

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

Advanced Placement Policy

Johnston Community College Associate Degree Nursing offers two options for advanced placement admission. The student may be transferring credit from an approved nursing program at another institution, or the student is a licensed practical nurse who meets the following admission criteria.

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the Associate Degree Nursing Program as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog of record. Applicants are selected on the basis of their achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and pre-entrance nomination scores and based on the number of available seats in the program.

Day Program Option	Begins Fall each year (Admitting approx 50-60)*	Deadline March 1st of admitting year
Eve/Weekend Program Option	Begins Fall every odd year (Admitting 20)*	Deadline March 1st of admitting year
LPN-ADN Program Option Summer 2013- Option will no longer be available	Begins Summer each year (Admitting 15)*	Deadline February 1st of admitting year
Advanced Placement	Begin Spring each year (Availability of space)*	Deadline August 1st year prior to admitting year

*Based on the maximum number approved by the State Board of Nursing.

In order for a student to be considered for admission to the Nursing Program, the applicant must complete Phases I and II below. Applicants must apply within one year of their exit date.

(Licensed practical nurses will be considered on a case by case basis.)

Note: Anatomy and Physiology courses over five (5) years old will no longer be accepted.

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students applying for advanced placement must have completed all first semester courses in the JCC Program Plan of Study, both nursing and related courses, to be considered. **Applicants** must apply **within one year of the exit date**. The one year exit date does not apply to the Licensed Practical Nurse applicant.

PHASE I: Application and Admission Process

- Submit a completed application to Johnston Community College
- Have requested official secondary and post secondary transcripts sent to the Johnston Community College Admissions Office
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, **before** entering the Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Complete the College placement test if required. Applicants may be exempt from placement testing if completed the SAT and achieved a score of **450** on each section, or ACT score of **19** on reading, math, and English, or **transfer credit** from another College.
 - Have attained a minimum grade of "C" in two science courses biology and chemistry (each with a lab component) or the equivalent.
 - BIO 110 (if a biology science is needed) or CHM 131 (if chemistry is needed) may be used to satisfy these requirements.
 - BIO 110 and CHM 131 (if two sciences are needed) may be used to satisfy these requirements.
- Have earned minimum grade of "C" on one course in algebra
- Place into ENG 111 and MAT 080 by College placement test, SAT, or ACT scores or transfer credit in math and English
- Hold a current GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Be CNA-I certified by **August 1st** of the prior admitting year
Applicants must have successfully completed a North Carolina approved Certified Nurse Aide I Program and be currently listed on the Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a Nursing Facility.

The Certified Nurse Aide I Training Program must include theory, lab, and clinical components. The applicant must provide a copy of the certificate of completion from an approved program.

If a licensed practical nurse, must hold unrestrictive license in North Carolina.

****Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement.***

- Attend a mandatory program information session either on-line at www.johnstoncc.edu OR on campus
- Be interviewed by an Admissions Counselor
- Successfully complete a Written Competency Exam and the Dosage Calculations Competency

(Applicants must complete all of Phase I to advance to Phase II)

PHASE II: Program Application and Health Occupations Test

- Submit a program specific application (can only be received by attending/viewing the information session in Phase I). Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office with the following items listed:
 - Copy of counselor interview summary
 - Copy of CNA program certificate **or** documentation of licensure for the Licensed Practical Nurse
 - Copy of e-mail verification if completed on-line information session

Incomplete application packets cannot be processed.

- Complete the (Health Occupations Test (TEAS)). The testing fee is \$35.00 and subject to change without notice. Applicants are allowed to test **once** per academic year. Applicants should allow three and one-half hours to complete this computer-based test. The TEAS cannot be taken until PHASE I is completed and the program specific application and materials have been received in the Admissions Office. Study materials may be purchased in the College Bookstore or visit our web-site at www.johnstoncc.edu/teas.aspx for additional information. Applicants must complete the TEAS AT JCC. The college does not accept transfer scores from other colleges or ATI. A score of **"proficient"** or higher must be achieved on the TEAS to be considered for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

TEAS TESTING DOMAIN	NUMBER OF ITEMS	ADMINISTRATION
Reading	48	58 minutes
Mathematics	34	51 minutes
Science	54	66 minutes
English language (usage)	34	34 minutes

PHASE III: Ranking and Notification of Admission Status

- All applicants will be ranked according to the highest to the lowest points. The number of applicants accepted to the program depends upon availability of seats. In the case where two or more applicants have the same number of points, GPA will determine point ranking. Only courses that have been completed, with a grade assigned, by the deadline will be used in the point ranking process.

A copy of the point ranking sheet is available online at

www.johnstoncc.edu/pdfs/adnpointrankingsheet.pdf

- A letter of acceptance to the Associate Degree Nursing Program will include:
 - Provisional acceptance – see Phase IV
 - Standby list
 - Not accepted at this time
(Applicants not accepted at this time must reapply each year).

PHASE IV - Acceptance

- Students accepted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must:
 - Return acceptance to the Admission Office within 5 business days
 - Attend a mandatory program orientation on the designated date(s)
 - If accepted, show satisfactory completion of physical and emotional health by the student's primary care provider on the College designated form provided to the student.
 - Show evidence of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification (infant, toddler, adult) through American Heart Association or American Red Cross.
 - *Students accepted will submit to a criminal background check and initial drug screening as directed by affiliating clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings must be completed through the designated service provider. The student will incur the cost of the criminal background check and drug screening.

*Students admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Johnston Community College will submit to criminal background checks and drug screening upon admission to the program and random drug screening as directed by affiliating agencies. Information obtained from the criminal background check could jeopardize the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

The application for licensure examination with the North Carolina Board of Nursing contains questions as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony excluding minor traffic violations. If the answer is "yes" the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. This question is asked because of the legal requirements for becoming licensed as a registered nurse in North Carolina. Similar requirements exist in other states.

The Nursing Practice Act, Article 9 Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina states that the North Carolina Board of Nursing may deny an application for licensure if the Board determines that the applicant:

- Has given false information or has withheld material information from the Board in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing;
- Has been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to any crime which indicates that the nurse is unfit to practice nursing; or that the nurse has deceived or defrauded the public.

NOTE: Based on availability of seats, the readmission or advanced placement options may be available in the spring semester of each year. Applicants must have met the requirements in Phases I and II for consideration, as well as meeting the minimum admission requirements set by the College. It is expected that the applicants are competent in previously learned content and skills. In addition each applicant must demonstrate competence in Dosage Calculation, Standard Precautions Asepsis and HIPPA concepts to take the NUR 111 competency exam. Students applying for advanced placement must have completed all first semester courses in the JCC Program Plan of Study, both nursing and related courses. Applicants are required to have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to apply. The Licensed Practical Nurse applicant has the option of applying for the spring semester. The one year exit date does not apply to the Licensed Practical Nurse applicant.

FOR THE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE - (Summer 2013 option will no longer be available)

The LPN to ADN Advanced Placement option requires the applicant to:

- Meet the requirements in Phases I and II above and if accepted Phase IV
- Have graduated from of an approved LPN program with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher
- Applicants must successfully complete a written competency exam and drug calculations competency.
- Have completed PSY 150-General Psychology and PSY 241-Developmental Psychology before applying
- Show documentation of two years full time work experience as a LPN from current employer
- Hold a current unrestricted North Carolina license as a practical nurse
- Fifteen (15) students are admitted to this program option as a practical nurse
- Application deadline for LPN to ADN Advanced Placement option is **February 1** of the admitting year

The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Johnston Community College will make every effort to lessen the inconvenience of any changes created for the student.

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