

Frequently Asked Questions: Associate Degree Nursing

Where is Johnston Community College located?

Johnston Community College's main campus is conveniently located near the intersection of I-95 and Highway 70 East in Smithfield, North Carolina. [Driving Directions](#)

How do I begin the admission process to apply to the College?

Step 1. Apply (submit the application to the college) this can be completed on-line at <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/future-students/admissions/apply-now.aspx>

Step 2. Request official transcripts from your high school and each college attended.

Submit transcripts to:

Johnston Community College
Office of Admissions and Student Engagement
P.O. Box 2350
Smithfield, NC 27577

OR

Email to: jccadmissions@johnstoncc.edu

Official transcripts are received in a sealed envelope from your high school or college(s). **Do not open the envelope! Transcripts can also be sent electronically from your high school or College attended.**

Do I have to be a high school graduate to enter the program?

Yes, all applicants must have graduated before entering the program.

What if I took the GED or graduated from an Adult High School do I still need my high school transcript?

Yes, this can assist in determining if you have met the admission requirements.

Do you accept the GED diploma?

Yes

I took a class at a University in 1994 and the course doesn't pertain to the Nursing Program. Do I need to obtain an official transcript?

Yes, we need official transcripts from your high school and all Colleges attended.
No exceptions!

I took the GED at JCC or another Community College in North Carolina. Where do I obtain a copy of my GED scores?

All High School Equivalency (HSE) diplomas, transcripts, and verification requests for the GED[®], HiSET, and TASC tests are processed through [DiplomaSender](#). Please

contact Diploma Sender at DiplomaSender.com or at 855-313-5799 for your transcript requests or queries regarding your transcripts or diploma.

I took the GED in another state. How do I obtain the GED scores?

Contact the State Board of Education in that state and they should be able to assist you. If you have a copy of your scores the information and where additional scores can be obtained is indicated on the score sheet.

Another option is to contact Diploma Sender at DiplomaSender.com or at 855-313-5799 for your transcript requests or queries regarding your transcripts or diploma.

I graduated twenty years ago will my high school still have my transcripts?

Yes, they are required to keep transcripts.

How long does it take to complete the application, transcripts, and /or testing process?

Approximately four to six weeks to complete the application process. Please plan accordingly. Transcript arrival, obtaining TEAS scores, and other required documents can sometimes take longer.

What are the admission requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing program?

- Review GPA requirements on Admission policy.
- Graduated from high school or the equivalent before entering the program.
- Applicants must have completed an Algebra I course with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Have completed two science courses: biology and chemistry with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Meet the JCC minimum requirements for placement in ENG 111
- Complete the CNA certification and be on the NC Registry by **June 15th** of the admitting year.

Are there courses I can take while I am waiting to be admitted to the program?

Yes, if you do not meet the requirements, courses are available to meet the science or math requirements. Please visit our web-site to view the nursing curriculum <http://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/associate-degree-nursing>. Any course without a NUR prefix can be taken prior to gaining admission into the program.

Do I need to complete all related courses before I can be admitted to the program?

No. Many students do complete all the general education courses prior to beginning the nursing coursework because it lightens their course load.

What semester is Anatomy & Physiology offered?

Johnston Community College offers BIO 168 in the Fall semester of each year and BIO 169 in the Spring semester of each year. Please check the complete course schedule in Self-Service.

What if I have taken the first Anatomy and Physiology and need the second?

BIO 168-at Johnston CC you study the following body systems: A & P Terminology, Review of organic molecules, cells, tissues, Integumentary System, Skeletal System, Muscular System, Nervous System

BIO 169-at Johnston CC you study the following body systems: Endocrine System, Cardiovascular System, Lymphatic/Immune System, Digestive System, Respiratory System, Urinary System, Reproductive System (male & female).

NOTE- points for admission are awarded only for seated lab portions for BIO 168, 169 and 175

What if I only had biology and not another science course can I use Anatomy & Physiology to meet the science requirements?

BIO 168 and BIO 169 **cannot** be used to meet the science admission requirements.

I have taken Anatomy & Physiology and/or Microbiology at another college over twenty years (20) years ago do I need to retake the course?

Anatomy and Physiology course(s) and Microbiology more than five (5) years old will not be accepted.

I have taken a Developmental Psychology at an out-of-state college and I wasn't given transfer credit and I feel like it is the same as your course. What can I do?

Obtain a course description from the College and contact the Registrar's Office.

Are nursing classes and labs offered online or in the evenings?

No, prelicensure classes, lab, and clinical experiences are offered face-to-face. There are two hybrid courses in the plan of study, but both require face-to-face meetings.

Can I complete the Associate Degree Nursing program part-time?

The related course work can be completed part-time, but once you are admitted to the program it is a full-time commitment.

How can I view the Associate Degree Nursing curricula outline?

It can be viewed at <http://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/associatedegree-nursing>.

What day and approximate time are the day classes?

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Where do students complete their clinical training?

Some of the clinical sites are Johnston UNC Health, Wake Med, Rex, Duke University, Duke Raleigh, Harnett Health System, Wayne UNC Health Care, and other clinical facilities in surrounding communities.

Can I take classes on any JCC campus?

Some related courses may be offered at other JCC sites; however, most courses are available only on the main campus in Smithfield.

What if I meet the requirements and completed all the related course(s), can I be accepted?

You can be considered for admission to the Nursing program. It is a competitive program and has more applicants than seats available.

Do you have a waiting list?

No, applicants must apply each year to be considered.

How are applicants selected for the Nursing Program?

Currently, the College uses a point ranking system. Your college course work and the Health Occupations Test (TEAS). A score of "proficient" must be achieved to be considered. The point ranking is reviewed annually and subject to change. Please review the current admission policy for details pertaining to required scores.

How many students do you accept and do you admit each semester?

Approximately forty (40) to seventy (70) students are admitted each **Fall** for day classes. **Spring** admission for advanced placement is based on availability. We admit beginning Nursing students in the **Fall semester**. **Spring** admission is on a case by case basis with applicants completing at least the first semester of our Nursing program or an LPN. Advance Placement applicants are required to take a comprehensive nursing fundamentals exam and a medical dosage calculations test.

How many semesters is the Nursing program?

For students entering in the Fall you will attend five (5) semesters; applicants entering in the spring will attend four (4) semesters.

Can I work while in the Nursing program?

We cannot tell students not to work; however, we suggest not letting your work interfere with your success in college courses.

Is your Nursing program accredited?

Johnston Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Nursing Program is approved by the State Board of Nursing.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for the Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone 404-975-5000, www.acenursing.org

What is the starting salary in this area?

Beginning salary in the Johnston County/Wake County area is approximately \$45,000-\$55,000 a year or approximately \$22.00/hr - \$26.50/hr.

I understand in the past students could sit for the licensure exam after the third semester of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Can students still do this?

This is no longer an option for students at JCC.

How can I obtain the CNA certification?

You would need to contact Continuing Education at Johnston Community College or a Community College in your area. Information is also posted on the JCC website. The classes are offered on a different schedule than the regular college calendar.

Applicants must have successfully completed a North Carolina approved Certified Nurse Aide I Program and currently listed on the Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated finding 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. Additional information is located on our web site at <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/therapeutic-diagnostic-services/nurse-aide/>

How long is the CNA class?

The CNA classes at most community college's is one-hundred sixty (160) hours with theory, lab and clinical. Classes last from 12-16 weeks.

How much does the CNA class cost?

Please contact the Nurse Aide program for details.

<https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/therapeutic-diagnostic-services/nurse-aide/>

I live close to another Community College can I take the CNA class at that College? Yes,

CNA must be completed at a State-Approved Training Program. A list of approved schools can be viewed at

<https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/hcpr/pdf/trainingprograms.pdf>

I am currently EMT certified must I also complete the CNA class? Yes

I am applying for the Spring Semester do I need to be CNA certified?

Yes, unless you are an LPN. LPN's must hold an unrestricted license in NC.

I am CPR certified by the American Heart Association and my card does not read "Healthcare Provider." Do I need to retake the CPR class?

Yes, you must have HealthCare Provider CPR through the **American Heart Association** showing adult, child, and infant

Where can I obtain "Healthcare Provider" CPR certification?

Contact Continuing Education at any Community College or if you are presently working in a health care facility they may offer the course at the facility. JCC offers a variety of healthcare certification courses which are scheduled year-round. More information can be viewed at <http://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/emergency-medical-science/ems-continuing-education/aha-other-certification.aspx>

How long is the CPR certification valid?

Two years (2) however, you cannot let the CPR certification lapse while in the program.

How will the College know if I am CPR certified?

You will receive a card (electronic accepted) upon completion of the CPR class.

How can I prepare for the Health Occupations Test (TEAS)?

Study guides are available in the book store, you can "goggle" internet study sites and we have a prep program in our academic skills center. You can visit <https://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx> for additional information.

How can I schedule to take the Health Occupations Test (TEAS)?

You must submit a Nursing program specific application and have met all admission requirements in order to receive a TEAS testing ticket.

What is the cost of the Health Occupations Test?

The cost is approximately \$65.00 per test attempt on campus and approximately \$120.00 per attempt online and subject to change without notice.

Where do I pay for the test after I have been scheduled?

Cashiers Office located in the Wilson Building.

How many times a year can I take the Health Occupations Admissions test (TEAS)?

Twice per academic year which is August 1 through July 31, with 30-day interval between testing dates (regardless of on campus or online testing).

What score do I need to achieve on the Health Occupations Admissions test for the Associate Degree Nursing program?

Applicants must score at the “proficiency” level or higher to be considered. Please review the current admission policy for details pertaining to test scores required.

Will I receive my scores on the day of testing?

Yes, you will be able to visit <https://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx> to view your scores.

Can I take the Health Occupations Test (TEAS) admission test at another college? Yes,
Johnston Community College will accept official scores from ATI. The college doesn't accept copies of scores from other colleges.

I have a master's degree will I have to take the Health Occupations Test (TEAS)? Yes,
all applicants applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must take the Health Occupations Test (TEAS).

Do I need a picture ID to take the Health Occupations Test (TEAS) admission test?

Yes, you must present a picture ID on your scheduled date of testing.

How many hours does it take to complete the Health Occupations Test (TEAS)?

Please allow three and one-half hours (3 ½).

Will I be taking the Health Occupations Test (TEAS) on a computer? Yes

Do I need to bring anything with me to take the Health Occupations Test (TEAS)?

No, you will need to bring only a picture ID. The College furnishes paper and pencils.

Do I have to submit to a criminal background check and a drug screening?

Yes, all accepted applicants are required by our clinical sites agreements to submit a criminal background and drug screening. Clinical sites can also do random drug screens.

Can the information from a criminal background jeopardize my ability to complete the Associate Degree Nursing Program?

Yes, the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

Do I have to complete the criminal background and drug screening before acceptance? No

Does the College review the criminal background checks?

The Department Chair and Assistant Program Director of Nursing Education Programs review criminal background checks and drug screens. In addition, information is provided to our clinical sites.

I have lived out-of-state and moved recently to North Carolina can information on a Criminal background check be completed for another state?

Yes

What other requirements do I need?

You will be required to show proof of immunizations (childhood, Rubella titer, Hepatitis, PPDs, Tdap, Flu, COVID, etc.) and an annual physical exam while enrolled in the program. This is subject to change as directed by our clinical affiliates.

Do I need health insurance?

You will be required to show evidence of Health Insurance coverage and maintain coverage while enrolled in the program.

How do I apply to the Associate Degree Nursing program? Applicants applying to Fall or Spring must complete this procedure.

You will need to attend a MANDATORY Virtual **Health Science Information Session** available on the Associate Degree Nursing webpage. Program specific Associate Degree Nursing Applications are submitted electronically (online). Application submission should include:

- Application
- CNA Certification
- TEAS Scores (if taken somewhere other than JCC)
- LPN License (printed from the North Carolina Board of Nursing website)

Official transcripts from high school and all colleges attended must be on file in the Admissions Office at JCC.