

**BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE & PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS
NURSING ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2025-2026**

This checklist is to be used as a guide for prospective nursing program applicants. Please understand that it is the **student's responsibility** to fully read and comprehend the details of the Admission Policies and Procedures. The criteria listed in this document are valid for the application year **2025-2026**. If you have questions, please seek assistance from the Student Success and Engagement Center or the Nursing Department.

1. Read and understand Nursing Admissions Criteria _____
2. Apply to Bladen Community College _____
3. Submit official high school and college transcripts _____
4. See the Student Success and Engagement Center for course advisement _____
5. Complete nursing program pre-requisites _____
6. Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Test _____
*See page 4 for eligible time frames/scores for submission
7. Complete nursing program application _____
8. Attend an Information Session (recommended) _____

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

9. Attend Nursing Orientation _____
10. Submit CPR, Health Form and Immunizations _____
11. Complete Background check/drug test _____

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Bladen Community College subscribes to an “open door” admission policy. However, due to the complexity of health care, legal responsibilities of nursing practice, and required academic standards, there are selective admission criteria for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs. The ADN and PN programs adhere to the college policy of providing nondiscriminatory, inclusive access for all qualified applicants who meet these selective admission criteria. Successful applicants are admitted to the programs in the fall semester. Student applications will be processed only after all requirements have been met. All requirements must be completed prior to the application deadline in order to be considered for admission in the fall semester. The Vice President of Student Services and staff are responsible for administering all admission policies.

The nursing applicant is responsible to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline of March 2, 2026.

Guidelines, policies, and deadlines apply equally to all applicants; thus, there can be no exceptions. All applicants to the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing Programs must complete the following:

1. **Admission Criteria** –Locate the Nursing Admission Criteria on the Nursing Program Resource webpage <https://www.bladenccl.edu/advising-aid/student-advising/nursing-program-resources/>
2. **College Application**- Complete the college application process in the Office of Student Services or via the BCC website. <https://www.bladenccl.edu/apply/steps-to-apply/>
3. **Transcripts** - Submit *official* high school or high school equivalency transcript to the registrar’s office. In addition, applicants should also submit *official* college transcripts for any postsecondary courses completed. Student copies will not be accepted.
4. **Counseling** – Consult with the Student Success and Engagement Center for course advisement following completion of the college admissions process.

5. **Pre-requisites (items required *prior to admission*)** - Complete the following courses or their equivalents as determined by the Registrar.

BIO 110 or BIO 111 must be completed (even if BIO 168, BIO 169 have already been completed). High school equivalency biology or ED2GO classes will not be accepted. Transferred Biology courses must include a lab component and be equivalent in credit hours to BIO 110 or BIO 111 to fulfil this requirement.

- **Associate Degree Nursing**

1. *Nursing Assistant Level I Certification with current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry, without substantiated findings by **May 19, 2026**.
2. ENG 025 or an equivalent
3. MAT 143 or MAT 152 or MAT 171 with a grade of C or higher
4. *Biology 110 or 111 with a grade of C or higher- Must be taken **AFTER June 15, 2019**.

- **Practical Nursing**

1. *Nursing Assistant Level I Certification with current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry, without substantiated findings by **May 19, 2026**.
2. ENG 025 or an equivalent
3. MAT 143 or MAT 152 or MAT 171 with a grade of C or higher
4. *Biology 110 or BIO 111 with a grade of C or higher- Must be taken **AFTER June 15, 2019**.

***Provisional Admission Opportunity**

"Provisional" is a term used to describe a student who is in the process of completing any of the following at the time applications are due, March 2, 2026.

- **Nursing Assistant Level 1 Certification**
- **MAT 143 or MAT 152 or MAT 171**
- **BIO 110 or BIO 111**

Applicants must check "yes" for the "Are you a Provisional Student?" checkbox on the nursing application to be considered for provisional admission. Provisional students are required to submit proof of enrollment in these courses with the nursing program application if courses are being taken at another campus.

Applicants failing to meet provisional admission requirements by May 19, 2026, will forfeit their acceptance into the nursing program.

6. **Nursing Entrance Test** – Complete the **Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**
- **Reading** – key ideas & details, craft & structure, integration of knowledge & ideas (45 questions, 55 minutes)
 - **Math** – numbers & algebra, measurement & data (38 questions, 57 minutes)

- **Science** –human anatomy & physiology, biology, chemistry, scientific reasoning (50 questions, 60 minutes)
- **English and Language Usage** – conventions of standard English, knowledge of language, using language and vocabulary to express ideas in writing (37 questions, 37 minutes)

Applicants must demonstrate a minimum comprehensive score of 58 on the ATI TEAS Test to be eligible for admission.

A total of four (4) TEAS scores will be considered for admission. Applicants are eligible to take one test and submit one TEAS score for each of the following time periods:

#	Period Beginning	Period Ending
1	March 1, 2024	December 31, 2024
2	January 1, 2025	June 30, 2025
3	July 1, 2025	December 31, 2025
4	January 1, 2026	March 2, 2026

Note: If a student attempts the TEAS test more than once in the aforementioned time periods, the TEAS test taken on the earliest date during the time period will be deemed the eligible score and will be used for the nursing admissions process. All other TEAS tests taken during the designated time period will be deemed invalid scores and will not be considered as part of the nursing admissions process.

Information regarding TEAS study resources, registration, and testing schedules can be found on the BCC website: <https://www.bladencc.edu/advising-aid/testing/ati-teas/>. For more information, contact Jeanne Butler, Testing Center Technician, (Building 8 Room 7) at jbutler@bladencc.edu or call (910) 879-5504.

Applicants taking the TEAS at other institutions must submit *official* records of their scores to BCC by March 2, 2026. Student copies will not be accepted.

7. **Nursing Program Application** -- Complete the nursing program application on the day the TEAS test is completed at BCC. If the TEAS test is completed at a testing site other than BCC, complete and submit the nursing program application directly to Student Services, to the attention of Ms. Melba Hester.
 - Applications are accepted June 1, 2025 to March 2, 2026.
 - In person: Bladen Community College Student Services department
 - Postal mail: Bladen Community College, Student Services, PO Box 266, Dublin, NC 28332
 - Email: Melba Hester melbahester@bladencc.edu (Please send application as a PDF email attachment, do not send a photo of your application).

Applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application and remain in good academic standing for the entirety of the nursing program.

8. **Information Session** -- Attend one information session to learn more about the nursing program admission process. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory for admission.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SCORING PROCESS

A point system is used as an objective means for evaluating Associate Degree and Practical Nursing candidates. Applicants are ranked based on a formula that assigns numerical values to specific criteria. Potential points allocations are listed below.

Criteria		Points Allocation
TEAS score	80-100	10
	70-79	8
	58-69	5
TEAS test taken on campus with BCC testing center		2
Earned BCC course credit(s) at any point in 2024-2026		2
Bachelor's Degree <i>*no points given for AAS if points awarded for bachelor's degree</i>		10
LPN licensure		8
Associate Applied Science degree in Allied Health field		6
Associate Applied Science degree in non-Allied Health field <i>*no points given for AAS in non-allied health field if points awarded for AAS in allied health</i>		5
Allied Health Diploma degree <i>*no points given for PN diploma if points awarded for LPN licensure</i>		4
Allied Health Certificate NA II / Phlebotomy / EMT		2 each certificate
Allied Health Certificate Pharmacy Tech / Med Aide / EKG Tech		1 each certificate
Information Session Attendance (one allowed for points) <i>*email mnorris@bladencc.edu to register beginning two weeks prior to the session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 28, 2025, at 6pm ○ August 8, 2025, at 9am ○ October 15, 2025, at 6pm ○ January 5, 2026, at 9am 		1
Course points BIO 110 or BIO 111, BIO 168, BIO 169, BIO 275, CHM 151, MAT 143 or MAT 152 or MAT 171, NUR 117 <i>*Courses must be completed prior to the start of Spring 2026 classes to be considered for points.</i> <i>*BIO and CHM courses must be completed after June 15, 2019, to be considered for points.</i>		4 each A 3 each B
Course points ENG 111, ENG 112 or ENG 114, HUM 115, OST 141 or MED 121, OST 142 or MED 122, PSY 150, PSY 241 <i>*Courses must be completed prior to the start of Spring 2026 classes to be considered for points.</i>		2 each A 1 each B

Points are calculated and maintained in the Office of Student Services. A waiting list is not maintained from year to year; therefore, interested applicants must re-apply each year if not accepted in the nursing programs.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAMS

1. **Acceptance letters-** Acceptance letters, letters to alternates, and letters to those not accepted to the programs will be sent by **April 15, 2026**. In the event that any student selected declines acceptance, or fails to register during the designated registration period, alternates will be granted admission based upon their rank and the number of positions available.

FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAMS

1. **Orientation-** Prior to the fall semester, applicants accepted to the ADN and PN Programs must attend a nursing program orientation at BCC in **May 2026**. Handbooks, policies and procedures, uniform and supply information, and other pertinent data will be discussed. Information regarding this orientation will be attached to the acceptance letter.
2. **CPR and Health Evaluation Form-** Submit current health/physical form with proof of current immunizations, TB skin test, and documentation of an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification. Please note CPR certification must be obtained through a seated course that includes a skills practice component. Applicants who fail to submit the required student records by the designated due date may forfeit their seat in the program. Accepted students will not be allowed to enter class until all student records are received. Information regarding these requirements will be covered in orientation.
3. **Criminal Background Check and Drug Testing-** Be advised that clinical agencies require background checks and drug testing before a student may complete clinical in their facility. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny any student access to a facility based on their criminal background or a positive drug test. *If access is denied to the clinical facility, the student will be unable to complete the requirements of the nursing program, which will result in immediate dismissal from the program.* Information regarding these requirements will be covered in orientation.

Associate Degree Nursing Program

FIRST LEVEL

1ST Year Fall -Semester 1

	CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDIT
NUR 111 Intro to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
*BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
*ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
*ACA 115 Success & Study Skills	2	0	0	1
OR				
*ACA 122 College Transfer Success	2	0	0	<u>1</u>
				19

1ST Year Spring-Semester 2

NUR 112 Health-Illness Concepts (8wks)	3	0	6	5
NUR 114 Holistic Health Concepts (8wks)	3	0	6	5
*BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
*PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				17

SECOND LEVEL

2nd Year Fall-Semester 3

NUR 113 Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 212 Health System Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 211 Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
*ENG 114 Prof Research and Reporting	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				18

2nd Year Spring-Semester 4

NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
*PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
*NUR 117 Pharmacology	1	3	0	<u>2</u>
				15

Total Program Hours				69
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*Courses may be taken prior to admission to the program

Practical Nursing

Fall Semester

	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LAB</u>	<u>CLINICAL</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
NUR 101 Practical Nursing I	7	6	6	11
*BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
*PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				18

Spring Semester

	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LAB</u>	<u>CLINICAL</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
NUR 102 Practical Nursing II	7	0	9	10
*BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
*ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
*PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	<u>3</u>
				20

Summer Semester

	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LAB</u>	<u>CLINICAL</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
NUR 103 Practical Nursing III	6	0	9	9

Total Program Hours

47

*Courses may be taken prior to admission to the program