

Associate Degree Nursing Program

**APPLICATION PERIOD:
Fall 2010**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to provide nursing care to patients and groups of patients throughout the lifespan and variety of settings. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse. Employment opportunities include a wide variety of health care settings such as hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community health agencies.

APPLICATION/ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's mission and philosophy includes the process to establish fair and equitable student guidelines for admission and progression. The Associate Degree Nursing Program embraces this philosophy providing the best process for student admission. It is the nursing applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline. Nursing program deadlines, guidelines and policies apply equally to all students.

Admission requirements to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must be received by student services by the stated deadline of **January 15TH 2010**. All requirements must be completed and submitted for consideration of admission.

Admission requirements include:

1. **GPA requirement-** Maintain a pre-admission cumulative **GPA of 2.5** or higher for all related coursework (all general education courses that are part of the A D N curriculum).
2. **Application** - Submit the CCC&TI Admissions Application to Student Services.
3. **High school transcript/GED** - Have an official high school transcript with graduation date or GED scores on file in the Admissions and Records office.
4. **College transcripts** - Have on file in the CCC&TI Admissions and Records office official transcripts from **all** colleges or schools attended since high school. Applicants for readmission, transfer, and advanced placement from any other nursing program must submit a course syllabus for each nursing course taken, to the Director of the nursing program for advanced standing consideration.
5. **Placement Tests** - Take appropriate placement tests as determined by the college. **If passing placement test scores are not achieved, applicant must successfully complete all developmental courses as required before submitting an application to the nursing program.**

Minimum acceptable CPT scores for the ADN Program and the corresponding exempted developmental courses:

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| o Reading | 80 | Developmental Courses: RED 080, RED 090 |
| o Sentence skills | 86 | ENG 080, ENG 090 |
| o Pt I math(arithmetic) | 55 | MAT 060 |
| o Pt II math (algebra) | 75 | MAT 070, MAT 080 |

Please see the Testing Center for comparable ASSET or COMPASS scores. Official test scores for these tests must be provided to the Testing Center.

Placement tests may be waived for persons who have transferable college credit that shows proficiency in reading, English and math.

Documentation must be provided if an applicant has college transfer credit; or has high SAT or ACT scores (SAT = 500+ each section of Writing and Critical Reading and 520+ of Math; OR ACT = 21+ each section) within 3 years of the application date; which would exempt an applicant from testing.

6. **Nurse Aide I Certification** - Submit a copy of current certification as a Nursing Aide I from a North Carolina Community College curriculum program, Continuing Education program, or a North Carolina Health Occupations Class. The applicant must also be currently listed with the North Carolina Division of Facility Services (www.ncnar.org) with no substantial findings.
7. **Nursing Information Session** – Attend or watch a Nursing Information Session to receive current details regarding admission, academic, and program requirements. Information Sessions may be done with Health Science Admission counselors on either campus.
8. **TOEFL** - Achieve passing TOEFL score (500) if English is not your birth language. TOEFL scores must not be more than two years old.
9. **ATI Nursing Entrance Test** – Complete the ATI Nursing Entrance Test and achieve a minimum score of 40. **A fee will be charged to take the test which must be paid directly to ATI online at the time of testing. The fee is subject to change without notification.** Applicants may retake the ATI Nursing Entrance Test only once per academic year. For additional details, please see the attached ATI sheet.
10. Only one prior admission to any nursing program.

Completion of all admission requirements is not a guarantee of acceptance. Applicants not accepted for Fall 2010 must reapply to the program if they want to be considered for acceptance for Fall 2011. An abbreviated re-application form may be obtained from Student Services. All applications will be purged from the system if a response is not received by the due date. .

After acceptance is granted into the Nursing program, the student must submit the following:

1. Current Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED certification. A copy of the CPR certification should be attached to the health form and is due by **June 1, 2009**.
2. An accurate and satisfactory health form which includes appropriate documentation of immunizations by the health care provider or county health

department and physical exam results must be submitted to the Director, Associate Degree Nursing Program. **The *Student Medical Form for North Carolina Community College System Institutions* form will be sent with the program acceptance letter and must be used.** This form includes a TB skin test (within 6 months), rubeola titer or vaccine, proof of chicken pox by immunization record or chicken pox titer and must be current for tetanus and diphtheria.

(Appropriate documentation includes verification of health immunizations copy with proof of agency testing or by professional healthcare provider with signature.)

Students who do not meet the above deadlines may be dismissed from the program.

Criminal background checks/Drug screening

As part of the Nursing Program, students are assigned to clinical rotations at various agencies. Criminal background checks and/or drug screening may be required in order to participate in clinical education. All costs associated with criminal background checks and drug screenings are the responsibility of the student (or the clinical agency).

OVERVIEW OF POINT SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

A point system will be used as an objective means for evaluating nursing applicants. Nursing applicants are ranked in order according to the present applicant pool. Admission is then based on the point totals. Acceptance letters will be mailed by early Spring semester. Course work will begin the following Fall semester.

1. **Points for grades earned from College Level Classes.** Nursing applicants may earn points for the completion of the following courses. In order to earn points for college courses, applicants must have achieved grades of "C" or higher.

BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 275	Microbiology
PSY 150	General Psychology
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology
CIS 113	Computer Basics
ENG 111	Expository Writing
ENG114	Professional Research and Report
Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts

Transfer credits will be evaluated for course substitutions.

- 2. Points for ATI Nursing Entrance Test.** Nursing applicants may earn points for the ATI Nursing Entrance Test. The cost of this test is \$25 and is the responsibility of the nursing applicant. Please contact the Testing Center to schedule an appointment for this test. In order to earn points for ATI, applicants must have achieved a score of at least **40**. If this score is not accomplished by first time test taking, the applicant may retake the ATI test **one** additional time per academic year. **The highest ATI score will be used for the assignation of points.**

NOTE: Applicant's point count is confidential: please do not call to inquire about your point count. To protect your privacy, point count totals will not be discussed over the telephone. Individual appointments can be made with nursing faculty to review the applicant's point count. To protect your privacy, it will be necessary to show a picture ID at the time of your appointment.

NOTE: In the event that more than one applicant has the same total point count, applicants will be ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1. ATI score**
- 2. GPA in Biology courses**

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

New students will be conditionally admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program each Fall and subsequent semesters according to eligibility. Alternates will be admitted to the program **only** if someone who was originally accepted **declines** the offer or if someone becomes **disqualified**.

All nursing applicants will receive a letter informing of his/her status at the time acceptance letters are mailed. Applicants must respond to this letter, either in writing, e-mail, or phone message, to keep the application active for the next admission period.

PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE EXPECTATIONS OF A STUDENT NURSE

Nursing is a discipline where cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance is required. For the purposes of nursing program compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disability Act, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements and the Physical and Emotional Standards* for participation in the nursing programs.

If the student or faculty member believes that the student cannot meet nursing program requirements without accommodations or modifications, the nursing faculty, in consultation with the college disability director, will determine on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations can be reasonably made.

**Standards developed by the Board of Directors of the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing in association with the N.C. Conference of Associate Degree Nursing Directors and the N.C. Community College System staff.*

Program: Associate Degree Nursing
 Year: 2009-2010

Course Number	Course Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credit Hours
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	4
NUR 111	Introduction to Health Concepts	4	12	8
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	3
<i>Total Hours (Fall Semester)</i>		10	15	15
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	4
NUR 112	Health-Illness Concepts	3	6	5
NUR 211	Health Care Concepts	3	6	5
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	3
<i>Total Hours (Spring Semester)</i>		12	15	17
BIO 275	Microbiology	3	3	4
NUR 113	Family Health Concepts	3	6	5
<i>Total Hours (Summer Semester)</i>		6	9	9
CIS 113	Computer Basics	0	2	1
ENG 111	Expository Writing	3	0	3
Eng 111A	Expository Writing Lab	0	2	1
NUR 114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	6	5
NUR 212	Health System Concepts	3	6	5
<i>Total Hours (Fall Semester)</i>		9	16	15
ENG 113	Literature Based Research OR			
ENG 114	Professional Research & Report	3	0	3
NUR 213	Complex Health Concepts	4	18	10
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
<i>Total Hours (Spring Semester)</i>		10	18	16
TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS		47	73	72

Legal Limitations of Licensure

Nursing applicants should be aware that the application for licensure at the completion of the program might be denied or restricted by the North Carolina Board of Nursing for the following reasons:

- The student practiced fraud or deceit in attempting to procure a license to practice nursing.
- The student has been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony (excluding minor traffic violations).
- The student is mentally or physically incompetent or uses any drug that interferes with ability to practice nursing.
- The student engages in conduct, which endangers the public health.

Procedure For Scheduling ATI Entrance Nursing Test

1. **Review material** for taking ATI entrance nursing test is available in the Academic Support Centers on either campus. The Study Manuals can only be reviewed in the center and cannot be checked out.

Hours of Academic Support Center: M-Th – 8 am – 9 pm

Fri. – 8 am – 4 pm

Many students also go to the ATI webpage, www.atitesting.com, to learn more about the test and purchase the study manual and do on-line practice tests. It will be listed as the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

2. **Schedule test** by calling CCC&TI Hudson Testing Center at 828-726-2721.

Hours for testing: M-T-W – 8 am – 6 pm

Th – 9 am – 6 pm

Fri – 8 am – 12 noon

3. **Pay testing fee** of \$25 to take the ATI entrance nursing test.

This fee is paid directly to ATI by credit card or debit card or gift card by one of the following 4 credit cards: Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover. This fee will be paid on line the day you take the test. **You will not be able to take test if not paid the same day. Fee is subject to change without notification.**

4. **Name and Password** Please set up a name and password that you can easily remember or that you write down and keep secure. You will need to use the same password throughout the nursing program as you take additional sections of the ATI in your nursing courses.

SAMPLE

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute
Associate Degree Nursing (A45100)
ADMISSIONS POINT COUNT WORKSHEET
FALL 2009

Applicants Name: _____ ID# _____

Note to evaluator: circle the appropriate score.

Section A—Points are awarded for general education courses that are included in the nursing curriculum.

	A	B	C
BIO 168	12	11	10
BIO 169	12	11	10
BIO 275	12	11	10
PSY 150	6	5	4
PSY 241	6	5	4
ENG 111	5	4	3
ENG 114	5	4	3
HUM/Fine Arts Elective	5	4	3
CIS 113	5	4	3
Total			

Section B—Points are awarded based on ATI entrance test score.

ATI Score range	Points
90-99	80
80-89	70
70-79	60
60-69	50
50-59	40
40-49	30
Less than 40	0

TOTAL POINT COUNT

Section A	
Section B	
TOTAL	

I have reviewed my point count total and understand the distribution of my score.

Student Signature _____ Counselor

Signature _____

Date _____

This point sheet is reviewed each year and is subject to change.

**Estimated Nursing Program Costs
(In-state students)**

<u>Tuition/</u>		\$42.00 per credit hour
<u>Fees/Insurance:</u>		\$7 per course student activity fee (fall & spring) \$3 per course student activity fee (summer) The nursing program takes five semesters to complete Malpractice Insurance Fee \$26.00 (\$13.00 paid fall semester of each year) \$12.00 – Accident Insurance \$6.00 paid fall semester of each year)
<u>ATI/Testing</u>	<u>\$676.00</u>	Included with tuition and fees each semester
<u>NCLEX Review:</u>		TBA (\$250.00 for recent year)
<u>Final Semester</u>		\$25.00 Graduation Fee \$200.00 (NCLEX) + \$38.00 (Criminal background check) + \$70.00 (Licensure) \$15.00 Graduate Cap \$25.00-\$120.00 Nursing Pin (optional)
<u>Costs:</u>		
<u>Uniforms:</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	(Uniforms estimate includes <u>minimum</u> recommended: 2 blue tops/pants, shoes, hose/socks, and 1 lab coat
<u>Equipment:</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	Scissors, stethoscope (black/blue), penlights, watch, lab supply bag, etc. (price may vary with type of equipment ordered)
<u>Travel:</u>	<u>Varies</u>	Students must have car transportation for classes/clinical
<u>Textbooks:</u>		Required textbooks: Variable but ranges from Approximately \$550 first semester to \$200.00 remaining semester
Optional textbooks:		Variable but ranges from \$100 first semester to \$75 for each remaining semesters
<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>		\$5200.00 (without NCLEX review costs)

- *Estimates for supplies/textbooks/tuition may be subject to change as determined by the General Assembly of North Carolina, CCC&TI, and Associate Degree Nursing Program.*

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Since health program standards are mandated by accrediting and regulatory agencies, revisions to the above information may be necessary. Efforts will be made to keep changes to a minimum and finalized one year in advance of the starting date of the program; however, the college reserves the right to revise any part or section as necessary

This application process is reviewed on an annual basis.

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