

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute

Associate Degree Nursing Program Paramedic to ADN Option Admissions Information

Program Information

The two-year Associate Degree Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare the graduate to assess, analyze, plan, implement, and evaluate nursing care. The graduate is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) that is required to practice as a registered nurse. Completion of course work and/or graduation from the program does not guarantee that the student will be eligible to take the licensing examination for the NCLEX-RN.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) is a five-semester program that begins fall semester each year. The classroom component of the Paramedic to ADN program is offered on the Hudson campus and the clinical component is offered in a number of different healthcare agencies, some of which are located in out-of-service areas. Students must be able to travel to all clinical sites.

To be eligible for advanced placement into the second semester of the ADN program, individuals must hold a current certification as a paramedic in North Carolina. Paramedics entering the ADN program with advanced standing will receive credit for NUR 110 upon successful completion of exams on content and competency testing of practical skills.

Applicants may, and are strongly encouraged, to complete general education courses prior to acceptance into the program, especially if you plan on working a regular job. If you do not, then you will be required to take the courses with the nursing classes as they are laid out in the catalog. **Prior to receiving advanced standing into the second semester, the biology courses, BIO 168 and 169, and the psychology course, PSY 150, must be taken with a grade of "C" or above.**

To insure the public health and safety of all patients, many of our clinical affiliation sites require personal criminal background checks and/or drug screening in order for the student to participate in clinical education at that site.

Most disciplines of Health Sciences require registration, certification or licensure to practice in the health care field. Most examining boards require proof of good moral character to apply to take the registration, certification or licensure examination. The N.C. Board of Nursing may deny any application to take the licensing examination(s), if the Board determines that the student is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing for a number of reasons as stated in Article 90-171.37, p.10, Nursing Practice Act, State of North Carolina, July, 2003. For specific information or questions, please contact the N. C. Board of Nursing at 919-782-3211.

Individuals applying for the paramedic to ADN option shall meet the general admission requirements listed below, and shall meet the general progression/dismissal, and graduation requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Admission Requirements

It is suggested that admission requirements be met in the following order. After all of the admission requirements are met, applicants are tentatively admitted to the program on a “first-come, first-served” basis by the completion date of all requirements

1. CCC and TI application.

- Submit an application to Student Services.
- Write “Paramedic to ADN Option” on the top of the application.
- Applications are available in Student Services or online at www.cccti.edu.

2. Official documentation of high school graduation or GED completion.

- This documentation is **required** even if the applicant holds a four-year degree.
- A high school graduate should request that his/her high school send CCC and TI an official transcript indicating date of graduation. If the applicant is still in high school, an official transcript should be sent now only if SAT/ACT scores are to be used to waive the college placement tests; otherwise, an official transcript should be submitted after graduation.
- A GED or adult high school diploma graduate is exempt from sending a high school transcript, **but** an official copy of GED scores or official documentation of adult high school graduation must be sent to CCC and TI from the granting institution.
- Reproduced copies of personal documents are not acceptable.
- Applicants to the nursing program may obtain transcript request forms from Student Services.

3. Official transcripts of any college work.

- The applicant should request colleges to mail transcripts directly to Student Services at CCC&TI.
- If currently enrolled at another college, the student should request a transcript now and another one at the completion of his/her courses.
- Transcript request forms are available in Student Services or may be downloaded from the college webpage, www.cccti.edu.
- College transcripts must be received and evaluated in order to exempt the applicant from placement tests.

4. NC Paramedic Certification.

- Provide applicant’s current NC Paramedic Certification card to Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator, who will make a copy for the admission folder.
- Applicants must show proof of employment as a paramedic for one year of full-time experience. A letter from your employer documenting experience is sufficient.

5. Placement tests.

- Placement tests are given at the Testing Center at CCC&TI in Hudson or at the Watauga Campus. Please contact the Testing Centers directly for testing appointments.

- Any applicant whose placement test scores fall below the required minimum for the PTA program must take the indicated developmental course(s). **An applicant must complete all required developmental courses before the PTA Consideration Date will be given.**
- Acceptable CPT scores for the PTA Program and the corresponding exempted developmental courses:

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 if testing is done at another college on or after 2/1/07.
- 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. Competency Testing

- Complete written exam for NUR 110 with a grade of “77” or better.
- Complete practical skills competency testing on NUR 110 with a 77% or better.
- Independent study of course material will be essential for passing competency exams. Resources will be on reserve in the Caldwell campus library. Please allow plenty of time to become familiar with this material.
- Please contact the ADN Program Director, Kim Priode, at 828-726-2346 for the time of NUR 110 exam scheduling.

7. Physical examination.

- The provisionally admitted ADN student is required to present documentation of physical and emotional health that indicates his/her ability to provide safe nursing care to the public.
- A completed *Student Medical Form for North Carolina Community College System Institutions* form **must be submitted prior to enrollment or the student’s space in the program will be forfeited.**
- The date of the actual physical examination **must be dated within one year prior to the date of enrollment.**
- Immunizations must be up to date and reflect standards for health care workers according to CDC guidelines.

8. Infant, Child and Adult CPR certification.

- Accepted students must be currently certified in CPR through one of the following: American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider Course, **or** American Red Cross: Adult CPR and Infant/Child CPR, **prior to enrollment.**

9. Paramedic to ADN General Information.

- **Information Session DVD** – Applicants must view a Paramedic to ADN Information Session DVD to receive current details regarding admission, academic, and program requirements.
- **Interview** – Applicants must contact the ADN Program Director at 828-759-2346 to schedule an interview appointment.

Progression Policy

- Applicants are encouraged to enroll in related courses prior to entering the ADN program. *However, applicants need to be aware that the ADN progression policy applies to any course in the ADN curriculum taken prior to acceptance.*
- **Students who make a “D”, “F”, or “I” in any course required in the nursing curriculum cannot enter the nursing program until that course is repeated for credit and a grade of “C” or better is earned.**
- If the student makes a “D”, “F”, “I”, or “W” on any ADN curriculum course while enrolled in the nursing program, he/she will be dismissed from the program. The student will be dismissed even if the course is taken earlier than required in the curriculum schema.

Please note:

Each applicant is responsible for:

- ***completing admission requirements,***
- ***confirming receipt of letters and documents in the admissions office,***
- ***keeping CCC and TI informed in writing of any personal information changes.***

Curriculum for Associate Degree Nursing (A45100)

Required courses are as follows:

Fall Semester

		Class Hrs	Lab Hrs	Clinical Hr	Credit
NUR 110	Nursing I	5	3	6	8
BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		11	6	6	15

Spring Semester

NUR 120	Nursing II	5	3	6	8
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		11	6	6	15

