Nursing Admissions Requirements: Fall 2020

The Associate Degree Nursing program at Johnston Community College is a 2-year program completed 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 based on academic records, admission testing, and the maximum number of seats available as approved by the State Board of Nursing.

A student with two previous attempts in an Associate Degree, 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 exited the JCC nursing program for any reason (and has not been enrolled in a practical nursing program or associate degree-nursing program previously) may re-enter the JCC nursing program one time.

Applicants interested in fall 2020 admission will have an opportunity to submit the Nursing Intent to Apply Form for early decision beginning August 27 through October 5, 2019 with notification of acceptance to the program in January. Applicants can continue to submit the Nursing Intent to Apply Form until March 1 of the admitting year for regular admission.

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 and/or evenings.

Applicants must meet the College’s admission requirements and additional admission requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Johnston Community College will be part of a new developmental education initiative beginning in fall 2020. Applicants applying for 2021 fall admission will be held to new requirements. Fall 2021 applicants must be eligible to enter the program required gateway (college-level) English and math courses without a co-requisite or have successfully passed English and math transition course(s) prior to entry into the program.

2. Official high School or official high school equivalency transcript and official transcripts of all Colleges attended on file in Student Services. Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope or sent electronically directly to the College.
3. All foreign transcripts (secondary and post-secondary) must be evaluated by a JCC recognized evaluation company at the student’s expense. For specific details, see International Transcript information in the College catalog.

4. 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.

5. Complete a Connect Session (information provided by Student Services).

6. Complete the College placement test (if required) or meet test exemption requirements.

7. Biology Course: Show completion of one unit of high school or college level general biology course (with a lab component) or equivalent with a grade of C or higher. Anatomy & Physiology does not meet the biology requirement.

8. Chemistry Course: Show completion of one unit of high school or college level chemistry or equivalent with a grade of C or higher.

9. Algebra Course: Show completion of one unit of high school algebra I or II or equivalent with a grade of C or higher.

10. Placement: Applicants must place into ENG 111 and place out of DMA 065.

11. Applicants must have a minimum 2.50 or higher cumulative grade point average at last attended high school or college.

12. BIO course (BIO 168, 169, and 175) must be completed within the last five (5) years by the point of entry into the program. BIO courses over 5 years must be retaken. BIO courses (168, 169, and 175) may be completed as co-requisites in the semester required as outlined in the program of study, and are not required as pre-requisites for admission into the program.

13. Attend a MANDATORY Health Science Information Session (session dates posted on JCC’s website). The Nursing Intent to Apply form is provided upon attendance to a Health Science Information Session prior to application deadline for the nursing program.

14. Nursing Assistant I: 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 of the admitting year 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 NCNA showing completion of an approved program must be submitted with the Nursing Intent to Apply form. An approved program will have classroom, laboratory, and clinical components.

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

*Completion of a Certified Medical Assistant course and/or Paramedic program will not meet the nursing assistant requirement.
15. **ATI TEAS:** Applicants are responsible for ensuring all required materials and documents including the Nursing Intent to Apply form are submitted to the Health Science Admissions Coordinator by the deadline date. If the deadline date falls on a weekend, all materials and documents are due the Friday before the deadline. Only completed packets can be processed.

A TEAS TESTING TICKET will be issued when the Nursing Intent to Apply form has been submitted to the Health Science Admissions Coordinator. The TEAS TESTING ticket issued via e-mail allows you to view and schedule a testing date. Applicants are allowed twice (2) per academic year with a thirty (30) day interval between testing dates at any testing location. JCC offers the TEAS however; the College only accepts TEAS scores from ATI. Applicants must achieve a minimum of 65 or higher on the overall adjusted individual score and a 70 or higher on the reading portion of the TEAS test to be considered for admission. TEAS scores are valid for two (2) years and must be completed by February 28th of the admitting year. View the JCC and ATI website for additional information.

16. **Ranking and Notification:** Only courses completed by the deadline date will be used in the point ranking of applicants. Only a grade of A or B earned on the first attempt in courses will be used in the point ranking. NOTE: Points will only be awarded for BIO 168, 169 and 175 if they were completed within the last five (5) years from the date of point of entry into the program. Points will ONLY be given for BIO 168 and 169 if the two courses have been taken at the same college. Points for BIO 168 and 169 will ONLY be given to **seated or face-to-face laboratory instruction**, not an online lab component (documentation may be required to award points).

17. Qualified applicants are ranked according to the highest points to the lowest points. Applicants accepted to the program depends upon availability of seats. If two or more applicants have the same number of points, ATI TEAS scores will determine the ranking. Applicants are notified in late May. Applicants may be placed on an alternate list (for the current admitting year only) or not accepted. Applicants not accepted may schedule an appointment with a counselor to discuss other educational opportunities or continue with college course work and reapply the next year. Applicants must submit the Nursing Intent to Apply form each year to be considered. Johnston Community College does not create a waiting list for the Associate Degree Nursing program.

18. **Acceptance:** Applicants accepted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program must:
   - Return acceptance to the Health Science Admissions Coordinator within five (5) days of the date of the letter.
   - Attend a mandatory 2-day program orientation on the designated dates provided by the nursing program. Applicants should plan to attend an initial orientation day during the second week of June and a second day of orientation will be held during the last week of June.
   - Provide documentation of satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunizations after receipt of conditional acceptance and prior to final admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program. The College will provide the physical form.
   - Provide documentation of program-required immunizations. All immunization documents are completed through the College’s designated service provider.
   - CPR certification- Provide evidence of current CPR certification by the American
Heart Association at the Healthcare Provider level (adult, child, & infant) and maintain certification throughout the NUR course sequence.

- Background Check and Drug Screen: Submit to criminal background checks and initial and random drug screenings as directed by affiliation clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings are completed through the College’s designated service provider and the student incurs cost. 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.

- Provide evidence of individual medical insurance coverage.

- Submit two (2) current passport style photos (2x2) to the Nursing Department during orientation.

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. The 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.

Johnston Community College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to prove 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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