

**BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE & PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS
NURSING ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2026-2027**

This document provides an overview of the admissions requirements and procedures for applicants interested in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) or Practical Nursing (PN) programs at Bladen Community College. Prospective applicants are responsible for reviewing all admissions policies and ensuring each requirement is completed prior to the stated deadlines. The criteria listed in this document are valid for the application year **2026-2027**. If you have questions, please seek assistance from the Student Success and Engagement Center or the Nursing Department.

Application Checklist

1. Review the Nursing Admissions Criteria and program information _____
2. Apply for admission to Bladen Community College _____
3. Submit official high school and any college transcripts _____
4. Meet with Student Success and Engagement Center for course advisement _____
5. Complete all required nursing program prerequisites _____
6. Complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
*See page 4 for eligible time frames/scores for submission _____
7. Submit the official Nursing Program Application _____
8. Attend a Nursing Information Session (recommended) _____

Steps Required After Acceptance

9. Attend the Nursing Program Orientation _____
10. Submit CPR, health forms, and immunization documentation _____
11. Complete required background check and drug screening _____

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Bladen Community College subscribes to an “open-door” admissions policy. However, due to the complexity of health care, legal responsibilities of nursing practice, and required academic standards, admission for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs is selective. 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 all requirements are met by the established deadline of March 1, 2027.

Guidelines, policies, and deadlines apply equally to all applicants; thus, there are 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.bladencc.edu/advising-aid/student-advising/nursing-program-resources/>
2. **College Application** - Complete the college application process located in the Office of Student Services or via the BCC website. <https://www.bladencc.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. 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.

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 24, 2027**.
 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, 2020**.

- **Practical Nursing**
 1. *Nursing Assistant Level I Certification with current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry, without substantiated findings by **May 24, 2027**.
 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, 2020**.

***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, which is **March 1, 2027**.

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

Applicants must check "yes" for "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 24, 2027, 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)

Information regarding TEAS study resources, registration, and testing schedules are located 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 must earn a minimum composite score of 58 on the ATI TEAS exam to be eligible for admission consideration.
- Only TEAS scores earned between March 1, 2025, and March 1, 2027, will be accepted for this application cycle.
- If multiple TEAS scores are submitted, the highest qualifying score will be used for point allocation in the competitive admissions process.
- Applicants who test at another institution must arrange for official ATI TEAS score reports to be sent directly to Bladen Community College by March 1, 2027. Student issued or unofficial copies will not be accepted.
- ATI releases final scores for remote (virtual) TEAS testing approximately four business days after the exam, which excludes weekends and holidays. Therefore, all official scores must be received by Bladen Community College no later than March 1, 2027. Applicants need to schedule remote testing accordingly to allow for this processing time.

7. Nursing Program Application – Complete and submit the nursing program application directly to Student Services and make it to the attention of Ms. Melba Hester.

- Fillable PDF applications can be found at <https://bladencc.edu/advising-aid/student-advising/nursing-program-resources/>

- Applications are accepted June 1, 2026 to March 1, 2027.
 - 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@bladenc.edu (Please send application as a PDF email attachment and do not send a photo of your application).

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 <i>*Two points granted only when the TEAS score selected for admission eligibility was obtained through in-person testing at the BCC Testing Center.</i>		2
Earned BCC course credit(s) in calendar years, 2025-2026 <i>*Two points maximum granted to applicants who earn curriculum or continuing education course credit recorded on an official BCC transcript during 2025-2026. Non-credit community enrichment courses are not eligible.</i>		2
Bachelor's Degree <i>*No points granted 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 granted for AAS in non-allied health field if points awarded for AAS in allied health</i>		5
Allied Health Diploma degree <i>*No points granted 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@bladenc.edu to register beginning two weeks prior to the session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. ○ August 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. ○ October 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. ○ January 4, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. 		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 2027 classes to be considered for points.</i> <i>*BIO and CHM courses must be completed after June 15, 2020, 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 2027 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

Acceptance letters, letters to alternates, and letters to those not accepted to the programs will be sent by **April 15, 2027**. In the event 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 2027. 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 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

	CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDIT
1ST Year Fall -Semester 1				
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 112 Writing & Research in the Disc	3	0	0	3
OR				
*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

*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