

BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Paramedic to RN Bridge Program
NURSING ADMISSION CRITERIA 2026-2027

These admission guidelines apply to paramedics seeking entry into Bladen Community College's Paramedic to RN Bridge Program. The applicant is responsible for thoroughly reviewing and understanding the Admission Policies and Procedures outlined in this document. The criteria listed are valid for the 2026–2027 application year.

Note: Paramedics may also apply to the traditional Associate Degree Nursing Program as an alternative entry pathway; however, they must meet all requirements outlined in the Nursing Program Admission Criteria for that program.

If you have specific questions, please seek assistance from a Student Success and Engagement representative or the Director of Nursing and Allied Health.

1. Read and understand Nursing Admission Criteria _____
2. Apply to Bladen Community College _____
3. Submit official high school and college transcripts _____
4. See a Student Success and Engagement representative for course advisement _____
5. Attend a program Information Session (recommended) _____
6. Complete nursing program pre-requisites _____
7. Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test by November 6, 2026 _____
8. Complete the Paramedic to RN Bridge program application _____
 (Submit to the Director of Nursing and Allied Health by November 6, 2026)

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

9. Submit CPR, Health Forms and Immunizations _____
10. Complete background check and drug testing as directed _____

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Bladen Community College maintains an “open door” admission policy; however, due to the complexity of health care, the legal responsibilities of nursing practice, and the academic standards required, selective admission criteria are in place for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. The ADN program upholds the college’s commitment to nondiscriminatory, inclusive access for all qualified applicants who meet these criteria. Successful applicants are admitted in the spring semester.

Student applications will be reviewed only after all requirements have been completed. All admission requirements must be fulfilled by the application deadline to receive consideration. The Vice President of Student Services and staff are responsible for administering general college admission policies, while the Director of Nursing and Allied Health – along with advisement from Associate Degree Nursing faculty – retains final decision-making authority for program entry, as enrollment capacity is limited.

The nursing applicant is responsible to ensure all requirements are met by the established deadline of November 6, 2026.

Guidelines, policies, and deadlines apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions. All applicants to the Paramedic to RN transition program must satisfy the following:

1. **Admission Criteria** - Locate the Paramedic to RN Bridge Program Admission Criteria on the BCC Nursing Program Resources webpage:
<https://www.bladenc.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.
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 a Student Success and Engagement representative for course advisement.
5. **Information Session** - Attend one virtual information session to learn more about the nursing program admission process. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory for admission. Email mnorris@bladenc.edu to register beginning two weeks prior to the session.
 - **January 5, 2026, at 11am**
 - **May 14, 2026, at 8pm**
 - **August 10, 2026, at 11am**
 - **October 15, 2026, at 8pm**

6. **Pre-requisites (items required *prior to admission*)** - Complete the following prerequisites, courses, or their equivalents as determined by the Registrar.
- A. Paramedic certification with the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services or National Registry (attach proof to the Paramedic to RN program application)
 - B. Associate of Applied Science in EMS (transcripts must be on file with BCC)
 - C. Completion of the following courses with a “C” or higher (transcripts must be on file with BCC by the application due date). Note: there is no expiration time frame for these courses.
 - a. BIO 168
 - b. BIO 169
 - c. ENG 111
 - d. HUM 115
 - e. PSY 150
7. **Nursing Entrance Test – Complete the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**
- **Reading** – Key ideas and details; craft and structure; integration of knowledge & ideas (45 items, 55 minutes)
 - **Math** – Numbers and algebra; measurement and data (38 items, 57 minutes)
 - **Science** – Human anatomy & physiology; biology; chemistry; scientific reasoning (50 items, 60 minutes)
 - **English and Language Usage** – Conventions of standard English; knowledge of language; using language and vocabulary to express ideas in writing (37 items, 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 and submit one TEAS score for each of the following time periods:

| # | Period Beginning | Period Ending |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | January 1, 2025 | June 30, 2025 |
| 2 | July 1, 2025 | December 31, 2025 |
| 3 | January 1, 2026 | June 30, 2026 |
| 4 | July 1, 2026 | November 6, 2026 |

Note: If a student takes the TEAS test more than once within the designated time periods, only the score from the earliest attempt in that period will be considered eligible for the nursing admissions process. Any additional attempts during the same period will be considered invalid and will not be used in the admissions review.

Information regarding TEAS study resources, registration, and testing schedules is located on the BCC website: <https://www.bladencc.edu/advising-aid/testing/> or by contacting the BCC testing center.

Applicants taking the TEAS at other institutions and via ATI virtual proctor must submit *official* records of their scores via ATI to BCC. All official TEAS scores must be received by November 6, 2026. Student copies will not be accepted.

8. **Nursing Program Application** – Complete the Paramedic to RN Bridge program application and submit directly to the Director of Nursing @ mnorris@bladenc.edu by November 6, 2026.

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.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SCORING PROCESS

A point system is used as an objective means for evaluating Paramedic to RN Bridge program 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 | 8 |
| | 70-79 | 6 |
| | 58-69 | 4 |
| TEAS test taken on campus with BCC testing center | | 2 |
| Information Session Attendance (<i>one allowed for points</i>) <i>*email mnorris@bladenc.edu to register beginning two weeks prior to the session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 5, 2026, at 11am ○ May 14, 2026, at 8pm ○ August 10, 2026, at 11am ○ October 15, 2026, at 8pm | | 1 |
| Course points BIO 168, BIO 169, ENG 111, ENG 112, ENG 114, HUM 115, PSY 150, PSY 241, NUR 117 | | 4 each A 3 each B |
| Earned Associate Degree in EMS at Bladen CC | | 2 |

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

1. **Acceptance Letters** – Acceptance letters and/or emails will be sent by December 4, 2026. In the event a selected applicant declines acceptance, fails to register during the designated registration period, or fails to submit all required documentation, alternates will be granted admission based upon their rank and the number of positions available. Information related to uniforms, supplies, and required student documents will be attached to the acceptance letter.
2. **Orientation** – Successful applicants accepted into the Paramedic to RN program will receive orientation to the nursing handbook policies and procedures on the initial class day of NUR 215.
3. **CPR and Health Evaluation Form** – Submit current health/physical form with proof of current immunizations, TB skin test, influenza vaccination, and documentation of a seated American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification. Students who fail to submit the required student records by the designated due date will forfeit their seat in the program. Please note CPR certification must be obtained through a seated course that includes a skills practice component.
4. **Criminal Background Check and Drug Testing** – Be advised clinical agencies require background checks and drug testing before a student may enter 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.* Criminal background checks and drug testing will be arranged following acceptance to the program.
5. **Program Admission** – Successful applicants will begin the program in Spring 2027 with NUR 215 which introduces Paramedics to the conceptual basis of nursing theory. Following the completion of NUR 215, students will merge with the traditional ADN cohort to complete second year curriculum requirements according to the Bladen Community College Associate Degree Nursing program of study. **Note:** This may include repeating select nursing courses if previously taken in another ADN program.

Note: Program capacity is limited to the top 10 candidates who achieve the highest competitive point scores and fully meet all prerequisite requirements outlined in the admission criteria. If fewer than 10 candidates meet the prerequisite requirements by the application deadline, additional applicants who are completing prerequisites during the Fall 2026 semester may be considered at the discretion of the Director of Nursing and Allied Health. Applicants granted provisional acceptance must successfully complete all required prerequisites by the end of the Fall 2026 semester in order to enroll in the program in January 2027.

**Associate Degree Nursing Program
Paramedic to RN Bridge**

| | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>LAB</u> | <u>CLINICAL</u> | <u>CREDIT</u> |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <u>Prerequisites (taken prior to program acceptance)</u> | | | | |
| 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 |
| BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| PSY 150 General Psychology | 3 | 0 | 0 | <u>3</u> |
| | | | | 17 |
| <u>FIRST LEVEL</u> | | | | |
| 1ST Year Spring-Semester 1 | | | | |
| **NUR 215 Paramedic to RN Bridging Transition Concepts | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| **Credit awarded for NUR 111, NUR 112, NUR 114 after successful completion of NUR 215 with C or higher | | | | 18 |
| <u>SECOND LEVEL</u> | | | | |
| 2nd Year Fall-Semester 2 | | | | |
| 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 112 Writing & Research in the Disc or | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| *ENG 114 Prof Research and Reporting | 3 | 0 | 0 | <u>3</u> |
| | | | | 18 |
| 2nd Year Spring-Semester 3 | | | | |
| NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts | 4 | 3 | 15 | 10 |
| *PSY 241 Developmental Psychology | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| *NUR 117 Pharmacology | 1 | 3 | 0 | <u>0</u> |
| | | | | 15 |
| Total Program Hours | | | | 74 |

*Courses may be taken prior to admission to the program