The ADN Program consists of four semesters. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX) for RNs. The NC Board of Nursing will review the criminal background checks of each person applying for licensure. Applicants can be denied licensure based on this review.

How do I apply for the program?

Complete the CVCC Online Application for Admission under the "Apply Now" tab on the CVCC homepage.

How much does the program cost?

Based upon current in-state tuition rates, the CVCC Associate Degree in Nursing program costs approximately \$9,400*. Tuition is set by the North Carolina State Legislature and is subject to change. ADN students are required to purchase a variety of books, class uniforms, malpractice insurance, accident insurance, and other fees as set by the College.

How do I apply for Financial Aid?

All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For information about financial aid, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at financial_aid@cvcc.edu or call 828-327-7000, ext. 4860.

Do I need a computer, and will I receive a CVCC email account?

Yes, access to a computer is required for this program. Once the CVCC application has been activated, students are assigned a CVCC email address and MyCVCC Portal account. Communication between students, faculty and any other college personnel will be by CVCC email, so students must frequently check their CVCC email accounts for admission status updates.

The following technology resources are recommended for successful completion of this program:

A laptop computer with

- 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

Cell phones are not a substitute for laptops; they cannot be used to complete assignments for this program.

*This figure is based upon current in-state tuition rates and reflects an approximate cost only

How do I meet clinical and licensure requirements for the program?

Applicants must use CastleBranch management system for clinical compliance regarding criminal background check, drug testing, etc. Failure to complete and/or meet program requirements by the deadline for clinical agencies will impede progress in the program.

Clinical facilities require students to undergo criminal background checks, drug testing and have certain immunizations/vaccines. Clinical facilities may refuse access to clinical experiences based on these findings.

The student will be required to pay fees associated with these screenings.

If any clinical education site refuses student admission to their site for any reason, no other clinical site will grant admission to that student. The student's progression in the program will be terminated as the student will be unable to complete the clinical requirements for the program.

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.

How does undocumented immigrant status or DACA status affect application to the program?

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. Students with an unexpired DACA status are eligible to apply to an Allied Health program. Students must keep active DACA status to remain enrolled in an Allied Health program. Professional licensure is granted by state licensing boards. Students should inquire with the appropriate licensure board for specific licensure requirements. Undocumented students are not eligible for admission to an Allied Health program. 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.

When and how will I be notified of acceptance to the program?

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program within two to six weeks after the deadline via their CVCC email account. Applicants chosen as alternates or not accepted for the program will also be notified. Students may apply to only one healthcare program at a time. Should acceptance to that program be denied, the student may apply to another healthcare program whose application deadline has not yet occurred at CVCC.

What if I am not admitted to the program?

Applicants not admitted to the program will need to review updated requirements for the next year and re-apply by completing the MAR Checklist. Students are responsible for ensuring all materials are submitted as directed and by the published deadline.

Can I apply to another CVCC healthcare program if I am selected as an "alternate" for the nursing program? An "alternate" status is not a "denied" status. Students selected as alternates or students who are denied admission may apply to another limited enrollment program but must forfeit their spot on the Nursing Alternate list.

Are there any other requirements after initial acceptance to the nursing program?

Yes. **After** attending the Nursing Orientation Session, (detailed instructions for each item will be provided at the Session) accepted applicants will be required to complete the following. If any of these requirements are not met, you **will not be allowed** to enter the ADN program.

1. Submit a completed **Student Medical Form** certifying that he/she can participate in the activities of a health profession in a clinical setting by **July 15, 2024**.
2. Be certified as a **CNA I** by **August 1, 2024**. Applicants may apply without having CNA certification; however, once accepted, applicants must provide the CVCC Department of Nursing proof of a North Carolina Certified Nurse Aide 1 certification by **August 1, 2024**, and be currently listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide 1 Registry with no substantiated finding of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in a Nursing Facility.
3. Have current **CPR certification** by **July 15, 2024**.
4. Complete CastleBranch requirements by **July 15, 2024**.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR) EXPLAINED

Admission to the program is based upon completion of all minimum requirements as listed on the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) Checklist by the specified deadline date, the number of vacancies in the program and the competitive selection process. Completion of the MAR is not a guarantee of acceptance. CVCC does not use waiting lists for any health program.

1. **DO THIS STEP FIRST:** Complete the [CVCC Application](#) with “Nursing” as program of study.
2. **High School Transcript:** Submit an official High School/High School Equivalency transcript in a sealed envelope issued from the school, electronically through a 3rd party vendor to transcripts@cvcc.edu or by postal mail. Plan accordingly to ensure transcripts arrive by the deadline. Information on how to request transcripts may be found at the [How to Request Official Transcripts](#) web page.
3. **College Transcripts:** Submit ALL official college transcripts from EVERY school ever attended (except CVCC) in a sealed envelope issued from the school, or electronically through a 3rd party vendor (Parchment, ScriptSafe etc.) to transcripts@cvcc.edu, or by postal mail.
4. **Attend Information Session.** Information can be found on the [CVCC Nursing web page](#).
5. **Meet Anatomy Competency:**
Completion of college level Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 168) with a “C” or higher.
6. **Meet Chemistry Competency:**
Completion of a high school chemistry course taken as part of the high school curriculum (non-developmental) with a grade of “C” or higher.

Completion of college level Chemistry with a “C” or higher. Introduction to Chemistry-CHM 131 and 131A are the preferred courses.
7. **Required Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.80.**

Unweighted high school GPA of 2.80 or higher. Applicants must have a 2.8 or higher on all program required courses.
8. **Complete ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)**

Every applicant must take the TEAS and get a score of 63 or above before the deadline.

Students may take their exam online. Please refer to the [ATI TEAS website](#) to register for the exam.

Applicants taking the TEAS must request an [official score report](#) from ATI to be sent to CVCC before the deadline.

The highest score within three years will be used (January 31, 2021, to January 31, 2024).
9. **Submit the completed MAR Checklist before the deadline.**
From the applicant’s CVCC email account, submit the completed MAR Checklist to healthcare@cvcc.edu.

COMPETITIVE SELECTION AND RANKING

The following criteria will be used to evaluate and select the best-qualified applicants from those who completed all Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) by the deadline. Those applicants receiving the highest number of points will be admitted to the program until the class is filled.

1. **Points for completion (with a “C” or better) of any of the following general education courses in the ADN curriculum. (Found on the Pre-Admission Coursework Guide)**
2. **Points will be awarded to applicants with an advanced degree.** Applicants who have attained an AA/AS/AAS/AFA/AE/AGE/BA/BS/MA/MS will be awarded points toward admission. The degree must be earned from a regionally accredited institution. Completion of the degree will be verified from official transcripts.
3. **Applicants will be awarded points according to their score on the TEAS exam.** A minimum of 63 on the exam must be achieved. Official test scores sent electronically by ATI must be received by the deadline to be considered. Scores within the last three years (taken on or after January 31, 2021) will be considered and the highest total score will be used.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING - TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Nursing is a career field with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The following activities are examples of the kind of activities which a student in the Nursing Program will be required to perform in order to successfully complete the program.

CRITICAL THINKING	Nursing student should possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgement.	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 students 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 of time.	Moves around in patients' rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas, administer cardio-pulmonary 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 client/patient responses, see calibration of BP equipment, assess patient.
TACTILE	Nursing student shall possess tactile ability sufficient for physical tests.	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, insertions of catheters.
WEIGHT BEARING	Nursing student shall possess the ability to lift and manipulate/move 45-50 pounds, weekly and 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.

Please note: Examples are not all inclusive.

If you have a disability and need accommodation, 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.

PRE-ADMISSION COURSEWORK GUIDE

The information provided below is for planning purposes only. Admission and curriculum requirements are subject to change without notice.

The following courses must be completed by **January 31, 2024**:

Biology – Anatomy & Physiology I - Completion of college level Anatomy & Physiology I - BIO 168 with a grade of “C” or higher.

Chemistry – Completion of a high school chemistry class taken as part of the high school curriculum (non-developmental) with a grade of “C” or higher **OR** completion of a college level Chemistry course with a grade of “C” or higher. Introduction to Chemistry and lab - CHM 131 and 131A are preferred.

Applicants are **not required** to complete the following courses before submitting a MAR Checklist, **but these courses are awarded points** in the competitive selection process. These courses, which require a grade of “C” or better, meet program degree requirements:

BIO 169 – Anatomy & Physiology 2 (4 credit hours)

BIO 275 – Microbiology (4 credit hours)

ENG 111 – Writing and Inquiry (3 credit hours)

ENG 112 – Writing/Research in the Disciplines (3 credit hours) - Preferred

OR

ENG 114 – Professional Research and Reporting (3 credit hours)

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3 credit hours)

Choose **one** course from ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, HUM 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 215 or PHI 240

PSY 150 – General Psychology (3 credit hours)

PSY 241 – Developmental Psychology (3 credit hours)

MAR CHECKLIST

MAR Checklist Submission Deadline – January 31, 2024, at 11:59pm EST

Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

Admission requirements are subject to change without notice. Students must ensure all materials have been submitted before the deadline and as directed by the packet.

1. Complete the **CVCC Application** with “Nursing” as the intended major.
2. Submit official **High School/High School Equivalency Transcript**.
3. Submit all official, sealed **College Transcripts**. If additional coursework is completed after submission of transcripts, an official updated transcript must be submitted to CVCC to ensure all transfer credit is awarded.
4. Attend Information Session. Date Attended: _____
5. Completed Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 168) course with a grade of “C” or higher.
6. Completed a high school curriculum Chemistry class or a college level Chemistry course with a grade of “C” or higher in course(s). Introduction to Chemistry and Lab (CHM 131 and 131A) are preferred.
7. Met GPA Requirement of **2.80**.
8. Completed ATI TEAS Exam with a composite score of 63 or higher.
9. Submit the completed **MAR Checklist** before the deadline to **healthcare@cvcc.edu**.