

Associate Degree Nursing 2012*



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A word about criminal background checks for health programs...

SOME FACILITIES WILL REQUIRE STUDENTS TO UNDERGO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND/OR DRUG TESTING; STUDENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE FEES THROUGH *CERTIFIEDBACKGROUND.COM*.

CLINICAL FACILITIES MAY REFUSE ACCESS TO CLINICAL EXPERIENCES BASED ON THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND/OR DRUG TESTING, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING UNABLE TO CONTINUE IN THE PROGRAM.

Catawba Valley Community College
Associate Degree Nursing – Fall Semester 2012
(Admission criteria outlined in this packet are subject to change.)

We are glad you have chosen CVCC to further your educational goals. This packet provides you with information to assist you with the admission process for the ADN program. Please carefully review all information provided in this packet. Additional information can be found on the CVCC website. If you have questions regarding this information, contact the CVCC Department of Nursing at 828-327-7000, or Caroline Farmer, Director of Health Services Admissions, at 828-327-7000, extension 4218, or Brenda Stepp, Director of Nursing, at 828/327-7000, extension 4344.

General Information

For general information related to the profession of nursing, refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>.

What is the class schedule/length for the ADN program? CVCC currently offers an Associate Degree in Nursing program during the day. (An evening option is contingent upon funding.) Students participate in classroom, laboratory, and **clinical*** experience typically Monday through Friday. The ADN program option consists of five semesters which take **two years to complete**. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply 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.)** Applicants who wish to do so may take the general education/related coursework for the ADN program prior to acceptance. *Please note that taking these courses does not shorten your program length as the actual ADN courses take two years (five semesters) to complete; however, many applicants find this process beneficial.* ***Note: Some clinical facilities will require students to undergo criminal background checks and/or drug testing. Clinical facilities may refuse access to clinical experiences based on the criminal background checks and/or drug testing, which would result in the student being unable to continue in the ADN program.**

Admission: The ADN Day Option program begins in the Fall Semester. Admission to the program is based upon completion of all minimum requirements as listed on the attached “Minimum Requirements” page by the specified deadline, the number of vacancies in the program, and the competitive selection process. To begin the admissions process, complete the CVCC Application for Admission and visit with a Counselor in Student Services.

Costs: College 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. The *approximate cost* for the program is \$4,500. (This figure is based upon current in-state tuition rates and reflects an approximate cost only.)

Financial Aid: All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For information about financial aid, contact the Financial Aid Office at 828-327-7000.

Computer Access: Coursework requires ready access to a reliable computer with Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Upon application to CVCC, students are assigned a CVCC email address. It is the responsibility of the student to open their email account and read it frequently as the College provides crucial program information through this email account. **You may be notified via your CVCC email account concerning your status in the program.**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN)

Fall Semester 2012 - Minimum Requirements

These minimum requirements must be met prior to being considered for competitive selection for the ADN program. (subject to change)

December 1, 2011 – Application Deadline Date – An application for admission to CVCC must be received in Student Services no later than this date (see step #1 below).

January 31, 2012 – Requirements Deadline Date - Applicants must complete ALL the following requirements by this date to be considered for admission for Fall Semester 2012.

1. Applicants must complete the CVCC application for admission and the application must be received in Student Services. **Applications completed on-line will NOT be processed until applicant comes in and meets with a Student Services counselor prior to the APPLICATION deadline stated above (Dec. 1, 2011).**
2. Applicants must be high school graduates or have received a GED. An official high school transcript showing the graduation date or an official copy of the GED scores **must be received by CVCC. To be considered official, transcripts must be received by the College in a sealed envelope or they will not be accepted.**
3. Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges must be received by CVCC. **To be considered official, transcripts must be received by the College in a sealed envelope or they will not be accepted.** Grades less than C are not transferable. Transcripts will not be evaluated for transfer credit until all transcripts are received in Student Records.
4. **Applicants who do not meet curriculum exemptions must take the required Reading, Writing, Math, and Computer Competency placement tests.** Applicants must either place out of or complete the following courses to be considered for the ADN program: RED 070, 080, 090; ENG 070, 080, 090/090A; MAT 050, 060, 070; CTS 080.
5. Applicants must complete or have completed one year of biology in high school* or one course in biology at CVCC or another college* with a minimum grade of "C" (*official transcript must be provided).
6. Applicants must complete or have completed one year of chemistry in high school* or one course in chemistry at CVCC or another college* with a minimum grade of "C" (*official transcript must be provided).
7. Applicants who have taken coursework at CVCC or are currently enrolled in coursework at CVCC must have a minimum cumulative (overall) or program grade point average of 2.50 on all CVCC coursework. Applicants who have earned an Associates, Bachelors, or Masters Degree from an accredited college or university may use the cumulative GPA earned at that college or university provided it is a 2.50 or higher.
8. All applicants must attend a Nursing Information Session. *Attendance at an information session is **mandatory** to meet minimum requirements to be considered for admission to CVCC's Nursing Program.* The 2012 information sessions will be held monthly beginning September 2011, and ending January 2012. Please check the School of Health Services/Nursing web page for exact dates, times, and locations.

Applicants who have met the December 1, 2011 deadline must complete ALL admission requirements by January 31, 2012.

Completion of all admission requirements is not a guarantee of acceptance.

Applicants who complete ALL the above by January 31, 2012 will be required to take the TEAS 5.0 (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Exam. Qualified applicants will be notified regarding the scheduling of this exam. For more information about the TEAS exam, see the official website at <http://www.atitesting.com/default.aspx>. TEAS 5.0 Review Books can be purchased through the CVCC Bookstore.

Applicants seeking re-admission and students transferring from a nursing program at another college must meet the minimum requirements for admission outlined in 1 – 8 above and any additional requirements as determined by the Department of Nursing. For students transferring from another nursing program, an official college transcript and course syllabus for each nursing course completed must be provided to the Department of Nursing at least six weeks prior to the expected enrollment date.

Applicants not admitted for Fall must see a Student Services Counselor to re-apply if they wish to be considered for the next class. CVCC does NOT use waiting lists for any allied health program. Health program applicants **must re-apply** for each year they wish to be considered for admission.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN)

Competitive Criteria for Selection

The following process will be used to select the best-qualified applicants from those who completed all minimum admission requirements by the specified deadline.

Each applicant will be evaluated using the criteria listed below. The points an applicant receives from each of these criteria will be added together. Those applicants receiving the highest number of points will be admitted to the program until the class is filled. (Applicants seeking readmission to the ADN program will receive points for nursing courses successfully completed at CVCC.) **The number of 1st year students accepted each year can vary. The number of students completing the 1st year will determine the number of students to be accepted the next year.**

Criterion 1: Academic Performance

(a) Points for completion of any of the following general education courses in the ADN curriculum.

BIO 168	BIO 275	ENG 111	PSY 150	CIS 111
BIO 169	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	ENG 113	PSY 241	

AND/OR

(b) The applicant's cumulative **unweighted** high school grade point average. The applicant must have graduated from high school **January 2009** or later.

AND/OR

(c) Applicants who have attained at least a BA/BS/MA/MS or higher degree will be awarded points toward admission. (Degree(s) must be from a regionally accredited institution.)

Criterion 2: TEAS 5.0 (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Examination

(a) Students meeting minimum requirements by January 31, 2012 must take the TEAS 5.0 Examination for Nursing. Students are notified when to schedule this exam.

(b) An applicant may take the TEAS 5.0 Examination once per academic year.

(c) An applicant will be awarded points according to their performance on the TEAS Examination. For applicants who have tested more than once, the higher score will be used. Test scores prior to **January 2009** will not be considered. Only the 5.0 version of the TEAS exam will be accepted due to recent upgrades in the exam.

AFTER initial acceptance to the program, but before the first day of class, applicants are required to:

- (1) Attend an Orientation Session with the Department of Nursing (usually scheduled in June or July).
- (2) Provide proof of current Healthcare Provider CPR (American Heart Association Basic Life Support) certification, or equivalent, by summer orientation if accepted into the nursing program.
- (3) Submit a completed health examination form certifying that he/she appears to be able to participate in the activities of a health profession in a clinical setting.
- (4) Provide to the CVCC Department of Nursing proof of a North Carolina Certified Nurse Aide I certification and be currently listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated finding of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a Nursing Facility. The North Carolina Certified Nurse Aide I Training Program must include theory, lab, and clinical components. If an applicant has taken the Certified Nurse Aide I Program in a state other than North Carolina, this will be considered on an individual basis. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to show documentation that the course they have completed contained a theory, clinical, and lab component. If an applicant's original C.N.A. I has lapsed, it is their responsibility to take the necessary steps to renew their C.N.A. and be listed again on the state registry.

If you are initially accepted into the ADN program, the Department of Nursing will provide you with additional information on these requirements. If any of these requirements are not met, you will not be allowed to enter the ADN program.

Applicants are responsible for completing admission requirements, making sure all materials have been received by the College, and for informing the College of any changes in personal information, such as name or mailing address. Personal information changes require photo identification and must be made in person at Student Records.