

NURSING PROGRAM STEPS TO APPLICATION

1. Ensure you are a Virginia Peninsula Community College student with a valid student ID number. Apply on-line at https://www.apply.vccs.edu/applications/vccs/apply.html?application_id=4096 to submit a college application. Placement tests may be required.

2. Pre-requisite Course Requirements:

- BIO141 – Anatomy & Physiology I
- ENG111 – English Composition I
- MTH154 – Quantitative Reasoning (Replaces HLT230)
- PSY230 – Developmental Psychology
- SDV101 – Orientation to Health Sciences (Replaces SDV100)
- BIO142 – Anatomy & Physiology II (**for PN-RN bridge applicants ONLY**)

For the spring 2023 and fall 2023 application periods, the original 5 pre-reqs will be accepted (BIO141, ENG111, HLT230, PSY230 and SDV100) as well as the new MTH154 and SDV101. Course substitution forms must be completed to apply HLT230 credit for MTH154 and SDV100 credit for SDV101.

SDV100 and HLT230 will no longer be accepted after the fall 2023 application period and MTH154 and SDV101 will need to be taken in order to apply in the spring 2024 application period.

Should SDV101 not be offered as a SP23 course offering as planned, please register for SDV100 instead. SDV100 credit will be accepted, and a course substitution form will be required to award credit for SD101.

Any science or math pre-req or gen-ed class (BIO141, BIO142, BIO150 and MTH154) **expires after 5 years of completion** and will need to be retaken.

All pre-reqs must be completed with a grade of B or higher for nursing application, even though the College accepts a C grade for transfer credit. It is **NOT recommended** to repeat any course already passed and completed to improve chances of selection. Instead, please study and prepare for the ATI TEAS admissions exam so you perform above the benchmark for application.

A minimum curricular GPA for these pre-req classes must be at least 3.0 to be eligible for application. Any course that posts a P grade will not be included in this curricular GPA calculation. With program approval, the cumulative GPA may be used for application if a curricular GPA of the 4 pre-req courses cannot be calculated. SDV101 is not included in the curricular GPA.

3. **Official college transcripts** of previous degree or courses taken must be submitted for evaluation of transfer credit. **Please visit** <https://www.vpcc.edu/admissions/transcripts> for direction on how and where to send your transcripts. Please email Admissions@vpcc.edu if you have questions or need assistance with this process.

PN-RN bridge students must submit transcripts as above, but also official of transcripts for **PN education**. **BIO150** is a pre-req for 3rd semester nursing classes and must be completed before joining the RN degree students; **ensure to take this class in a summer session**.

4. **Official high school transcript or GED transcript** must be submitted. Please visit <https://www.vpcc.edu/admissions/transcripts> for direction on how and where to send your transcripts. Please email Admissions@vpcc.edu if you have questions or need assistance with this process.

- A grade of C for one year of high school Chemistry is required by the Board of Nursing. If this course was not completed in high school, it may be completed at the college level in CHM101.
- A grade of C for one year of high school Algebra is required by the Board of Nursing. If this course was not completed in high school, it may be completed at the college level in MTH154 or other higher level math course.
- If you **attended high school in a foreign country** and cannot obtain your transcript, your diploma will be accepted to show completion of secondary education. Please ensure translation if necessary.

5. **Contact an Advisor BEFORE FEBRUARY 1** at <https://www.vpcc.edu/advising> to set up an appointment to ensure all pre-

req requirements are complete and that you are eligible to apply.

6. **Attend a virtual information session.** Please review **Fall 2022 Nursing Information** presentation slides [[2022 Info Session PP Presentation](#)]. Spring 2023 slides are under review and will be posted here before the first information session. Attendance at an information session is **no longer required, but strongly recommended**. A live review of the new Spring 2023 application requirements and process, a brief overview of the nursing program, and a Q&A session with program head will be held on:

Spring 2023

- **Friday, January 20, 2023, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm** – Please use Zoom link <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/85416290399> to join this session.
- **Friday, February 10, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** – This is the **LAST** information session of the PN-RN application period. Please use Zoom link <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/88395789760> to join this session.
- **Friday, March 3, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** – Please use Zoom link <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/86473575713> to join this session.
- **Friday, March 24, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** - This is the **LAST** information session of the RN application period. Please use Zoom link <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/82189163257> to join this session.
- **Friday, April 14, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** - This is the **LAST** information session of the spring 2023 semester. Please use Zoom link <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/84909285989> to join this session.

Information Sessions for the fall 2023 term will begin in August and a new schedule will be posted in July.

7. Request **one reference** from a Biology or Health faculty member (full-time or adjunct) from any higher education institution (**preferred**). A professional reference may be submitted as an alternate if a BIO or HLT instructor reference cannot be obtained. Please contact your reference provider to ask they complete the reference section of your NursingCAS application and to look for an emailed link from NursingCAS. A separate reference form is no longer required.

8. A **resume** for your work experience may also be included in your NursingCAS application. Please complete the EXPERIENCE portion of the NursingCAS application to include your work history, any medical or allied health experience you may have, as well as any military service. There is no need to upload a copy of your resume to NursingCAS.

PLEASE APPLY EARLY SO YOU HAVE TIME

TO STUDY AND PREPARE

FOR THE ATI TEAS ADMISSIONS EXAM

9. **ATI TEAS Admissions Testing** – Please review TEAS information at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/exam-details>. All tests will be administered in the **Hampton III Building (525 Butler Farm Road, Hampton) in Room 347 A/B from 10am to 2pm (Don't be late!)** Please email PSAHHS@vpcc.edu to schedule your exam after the application period has opened and your pre-reqs are all complete.

Spring 23 TEAS Testing Schedule

PN-RN Bridge (Fall 2023 Day Only)

- Friday, February 24, 2023

RN Degree Program (Day & Evening programs)

- Friday, March 3, 2023

Additional test dates will be added as necessary -- 50 Students Per Test Session

Create your **username and password ONLY** for your ATI Testing account at www.ATItesting.com. Click on Create Account at the top of the page just below the orange bar. **DO NOT REGISTER for an exam** at this time. Test registration will take place on exam day. Please visit <https://help.atitesting.com/create-an-ati-account> for additional direction and assistance.

The exam costs **\$65** payable on-line on test day. **DO NOT PAY IN ADVANCE**. Please bring your credit card and driver's

license or student ID with you on test day. Payment will be made, and your test will begin.

TEAS is a 4-hour general knowledge exam that tests reading comprehension, grammar, math, and science. The test will begin at **10 am; late arrivals will not be admitted.**

If you have previously taken the ATI TEAS exam elsewhere, unfortunately, those results are not accepted by the nursing program. This exam **must be** taken through Virginia Peninsula Community College.

Scores are valid for two application cycles and can be used twice. The most recent score is counted, not the highest score. If you tested in Spring 2022, you need to test again. If you have HESI A2 scores from a previous application cycle, you will need to test again as the admissions testing requirement has changed to TEAS.

Please purchase the ATI TEAS study guides, tutorials and practice tests at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep>. Here is a SmartPrep flyer for more information [[SmartPrep Flyer](#)] and a code for a 20% discount in study materials:

Use this coupon code for 20% off!

For the TEAS Smart Prep Tutorial: **22TEAS20P**

****Coupon code expires 1/1/23****

Please visit local libraries, etc. for other remediation materials. More information for practice tests and remediation materials will be added here as new information becomes available.

Please prepare for this high-stakes exam early by taking a practice test to assess the areas in which you are weakest and then focus your studying in those areas. Set a timer to practice taking a timed test.

Please visit <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-on-campus-at-institution> to learn more for what to expect and do on test day and visit ATI's Help Center at <https://help.atitesting.com/ati-teas-version-7> for additional information on the exam, scoring and transcripts.

10. **Complete the on-line application at www.NursingCAS.org** for the program you wish to apply:

PN-RN Bridge classes – Application must be received BEFORE 5:00 pm on **February 28**.

RN Degree Program – Application must be received BEFORE 5:00 pm on **March 31**.

An application fee of \$55 is required upon application submission.

For the **RN degree program**, applications will be ranked for Day and Evening/Weekend selection based on the cohort you select:

- If you also select **DAYS and EITHER**, your application will be considered for both days and evening/weekends. This implies you prefer DAYS but allows your application to be considered for the Evening/Weekend program if you are not selected for DAYS.
- The same holds true if you select **EVENING/WEEKEND and EITHER**.
- If you select **EITHER only**, this means you have no preference and can be placed in either DAY or EVENING/WEEKEND cohorts depending on your ranking.

The **PN-RN Bridge** application is for 2 courses (NSG115 and NSG200) in day-only fall sessions in Hampton. **NSG115 is not Financial Aid eligible and must be paid out of pocket.** Upon completion of these 2 classes, applicants are eligible to join RN degree students in the 3rd semester at the Williamsburg campus in January or at the Hampton campus in August. Advanced standing credit for 1st and 2nd semester nursing courses will be awarded after successful completion of NSG115 and NSG200.

All Applicants Please Be Prepared To:

- Upload **copies** of college transcripts for nursing pre-req classes (BIO141, ENG111, HLT230, PSY230, and SDV100 or for new MTH154 or SDV101). **PN-RN Bridge** applicants ensure BIO142 (and BIO150 if already completed) is listed on the transcript.

Upload **copy** of high school transcript for proof of Algebra and Chemistry.

- **PN-RN Bridge** applicants must also upload a copy of transcripts for PN Education and a copy of their PN license.
- Request a reference from a BIO or HLT instructor.
- Complete the Experience section of the application for your employment, medical experience, or military service.
- Schedule your ATI TEAS exam.

Please monitor this website regularly for updates and new information on all the application requirements.

Decision letters will be sent electronically by the **middle of March for PN-RN** students and by the **middle of April for the RN** degree program. All applicants will receive written notification sent to student email **@email.vccs.edu** addresses.

**THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO VIRGINIA PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S
NURSING PROGRAM!!!**

Program Acceptance and Decision Information

Acceptance

All students who apply to the nursing program will be notified of their admission status by email. Students applying to the Hampton Campus will be notified by May 1st. Students applying to the Historic Triangle Campus will be notified by November 1st. There are two types of acceptance: conditional and alternate.

Conditional Acceptance

In order to comply with clinical agency requirements, the Virginia Peninsula Nursing Program mandates the following admission requirements:

- **Attendance at a mandatory orientation session.**
- **Pre-entrance medical examination with required laboratory tests and immunization records.** If the medical exam indicates a finding which would prohibit a student from attending clinical, the student cannot successfully meet the course requirements and will not be able to continue in the nursing program.
- **Validation of successful completion of the American Heart Association's Healthcare Provider CPR course.** Students are responsible for the cost of the CPR course.
- **Criminal background check and drug testing.** If the criminal background check or drug screen indicates a finding which prohibits a student from attending a clinical agency, the student cannot successfully meet the course requirements and will not be able to continue in the nursing program. Students are responsible for the cost of the background check and drug testing.

In addition, clinical agencies may implement criminal background checks or random urinary drug screenings. Nursing students, if selected by the agency, may be included in this testing. These policies are the procedures of the clinical agencies, not the college.

Alternate Status

Alternates have met the admission requirements but the number of applications that were received exceeded the number of students that could be accepted. Normally, the nursing program has students who decline admission, and attrition occurs. Should seats become available, students with alternate status may then be offered conditional acceptance.

Financial Requirements

In addition to college tuition, fees, and course textbooks, the Nursing program has additional costs for which students will be responsible. Costs may include but are not limited to criminal background check and drug screen, medical examination, immunization/titers, CPR certification, uniforms, instruments and supplies, transportation to and from clinical sites, testing resources, and certification and licensure fees. Contact the Health Professions advising office for additional information.
