Beginning summer 2018, Johnston Community College will offer an accelerated advanced placement option for licensed practical nurses (LPN) who possess a current unrestricted license in North Carolina, and who meet the requirements as listed below.

The accelerated advanced placement option begins in the summer semester with NUR 214 and is followed by two (2) additional semesters of coursework. NUR 214 is a rigorous, accelerated course that covers a broad range of content in an expedited format in ten (10) weeks. The accelerated NUR 214 course differences from the traditional nursing courses by taking only ten (10) weeks to review select content from NUR 111, NUR 112, NUR 113, NUR 114 and NUR 117. For this reason, students need to seriously consider decreasing work and personal commitments in order to successfully meet the rigorous requirements for passing this course. Working full-time and/or taking other college courses while enrolled in this course is not recommended. In the fall semester following NUR 214, students are scheduled to take NUR 211 and NUR 212 alongside traditional nursing students. After successful completion of NUR 211 and NUR 212, students will enroll the final course of study NUR 213 in the spring semester. Upon successful completion of NUR 213 students will have met academic requirements necessary to enable them to apply to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Candidates must show evidence of a current unencumbered North Carolina license to practice as a LPN. License must remain unencumbered while enrolled in the nursing program.
2. Candidates must show current CPR Certification Card (American Heart Association Basic Life Support- Health Care Provider) Course. Online certifications or re-certifications are not accepted. Certification in CPR must remain current throughout the nursing program.
3. Candidates must have been employed full-time and have at least 2000 work hours for the last 2 years as a LPN in a medical-/surgical unit in an acute care hospital or in a skilled nursing facility or have graduated from a PN program within the last year (no exceptions to this rule- documentation from your employer may be required). A letter of reference from your current employer is required.
4. Complete an application to the college.
5. Submit official transcripts from all previous schools, including high-school, to the Admissions Office by January 31st of the year desiring admission.
6. Complete the College placement test (if required) or meet test exemption requirements.
7. Complete an interview with a counselor in the Office of Enrollment and Student Success.
8. Completion of algebra I or II with a grade of “C” or higher and/or completion of required developmental math courses.
9. Show completion of high school or college level chemistry course AND biology course (with a lab component) with a grade of “C” or higher.
10. Complete all first-year related course work for the Associate Degree Nursing program with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (BIO 168, BIO 169, PSY 150, PSY 241, ENG 111). Preference will be given to students who have completed all related courses with a GPA of 2.5 or higher as of January 31st. Students who are admitted to the accelerated advanced placement program may complete second year co-requisites during the fall and spring semesters after admission into the program (ENG 112, PHI 240, BIO 175), alongside traditional nursing students. Refer to the Associate Degree plan of study for a list of related courses needed for degree completion. BIO courses (168, 169, 175) over five (5) years old from the year of admittance will not be accepted.
11. Attend a MANDATORY Health Information Session – dates and times are available on the College website at www.johnstoncc.edu. (Please bring a copy of the Program Admission Policy to the session.)
12. In addition to general admission requirements, students requesting admission to the accelerated advanced placement option for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program will be required to validate their nursing knowledge and skills through the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (NACE). Students must achieve a minimal score of 80 on the NACE entrance test to be considered for admission by January 31st of the year desiring admission. The cost of the exam is the responsibility of the applicant and is set by the company, not the school. Test scores are acceptable for a period of three (3) years. A student may choose to re-test. The highest score will be considered for admission.
13. Students will submit to criminal background checks and drug screening upon admission to the accelerated advanced placement option and random drug screenings, as directed by affiliated clinical agencies. The results of the background check and drug screen may
determine if the student is eligible to enter clinical agencies. Students are responsible for the cost of the background check and drug screen. Applicants should be aware that a student must be able to enter and/or remain in all clinical agencies to progress within the program. If a clinical site denies a student placement in their facility, the student would be unable to complete the requirement clinical component of the course and will not be allowed to progress in the program. The background and drug screening must be completed by the designated date. Failure to complete the process as outlined will jeopardize enrollment in the program.

14. Applicants should be aware that if they have pled guilty to or have been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor, the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) may restrict and/or deny licensure. The NCBON requires a criminal history check for each person applying to practice in the state of North Carolina.

15. All applicants are responsible for confirming that required documents, official transcripts, scores, and grades have been received by the application deadline. Eligible applicants not accepted will not be carried over to a waiting list for the following year and must re-apply in the next accelerated advanced placement program and/or apply for the regular advanced placement option.

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 limited notice.

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