The Associate Degree Nursing program at Johnston Community College is a 2 year program that runs over 5 semesters. Students are admitted in the Fall semester of each year. The Associate Degree Nursing program has a limited enrollment number and meeting the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

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. The guidelines, deadline dates, and admission policies apply to all applicants equally. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic records, admission testing, and the maximum number of seats available as approved by the State Board of Nursing.

Applicants interested in Fall 2017 admission will have an opportunity to apply to the program for early acceptance. Dates to apply for early acceptance are August 25 – October 9, 2016 by 12 noon. A limited number of applicants will be notified of their acceptance in January 2017. Completion of Phases I & II is required by the dates stated under the Phase to be considered for early acceptance. Applicants not accepted in this round will be re-considered and notified of their status in May. Students can resume submitting applications for Fall admission October 17th.

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**Please note:** JCC does not have an evening/alternative program. Clinical days vary each semester based on clinical site availability, therefore clinical rotations may include Saturday.
A student must complete Phases I & II of the Admissions Policy and achieve a minimum score of proficient on the ATI TEAS (sixth edition) test to be considered an applicant to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. (Licensed practical nurses will be considered on a case by case basis.) A student with two previous attempts in an Associate Degree or Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program or practical nursing program is ineligible to apply to the JCC Associate Degree Nursing Program. However, a student who has not been enrolled in a nursing program for 36 consecutive months may request consideration for re-evaluation. A student who exits the JCC program for any reason (and who has not been enrolled in a nursing program previously) may re-enter the JCC nursing program one time.

**PHASE I: Admission Requirements**

**Deadline date:** Early Acceptance: September 30th by 12:00 noon

**Deadline date:** Regular Acceptance: February 20th by 5:00 PM

- Current application to Johnston Community College on file in Student Services
- Official transcripts from high school / GED scores and all colleges attended on file in Student Services
- Have a current cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- 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) or meet test exemption requirements
- Complete an interview with a counselor in the Office of Enrollment and Student Success
- Show completion of high school or college level general biology course (with a lab component) with a grade of “C” or higher
- Show completion of high school or college level chemistry course (with a lab component) with a grade of “C” or higher
- BIO courses (168, 169, and 175) over five (5) years old from the year of admittance will not be accepted
- Completion of algebra I or II with a grade of “C” or higher and / or completion of required developmental math courses
- Place into ENG 111 and DMA 060 or DMA 065
• Attend a MANDATORY Health Sciences Information Session – dates and times available on the College website at www.johnstoncc.edu. (Please bring a copy of the Program Admission Policy to the session.) Multiple sessions are conducted prior to the application deadlines. Applicants **MUST** attend one session – no exceptions.

• Complete or show enrollment in a North Carolina state approved Nurse Aide I course and current (active) listing on the NCNA registry by June 15th with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility.

  Note: A copy of the certificate of completion OR transcript OR registration form showing current enrollment in an approved program OR a letter (on official letterhead) from the NCNAR showing completion of an approved program must be submitted with the nursing program application. An approved program will have classroom, laboratory, and clinical components.

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

  Note: Completion of a high school Medical Careers I & II course with a grade of “C” or higher and current employment may be used to meet this requirement. A letter from your employer (on company letterhead) stating you are currently employed as a CNA, and length of employment will be required. Both courses must have been completed and work experience current.

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**PHASE II: Program Application and Health Occupations Test**

**Deadline date: Early Acceptance: October 7th by 12:00 noon**

**Deadline date: Regular Acceptance: February 28th by 12:00 noon**

Applicants are responsible for ensuring all required materials and documents have been submitted to the Office of Enrollment and Student Success by the deadline date. *If the deadline date falls on a weekend, all materials and documents are due the Friday before the deadline. Incomplete packets cannot be processed.*

• Submit the program specific application (can only be received by attending the Information Session in Phase I). All requirements in Phase I must be met to submit the program specific application.

• The following forms must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment and Student Success:
  
  o **Program specific application and**
- Copy of CNA program certificate of completion or transcript showing completion of an approved program or registration form showing enrollment in an approved program
- Copy of the Nurse Aide listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry if class completed. If class not yet completed, by June 15th.

- Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). Please visit the website www.atitesting.com for additional information.
- The testing fee of $45.00 (subject to change without notice) will be paid at the Cashiers Office prior to testing. A TEAS Testing Ticket is required to schedule the test and is obtained by submitting the program specific application.
- Applicants are allowed to test twice per academic year (August to March of the following year) with a thirty (30) day interval between testing dates.
- Applicants should allow three and one half hours to complete this computer-based test. The ATI TEAS cannot be taken until PHASE I is completed.
- Applicants must achieve a score of exemplary, advanced or proficient to be considered for admission to the nursing program. Testing can be done at JCC however, the College does accept transfer scores from ATI. These scores must be for the ATI TEAS released after August 31, 2016.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare in advance for the ATI TEAS test. Visit the Academic Enrichment Center for information on a free ATI TEAS prep course. Additionally, study materials may be purchased in the College Bookstore or on line at www.atitesting.com.

**PHASE III: Ranking and Notification of Admission Status**

- Only applicants who score exemplary, advanced, or proficient on the ATI TEAS will be considered in the point ranking.
- Only courses completed by the deadline date will be used in the point ranking of applicants. A grade of A, B, or C earned on the first attempt in courses will be used in the point ranking. NOTE: If BIO 168, 169 and 175 are over five (5) years old the most current grade will be used in point ranking. Additionally, applicants will only receive points for sequential Anatomy & Physiology I & II courses taken at the same college.
- 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, ATI TEAS scores will determine point ranking.
- Notification will be sent to applicants for early acceptance in January and those applying for regular acceptance will be notified in late May.
- Applicants may be placed on an alternate list or not accepted at this time. The alternate list is for the current admitting year. All lists and program specific materials are destroyed after Fall classes begin – no waiting list is maintained. Applicants not accepted at this time may continue with college course work or schedule an appointment with a counselor to discuss other educational opportunities.
- If admitted, your program code will be changed by the Enrollment and Student Success staff. If a student changes programs after accepting a seat in nursing, the student is responsible for changing their program of study code with the Enrollment and Student Success Office.
- Applicants not accepted and desiring to be considered for next year must complete the Information Session, submit the program specific application, submit evidence of additional points and may elect to retake the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS).

**PHASE IV - Acceptance**

- Students accepted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must:
  - Return acceptance to the Enrollment and Student Success Office within five (5) days of the date of the letter
  - Attend a **mandatory** 2-day program orientation on the designated dates in June
  - Show documentation of physical and emotional health by the student’s primary care provider. (College approved forms will be distributed at orientation).
  - Show documentation of Health Insurance coverage and maintain such coverage while enrolled in the nursing program.
  - Show evidence of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification (infant, child and adult) through the American Heart Association.
o *Submit to criminal background checks and initial and random drug screenings as directed by affiliating clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings must be completed through the College’s designated service provider. The student will incur the cost of the criminal background checks and drug screenings. Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screenings every six months while enrolled in the program.

*Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and will 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.

The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one year notice however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited notice.

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