

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING SCHOOL APPLICANTS

Selective Admissions Process

Fall 2012

Application Dates May 2, 2011 through January 31, 2012
(**Excluding** New Student Registration dates of May 17, June 22, July 25, November 9, and November 22; the week of fall registration, August 17-23, and the week of spring registration January 2-10.)

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community agencies. The Associate Degree Nursing program is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Application Process

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the deadline. Nursing deadlines apply equally to all applicants.

The following steps must be completed by January 31, 2012 (see excluded dates listed above).

General Admission Requirements

1. Complete the RCC Application for Admission.
2. Complete the ACCUPLACER Assessment, if required by the Office of Admissions, and meet minimum required cut scores.

1.	Reading	Standard score 80
2.	Sentence Skills	Standard score 86
3.	Arithmetic	Standard score 55
4.	Algebra	Standard score 55

Applicants who fail to meet minimum scores on the ACCUPLACER may retest twice in a 12-month period. (The two retests refer to either partial or complete testing. If indicated levels are not achieved, the required developmental courses will need to be taken and completed with a "C" or better.)

3. Request official high school transcript or GED scores be sent to the Office of Admissions.

4. Request official transcripts from all colleges and schools attended since high school be sent to the Office of Admissions.

Additional information regarding general admissions requirements may be found in the current RCC catalog or on RCC's website at www.richmondcc.edu.

5. Take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and score at the proficient level. Additional information concerning the TEAS will be provided.

6. Submit documentation of state approved NA I training and registry listing (see **additional information**).

7. Meet with a counselor to complete **RCC Health Sciences Review Form**.

Nursing Selection Process

The point system was implemented as an objective means for evaluating nursing applicants. An applicant's total point count is combined from the following:

Assigned points for TEAS
Selected curriculum classes
Previous Experience

The points are used to rank applicants for the purpose of admission into the program. In the event that applicants have identical total admission points, the person with the earliest file completion date will be ranked higher. If the points are still identical, the person with the highest grade in BIO 165 will be ranked higher. Should candidates still be tied, the applicant with the highest grade in BIO 166 will be ranked higher. If the candidates are still tied, then the candidates' GPA for courses required in the nursing curriculum will be used to break the tie.

The deadline for applications including receipt of all transcripts and record of adequate test scores is January 31, assuming that the desired admission date is the fall semester following the application deadline. Applicants will be notified of admission status by the Office of Admissions.

Additional Information

All ADN applicants must complete a state approved Nurse Aide I (NA I) training program that includes theory, lab, and clinical components. Applicants must also hold a current non-restrictive listing as a Nurse Aide I (NA I) **with no** pending or substantiated findings. Applicants that have previously completed a state approved NA I training program which included theory, lab, and clinical components and have an expired listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry with no substantiated findings and are unable to renew under required qualifying work

experience are eligible to challenge the Nurse Aide I exam. **Applicants desiring to challenge the exam may find additional information at www.pearsonvue.com.**

Drug screenings and criminal background checks are **required** by our clinical sites in order for students to participate in clinical rotations; any related fees will be the responsibility of the student. **Failure to participate in a clinical assignment based on either the drug screening or criminal background check will result in dismissal from the program and inability to reapply for five years.**

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

If you are planning to submit your application for consideration for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program Fall of 2012 class and have not taken the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), please note the testing dates listed below. Space is limited to 20 on each test date. To schedule your test date, please register for the test date of your choice with Sharon Goodman, in person, or by calling 410-1734.

Times for all tests will be 3-8 pm on:

Oct 20 Nov 29 Dec 8 Dec 13

Please plan to take the TEAS early this year. Completed applications **with TEAS scores** will need to be submitted by January 31, 2012. In the fall, only a limited number of test dates will be available. TEAS scores from other schools will be accepted and all scores are valid for three (3) years. **Minimum TEAS requirements are subject to change each academic year.** Applicants seeking admission for fall 2012 who score below 60 on the math section of the TEAS will be encouraged to attend math remediation.

Note: Applicants may test twice in a 12 month period with at least 60 days between testing attempts.

Instructions

If you have previously used ATI, make sure you can login prior to test date. Please bring your login and password with you.

If you have **NOT** created an account with ATI log onto the website www.atitesting.com . You will see on the right side of the homepage “New to ATI” – click on “Create an account”. You will need to complete the profile. Under the institution profile select the school as Richmond CC – A D N. Once you have completed the profile you will automatically be directed back to your home page. Please bring your login and password with you.

Testing Location: Grimsley Health Science Building Room 229B. The room will be opened at 2:30 pm to begin check- in process. Testing will begin promptly at 3:00 pm.

On the day of the test please bring:

- (2) forms of ID. One MUST BE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE ID ex: driver's license
- A credit card for purchasing the test \$ 35.00. Make sure you know the billing address of the credit card you will be using.
- Your ATI login and password

Explanation of Points for Fall 2012

Test Preparation

TEAS study material can be purchased at www.atitesting.com. RCC recommends that applicants prepare for this test by purchasing the study guide and on-line practice test.

TEAS Point Allocation

A nursing candidate will receive points based on the following TEAS scores:

<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
96-100	40
91-95	35
86-90	30
81-85	25
76-80	20
71-75	10
65-70	5
Math Score greater than 60	5

Point Allocation for curriculum classes

The classes listed below are **required** in the **Associate Degree Nursing** program. A nursing candidate will receive points for these classes. Points will be allocated as follows: A= 4pts; B=3pts; C=2pts.

BIO 165	Anatomy and Physiology I	H/FA	Humanities/Fine Arts elective
BIO 166	Anatomy and Physiology II	PSY 150	General Psychology
BIO 275	Microbiology	PSY 241	Developmental Psychology
CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology
ENG 111	Expository Writing		
ENG112	Argument-Based Research		

The classes listed below are **not required** in the Associate Degree Nursing program. However, a nursing candidate will receive **points** for these classes. Points will be allocated as follows: A= 4pts; B=3pts; C=2pts.

CHM 151	General Chemistry I	PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology
MAT 115	Mathematical Models	SPA 111	Elementary Spanish I or
	or a higher level math		another foreign language

MED 121 Medical Terminology I

MED 122 Medical Terminology II

Previous Experience Points

RCC LPN	9 points	EMT (certified)	2 points
LPN	4 points		
Nurse Assistant II	3 points		

A nursing candidate will also receive **points** for **previous** diplomas and/or degrees. Points will be assigned for **highest level completed only**.

Diploma (not high school)	2 points
Associate Degree	3 points
Baccalaureate (or Master's) Degree	4 points

Please remember, it is your responsibility to meet with a counselor to start the application process. All documentation must be completed and in your file by the January 31 deadline. Incomplete files will not be considered for the Associate Degree Nursing program.

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