

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE AT VWCC

NURSING

Associate in Applied Science
2026

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Application Deadline: March 1 for fall program
(See notes below)

Virginia Western Community College has an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing.

Pam Woody & Jasmine Terry processes academic files for students applying to Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Radiography and Radiation Oncology, Practical Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Surgical Technology, and Medical Laboratory Technician and OTA coming fall 25, pending approval. All academic files to one of these Health Professions programs will be processed in the Health Professions Advising and Applications Office. Our office is located in the Fralin Center for Science and Health Professions which is on the Virginia Western Community College campus in Roanoke, Virginia. The room number is 339 and Pam is typically in the office from Monday through Friday from 8:00-3:30. You can mail the information to Attn.: Pam Woody, School of Health Professions at VWCC; 3091 Colonial Ave.; Roanoke, VA 24015. Jasmine is typically in the office Monday-Thursday from 11:00-2:00. Please bring all application materials to Fralin, Room 339. There could be a delay if delivered to other areas on campus.

You may contact a team of Health Profession Advisors at healthprofessions@virginiawestern.edu as well

For course advising/mapping, you can contact Ms. Julie Ainsley at the above email.

The Nursing Program is a four-semester program and we accept one time a year and classes will begin in the **Fall of each year** which is usually in the mid to later part of August.

Let me begin by saying we do not have a waiting list for this program. We go through an acceptance process each year to consider all applicants that have made application, in this instance from May (after the March 1 deadline) through the **application deadline of March 1**. (May, the year prior to admission through the following March prior to fall admission)

This presentation will discuss the Admissions Criteria and Process, the prerequisites for the program, the Nursing Curriculum, a typical schedule for the first semester, if accepted, estimated cost of the program and some Admissions Statistics.

If you are interested in the one-year certificate program in Practical Nursing, you may review the website for that program for more information.

For applicants that are LPNs, we currently have a LPN to RN Bridge program and you may locate the information on the LPN to RN website:

<https://www.viriniawestern.edu/academics/health-professions/nursing-bridge/php>

For information regarding the application process and verification of complete academic file, prior to receiving the advising letter, through email notification from Dynamic Forms, you may contact Ms. Brown and for assistance with career choices and course selections, you may contact Julie Ainsley (jainsley@viriniawestern.edu).

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Academically Challenging
- Science and Math orientation
- Classroom and Clinical components
- Skills application
- Clients as partners in health/wellness

The Nursing program is academically challenging in regards to it is a very intense program.

It does have a strong math and science orientation as studies have shown if students are successful in Math and Science they should be successful in a Health Professions program. That is one reason we have the math and science prerequisites for our program and that science and math is the basis for our courses.

The program does consist of classroom and clinical components. At VWCC, we have an on-campus lab to help facilitate learning and students also go into the clinical sites. Some of the clinical sites may include Lewis-Gale Clinic and Lewis Gale Hospital, Carilion-RMH, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, and Richfield Nursing Home as well as other facilities in the Roanoke and Rocky Mount areas. In addition, at VWCC we have a nursing skills lab (with sim lab capabilities) that provides students an opportunity to practice their skills that they will be utilizing on the clinical floors and we participate in the simulation lab facility at the Higher Education Center located downtown Roanoke.

RN PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

● REQUIRED

- High School Diploma/GED (age 18 by June 1 prior to admission)
- **Chemistry**; at “C” level or above, completed by end of **Spring prior to fall admission**. (Chemistry must have a lab component as part of course.) (High School equivalent)
- College-level **Anatomy and Physiology I** (4 credits with lab component). BIO 141 must be completed by end of **Spring prior to fall admission** at “C” level or above. (Completed within five years of beginning the program.)
- College-level **ENG 111, PSY 230** and two credit **SDV 101**-Orientation to Health Professions completed by end of spring prior to fall admission at “C” level or above.
- Prerequisite GPA needs to be a 2.5 or higher—based on BIO 141, ENG 111, PSY 230 and two credit SDV 101

For high school grades for prerequisites—if grades are on semester and one semester you make a “C” and the second semester you make a “D”—you will need to repeat this course at VWCC or another community college. Both semester grades need to be a C or above unless number averages are included.

College level Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 141/142) must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Course sequence can also be BIO 231/232 as well. Must have lab component and be completed within five years of beginning the program. Only the BIO 141 is considered a pre-requisite and the BIO 142 is considered a support class to be completed in fall semester, if accepted with other nursing courses. BIO 142 may be completed before entrance to lighten the academic load, if accepted, for fall semester.

We look at academic history from HS to most recent, with an emphasis placed on the most recent academic accomplishments.

In order to be considered for **the fall** Nursing program, you must be either a HS Graduate or have obtained a GED and provide the official documentation of High School transcripts and a copy of your GED scores. In addition, you must be 18 years of age by June 1 prior to fall admission.

In addition, the courses required to be considered are one unit of Chemistry completed with a grade of “C” or higher by the end of **Spring prior to fall admission**. (Chemistry must have a lab component in order to be utilized in fulfilling the lab science requirements) If you took any of the classes in High School and the grades are on the semester system you will need to make a “C” or higher in each semester to be considered as having met the requirement. For instance, if you took Chemistry in High School and one semester made a “C” and the second semester you made a “D” with out a final grade being given, that is a class that you will need to repeat in order to fulfill the prerequisite. In college, one semester of each course passed with a grade of “C” or higher will be sufficient. Therefore, the classes can be completed in High School or college as long as the grade was “C” or higher. If you need to complete. If you need to complete CHM 5, you will need to have completed or direct placement out of MDE 10 within the last five years or direct place into college level math if you have been out of High School for five years plus, in order to register for the CHM 5. If you need to complete the BIO 101, the prerequisite for BIO 141 at VWCC, you will need to be eligible for MTH 155 based on HS and math completed in High School or Direct Place into college level math and eligibility for ENG 111 or co-enroll in ENF3/ENG 111 with the BIO 101 or complete the ENF3/ENG 111 prior to enrolling in BIO 101.

College level Anatomy and Physiology I is also required as a pre-requisite by the end of **Spring prior to fall admission**. You can complete the series at other Institutions of BIO 231/232. The Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed within the last five years of beginning the program. Courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Recent Biology (within the last three years and a grade of “C” or higher) is a pre-requisite for the BIO 141 course at VWCC or successful completion of NAS 2 within the last three years or successfully passing the challenge exam at 75% or higher to place into BIO 141 without completing either BIO 101 or NAS 2. Check with Counselors at other colleges to determine the prerequisite for their Anatomy and Physiology courses.

College level ENG 111, PSY 230 and two credit SDV 101 must be completed by the **end of Spring prior to fall admission**.

SDV 101-two credits—Orientation to Health Professions, which is designated with a “P” on the course listing. Please note that if you have obtained a Bachelor’s Degree (in the United States or provided documentation from an organization that indicates the equivalent of such in your country), we can waive the two credits of SDV 101 and award the two credits of SDV based on completion of the Bachelor’s Degree (or Associate Degree).

-Prerequisite GPA needs to be a 2.5 or higher (BIO 141, ENG 111, PSY 230, SDV)

RN PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

- HS/College cumulative GPA 2.00 or above by end of Fall prior to fall admission. (If using college GPA must have at least 12 credit hours of college credit in 12 month time-frame to use GPA.)
- Pre-requisite GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher by end of spring (BIO 141, PSY 230, ENG 111, two credit SDV 101)
- Must be 18 years of age by June 1 prior to start of fall program

The next component is your cumulative High School or college GPA must be a 2.00 or higher by end of Fall prior to fall admission. Your GPA is calculated at the end of the Fall semester. If you have attended college with a minimum of 12 credit hours of college credit that is the GPA we will go by to determine eligibility. College GPA must be based on at least 12 credit hours of college credit at one Institution. We use the most recent educational experience with 12 credit hours of college credit to determine your GPA. The GPA has to be a minimum of 12 credit hours, but we use the cumulative GPA of all credit hours completed at the same college. If you complete all college-level pre-requisites at one college, you will have the 12 credit to establish your cumulative GPA as well as your pre-requisite GPA.

The Admissions Committee reviews your entire academic history with emphasis being placed on your most recent educational experiences.

The pre-requisite GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher and the courses compiling this GPA include (BIO 141, ENG 111, PSY 230, SDV 101-two credits) and grades must be "C" or higher. Please note that a grade of "C" in each course will only give your pre-requisite GPA a 2.0 (not the required 2.5 or higher).

Must be 18 years of age by June 1 prior to start of fall program (beginning of program)

RN PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Must register and attend an informational session that will detail cost of program, rigor of program, faculty/student expectations, concept-based nursing education, role of nurses in 2026, employment while enrolled in nursing program, other related information. Check website for details on how to register for session and session dates.
- Select HEALTH PROFESSIONS LINK on ESA

Informational sessions must be registered for using the Extended Service Application and the Informational Sessions will occur, one per month, January through March. The sessions will not be loaded to the ESA website until September prior to spring deadline. (There will be some fall informational sessions as well which is reserved for the LPN to RN applicants.) Please select HEALTH PROFESSIONS from the ESA link (not Discover) and then follow the prompts to register for the Informational Session.

RN PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Consideration will be given to applicants with previous certification or healthcare credential (CNA, CCMA, EMT, paramedic, corpsman, phlebotomist) or 12 months of healthcare direct patient care. Please submit copy of certification or healthcare credential with on-line nursing application. Healthcare experience without credential/certification is considered with a supervisor's recommendation indicating 12 months of health care experience related to patient care. Please submit recommendation letter to pwoody@virginiawestern.edu

Please note, the letter of recommendation (if you do not have a healthcare certification) must include dates and duties performed and the employment must be at least one year in duration. Please only submit letter of recommendation from supervisor, if you do not have a healthcare license or credential to submit with your application. Please remind your supervisor to include the time-frame of your employment providing direct patient care.

RN ADMISSION PROCEDURES

- Apply to VWCC indicate program of study as Career Studies Certificate (CSC): Introduction to Nursing and apply as a curricular student. This **must** be your first step in the application process.
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- Apply to the Nursing Program by completing the For Non-Single Sign On Forms:
 - <https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/Submit/Start/ab933765-1063-418c-96ee-47e88b515e87?SSO=N>
 - The additional, non-SSO, Nursing Application Form 2026 link:
 - <https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpId=https://identity.my.vccs.edu/idp&TargetResource=https%3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2fab933765-1063-418c-96ee-47e88b515e87>
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Submit copy of healthcare credential or certification with application or letter of recommendation. (see previous slide).

Complete the VWCC application and indicate that you are interested in CSC: Introduction to NUR. This **must be the first step** prior to submitting any transcripts for your academic file.

Complete the on-line nursing application and submit a with copy of your healthcare certification or credential and submit the application. If you need to provide a letter of recommendation letter, from your supervisor, if applicable please have them submit letter that outlines your work employment dates, job duties and etc. and submit to pwoody@viriniawestern.edu.

It is very important to submit the nursing application as soon as possible as this will be the only way to communicate with applicants.

It is very important that if you are applying for a future term, for instance, fall 2027, you submit the on-line application for fall 26 as this will notify us of your interest in our program. We can always move your academic file to a future application year, when notified by you.

It is important that the information being mailed is addressed to the School of Health Professions or Attention Pam Woody (not the Admissions Office as this delays the process). You may use the address of VWCC, Attn. Pam Woody, 3091 Colonial Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015

Once evaluated, applicants are sent an “advising letter”, using Dynamic Forms, email notification, informing you about prerequisites and career support classes that you will need to reenter Dynamic Forms to view. **VERY IMPORTANT—IF YOU do NOT RECEIVED THIS LETTER-YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**—usually there is a three-five week turn around time from receipt of complete academic file to process your file and complete the Advising letter. Please be aware that during high volume times such as registration and deadlines will delay the processing of your file. Deadlines range from Feb-April for all HP programs. Expect delays in processing of files during that time especially.

Deadline for all application materials to be present **is March 1** with no exceptions!

It is in your best interest to **apply early** so we can advise course selection for Spring semester and etc. Even if you lack some of the prerequisites, we update your record in January to reflect courses completed in Fall and your cumulative GPA at the end of Fall and which courses you are enrolled in for **Spring prior to fall admission**. If you apply from May-December and you are currently enrolled in a non-Virginia Community College—you will need to provide us updated transcripts reflecting your final grades in the Fall semester—this updated transcript must arrive by **March 1**.

For those students who have registered and attended an informational session and are eligible to continue in the process, we notify them of the testing dates for the entrance examination (which I will explain in the next slide)—for those ineligible to continue in the process you will receive a letter in March that will indicate why you are ineligible. Reasons may include missing items like updated college transcripts, or missing pre-requisites, or cumulative GPA is below the 2.00 or pre-requisite GPA is below the 2.5 requirement.

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- **Submit official transcripts from HS/GED and all Colleges attempted to School of Health Professions, Attention Pam Woody to arrive in envelope. (Exception: VCCS transcripts are not required, as we can access information on system.) Address: VWCC, Attn: Pam Woody (or Health Professions),
3091 Colonial Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015**
- **Advising letter will be sent to email associated with SIS account. Please be aware of this email account within SIS. (We will use the email account associated with Navigate later in the application process-Kaplan notification.)**
- **Meet with Health Careers Advisor to discuss concerns or questions after receipt of advising letter**

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All letter communications will occur with an email notification from Dynamic Forms.

For advising assistance you can connect with Julie Ainsley at jainsley@virginiawestern.edu

ADMISSION PROCEDURES (con't)

- **DEADLINE** for submission of academic file is **MARCH 1 prior to fall admission**
- Register and take the Approved Nursing Entrance Examination (i.e. Kaplan)—this will be administered during Spring (at student expense, if any). Qualified applicants will be notified in late March (or early April), in Navigate, with further details. (For 2026, we anticipate the use of Kaplan entrance examination.) Be aware of your email account associated with Navigate and turn on your notification. Navigate notifications will occur typically in late March with testing in April.
- Complete Kaplan with a Composite Score of 45% or higher and then in **each** section of the Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam at a preferred 45 percentile or higher in all five categories—review materials located on the FAQ site on Nursing

The deadline to apply to the Fall Nursing program is **March 1 prior to fall admission**. By or on March 1, we must have your VWCC application, the Nursing program application completed on-line and official High School transcripts, copies of your GED scores, if applicable, official transcripts from all colleges attempted with the exception of VW or any other community college in VA—Registered and attended an informational session from Fall prior to application deadline through March of application deadline (ie Fall 2023-March 1, 2024)

If applicants have applied from May –December prior to following fall admission, in January we go thru their files to update which courses applicants have completed during the fall semester and update the cumulative GPA, and indicate which courses, if any, applicants have registered to take during the Spring semester.

If you are an applicant attending a non VCCS college in VA, we will need updated transcripts upon completion of the fall semester and those updated transcripts need to arrive by the application deadline and be addressed to the HPIO office at VWCC.

Once this process is concluded, usually in late-February, the next step in our process includes writing every applicant a letter informing them of their eligibility or ineligibility to continue in the application process. Some of the reasons that applicants could be ineligible include lower than 2.00 cumulative GPA after the Fall

semester, missing prerequisites for Spring, missing official transcripts, missing pre-requisite average of lower than 2.5 and etc.. Please note that only those who have registered and completed the Informational Session will receive this letter.

For those students who are eligible, we notify them, using email in Navigate, in March, regarding the testing dates for the entrance examination which is Kaplan. You need to be aware of your email account in Navigate and turn on your notifications in Navigate. For this fall, we will probably utilize Kaplan. The letter will inform you of testing dates, the amount of test, if any, and how to register. The admissions committee is generally interested in your **math abilities** and your **reading comprehension on science-based material, your knowledge of science and English language and usage and critical thinking** and your score must be 45 percentile or higher, in **each** category, to be considered for the fall program. These skills are critical in the success of a nursing student. If you score below the required 45% on any one category, you will not be considered for fall admission.

For students who apply from January -March 1, prior to fall admission—you may only have one testing available to you due to room restrictions and time restrictions and that is another reason to apply early so that you will have additional testing dates to chose from during the March and/or April time-frame.

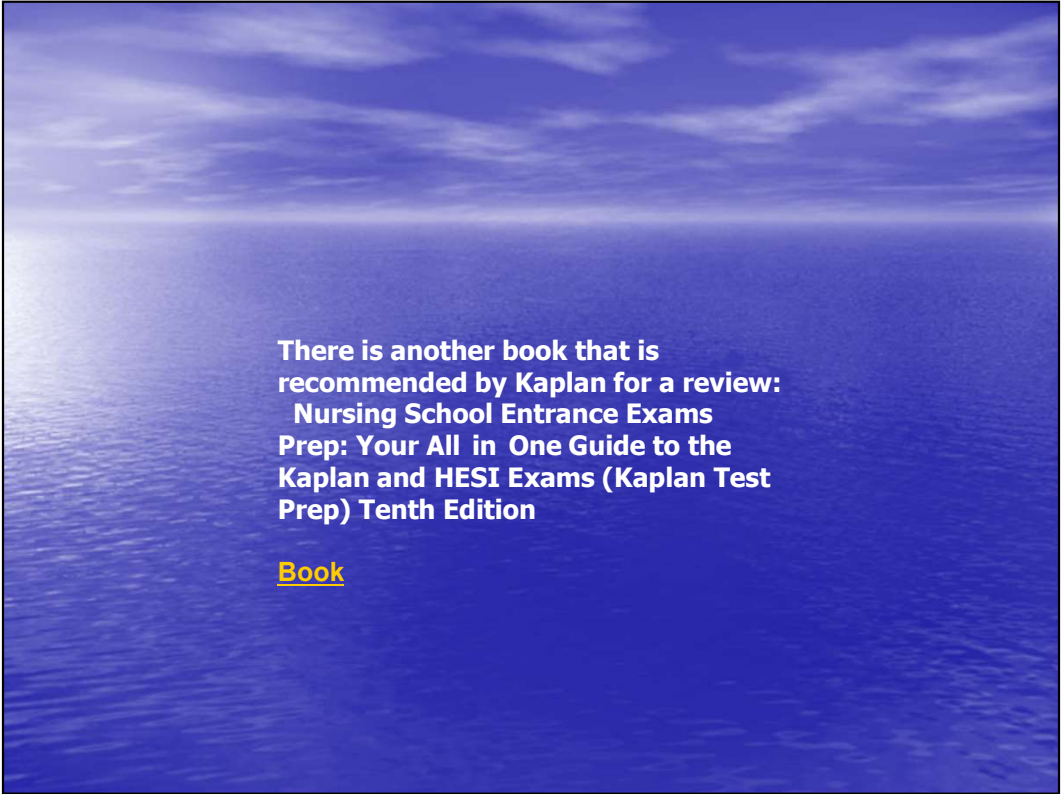
Review materials for Kaplan Nursing Entrance Exam

- There is a book available from Barnes and Noble, "Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School". However, keep in mind that the Kaplan should assess information already known to the applicant. The review book can help the applicant become familiar with the types of questions and question format used in the actual test.
- There are several other guides (some are free and some are associated with a charge) that you are welcome to investigate and determine if you should utilize them to prepare for the Kaplan Entrance Test.
- **Free**
- [KNAT Facebook Study Group](#)
- [KNAT Smart Edition Practice Test](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)
- **Paid**
- [Online Smart Edition Course](#)
- [Study.com Course and Practice Tests](#)
- [Kaplan Prep Book with Practice Tests](#)

Links are also available on the FAQ

[https://www.virginiawestern.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Kaplan Prep Guide 2024 2025.pdf](https://www.virginiawestern.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Kaplan-Prep-Guide-2024-2025.pdf)

Some applicants have found review materials helpful in the completion of the Kaplan and others have not found the review helpful. Only you can make the decision of what is in your best interest. We do have review materials available in Brown Library for your use while on campus. Other review materials are listed above. Sometimes, the review materials allows an applicant to become familiar with the way the questions are phrased on the Kaplan Nursing Entrance Exam.



There is another book that is
recommended by Kaplan for a review:
Nursing School Entrance Exams
Prep: Your All in One Guide to the
Kaplan and HESI Exams (Kaplan Test
Prep) Tenth Edition

[Book](#)

RN APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES DURING APPLICATION PROCESS

- Notify Health Professions Information Office of any changes in addresses—especially email, names, and phone number. This must be done in writing in a note that includes Student seven digit ID number (healthprofessions@virginiawestern.edu).
- Review the Essential Functions of the Nursing Program listed on next slide and Nursing website: *** please access the most current Essential Functions needed for nursing at the link under Expected Qualities for Success
[https://www.virginiawestern.edu/academics/healthprofessions/nursing/qualities for success/](https://www.virginiawestern.edu/academics/healthprofessions/nursing/qualities%20for%20success/)

We need to be able to keep “track” of you and inform you of requirements as we progress in the admissions cycle—i.e.-mailing about the math placement and advising times---the Admissions and our office use two different databases for student mailings---if you bring the needed form to us---we’ll change the information on our system and forward the form to the Admissions office—they will not forward information to us—if you go there first---Please note for name changes you will need to also present a copy of your driver’s or marriage license indicating your name change

Access the website for Essential Functions under Expected Qualities for Success.

Essential Functions for RN	
Issue	Standard
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgement
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds
Communications	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form. Proficiency in use of English language is sufficient for written and oral communication, no special accommodations are provided by the VWCC Nursing Program.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver small places
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment. *** please access the most current Essential Functions needed for nursing at the link under Expected Qualities for Success

The above are **some of the abilities** needed by the nursing students to meet program objectives and requirements. Again, refer to the previous slide for the link to the current Expected Qualities for Success

The above statement of criteria **is not intended as a complete listing** of nursing practice behaviors but is a sampling of the types of abilities needed by the nursing student to meet program objectives and requirements. This listing may be amended by clinical facilities and/or Nursing program.

Students who are unable to meet the Nursing Program Functions cannot meet objectives for clinical courses; therefore, cannot meet course requirements.

Despite the foregoing, a qualified person with a disability who can perform these essential functions with reasonable accommodation will be considered for admission along with other qualified applicants.

Please access the listing under Expected Qualities for Success under the Nursing website.

Applicant Responsibilities-con't

- If you have a felony or misdemeanor conviction—you may be ineligible to attend a clinical facility based on the required background and drug screening results . You will also need to contact the State Board of Nursing at 804-367-4515 as you may be ineligible, upon completion, to take the NCLEX-RN exam. In addition, you may be prohibited from entering clinical sites.

Clinical agencies require that students have a background check and drug screening completed before beginning clinical rotations in the agency. This will be at student's expense and will cost approximately \$120.00-150.00. A positive background check, which includes drug screening, may deny a nursing student access to clinical agencies; because the clinical aspect of the program is a crucial and required aspect of the education necessary to become a Registered Nurse, inability to participate in clinical rotations will disqualify the student from completing the Nursing Program.

Conviction of a felony or any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a registered nurse may constitute grounds for denial of licensure; this is a decision that can only be made by the State Board of Nursing. In the state of Virginia, if someone has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, they may not be allowed to take the RN licensing exam. The question of eligibility to take the RN licensing exam cannot be determined until application for licensure is received by the State Board of Nursing. VWCC has no control over whether the VA-BON or Boards of Nursing in other states will allow the student to take the NCLEX-RN exam. . You may contact the State Board of Nursing for guidelines regarding your past history and the impact that could have on your being able to complete your Boards upon completion of the program.

Acceptance into the program is provisional, until the background and urine screening results are tabulated.

NURSING STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES-(if accepted)

- Admission contingent upon receipt of satisfactory medical examination, CPR certification, clear criminal background check, negative urine screening (required by clinical sites)
- Attend Nursing Orientation held summer prior to fall—typically held one day, the second or third week of June.
- Maintain a “C” average in nursing, Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 142) and Microbiology (BIO 150) course as well as support (non-NSG pre-fix) courses (PHI 220 & NSG Elective)
- Achieve stated clinical objectives each semester

Your Admission is contingent upon satisfactory receipt of medical examination, the required CPR certification, clear criminal background check and negative urine drug screening. The forms and the amounts of the above and other cost associated with the beginning of the program will be disseminated to accepted students in a timely fashion during the summer. Most items are due at orientation or the first day of classes in August. The orientation information includes the medical form that must be completed by your physician, the appropriate type of CPR that is required and the class listing at VWCC over the summer that can fulfill this requirement, the steps to achieve your criminal background check and where to take your urine for the drug screening, where to obtain your uniforms, and the listing of your required textbooks, and your needed lab supplies and etc.

Nursing orientation is typically held in mid-June.

In addition, your responsibilities include maintaining at least a “C” average in all of your Nursing courses and Anatomy and Physiology II and Microbiology as well as support classes such as PHI 220 and the Nursing elective (HLT 230, ENG 112 or SOC 200)

You will also need to achieve the stated clinical objectives each semester in order to progress in the program

NURSING STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES-continued

- Be prepared to attend classes/clinical on day or evenings (including Saturday) which include 8-12 hour clinical
- Purchase lab supplies, uniforms and accessories as directed (not covered by Financial Aid)
- Provide transportation to and from agencies

Classes are generally held during the day and clinical may be held during the day, evening or on Saturday often for 8-12 hour shifts.

Once again your orientation information will include the information in regards to uniforms, supplies, and etc. that will be necessary to begin the program

CREDENTIALS FOR PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

- Graduate of an approved program (VWCC's Nursing program is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing and VWCC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.)
- Successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam

PRE-PREREQUISITE COURSES-RN

EDE 10 or EDE 11-If you are a recent High School graduate (within the last five years) here are the guidelines for placement into ENG 111.

-HS GPA < 2.0= EDE 10

-HS GPA 2.0-2.99= EDE 11 + ENG 111

-HS GPA = 3.0+= ENG 111

-If you have graduated over six years from High School, then Informed self-placement will place you in the recommended ENG or EDE courses.

Depending on your academic history it may be necessary for you to take certain English preparatory courses.

Readiness for ENG 111 is required before BIO 101/NAS 2, PSY 200 and other courses requiring writing and reading skills. For instance, if you need to register for EDE 11 + ENG 111 and plan to complete BIO 101, you will need to either be enrolled in the EDE 11 and ENG 111 as well as BIO 101 or complete the sequence of EDE 11 and ENG 111 prior to enrolling.

PREREQUISITE COURSES-NURSING

- Successful completion of MDE 10, if GPA is below 2.0 from High School within the last five years is required prior to registering for either BIO 101/NAS 2 or CHM 5 at VWCC . At VWCC, a prerequisite for BIO 141 is a recent college-level Biology or NAS 2 within last three years with grades of "C" or higher or S"
- CHM 5-4 credits-Chemistry-(Must have lab component.) Applicants may need to complete math course prior to registering for CHM 5 ***Note-above course can be completed in High School with a grade of "C" or better. If students lack the Chemistry, will need to complete the placement or direct enrollment survey to assess math skills before registering for CHM 5.***

Some prerequisite courses can be fulfilled in High School with a final grade of "C" or higher or taken at a community college or another college or universities with a final grade of C or higher.

At VWCC, the prerequisite for BIO 141 is a recent college-level Biology with a final grade of "c" or higher or successful completion of NAS 2 with a grade of "s". Recent Biology, within the last three years, is required before completing Anatomy and Physiology I and Microbiology at VWCC. Pre-requisites for the Biology include ENG 111 readiness and success in math units 1-5.

Chemistry 5 is required to fulfill the prerequisite—the chemistry must have a lab—some of the other colleges may offer another chemistry that can be used to fulfill the requirements and you will need to check with the Counseling office at that institution to make sure that you meet the prerequisites for the class. For VWCC, you will need to place out of math MDE 10 to take CHM 5 because of the math skills needed to successfully pass this course.

If you take any or all of the math units to equate to Algebra I, and/or Chemistry 5 you will receive a grade of “S” for satisfaction, or “U” for unsatisfactory or “R” for repeat. Your grade must be an “S” in all math units in order to fulfill these requirements.

College level prerequisites-con't

- BIO 141-4 credits (Anatomy and Physiology I)-Prerequisite: Recent (within last three years) Bio 101 with final grade of "C" or higher or completion of NAS 2 with grade of "S" within the last three years or successfully completing the challenge to enter BIO 141 with a 75% or higher within the last three years. Generally offered in Fall, Spring and often in the Summer at VWCC. Course must have lab component. Student completing the sequence at a college other than VWCC should check with Counseling Office of that college to determine course sequence, offerings, and pre-requisites. Must be completed with grade of "C" or higher.-Must be completed by end of **Spring prior to fall admission**.
- If previously completed, must be within the last five years of beginning the program.

We require the college level Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 141) to be completed with a grade of "C" or higher by the end of **Spring prior to fall admission**. The pre-requisite for BIO 141 at VWCC is recent BIO 101 or recent NAS 2 within the last three years. The reason is for the first part of BIO 141, previous knowledge learned in BIO 101 is required in order to be successful in 141.

Some colleges offer the course sequence of BIO 231/232 and this is acceptable to transfer as long as the grade is "C" or better and that they had lab components and were completed at a regionally accredited institution. While we will also accept the course sequence of NAS 161/162-this is not the preferred course sequence as it does not include the depth of knowledge that the other course sequence includes. If you are attending another college, you will need to check with a counselor regarding the pre-requisites for college level A&P.

Also, there is a five year limit in regards to completing the college level A&P. The course must be completed within five years of beginning of the program. If it has been longer than five years, you will need to repeat the courses with a grade of "C" or higher by the **Spring prior to fall admission**.

At VWCC, we offer Bio 141 in the Fall, Spring and often in the Summer semesters.

College level prerequisites-con't
Following courses are generally offered every semester

- **ENG 111-3 credits-English-Prerequisite COMPASS results**
- **PSY 230-3 credits Developmental Psychology**
- **SDV 101-Orientation to Health Professions**

ENG 111—sometimes listed at ENG 101/102 at other institutions—will transfer in as 111 and 112----provided the course covered composition ----is offered on campus and Distance Learning.

PSY 230-offered on campus and Distance Learning (readiness for ENG 111 is required)

SDV 101-two credits—Orientation to Health Professions, which is designated with a “P” on the course listing. Please note that if you have obtained a Bachelor’s Degree (in the United States or provided documentation from an organization that indicates the equivalent of such in your country), we can waive the two credits of SDV 101 and award the two credits of SDV based on completion of the Bachelor’s Degree (or Associate Degree).

You are encouraged to review the website each June for changes in the following year program.

PREREQUISITE COURSES-continued-RN

- The following prerequisite courses need to be completed by the end of **Spring, prior to fall admission**, to qualify for the fall Nursing Program: Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 141), ENG 111, PSY 230, SDV 101-two credits. (Final grade "C" or higher.)
- GPA must also be above a 2.00 by end of **Fall, prior to spring application deadline**, (if using college GPA, must be based on at least 12 credit hours of college credit within 12-month time-frame.)
- College-level pre-requisite GPA must be 2.5 or higher (BIO 141, ENG 111, PSY 230, two credit SDV 101-Orientation to Health Professions) by end of spring prior to fall admission

Prerequisite courses (Algebra I, Biology and Chemistry and college level Anatomy and Physiology I) must be completed by the end of spring prior to fall admission. It is best to complete your prerequisites as early as possible---but the latest you have to complete them is Spring prior to fall admission.

Your cumulative GPA must be equal to or above a 2.00 by the end of **Fall prior to fall admission**—if you have completed at least 12 credit hours of college credit. We will use the last place that you have attended and completed at least 12 credit hours of college credit and we will proceed in reverse chronological order. If you have not attended any college with at least 12 credit hours of college credit, it may be necessary to use your High School cumulative GPA to determine your eligibility.

It is best to complete prerequisites as early as possible, but the latest you have to complete them is **Spring prior to fall admission**..

GPA is based on the last place attended. If you have 12 credit hours by end of Fall, that is GPA that we will use when establishing your cumulative GPA. If you have less than 12 credit hours, we will proceed in reverse chronological order until we reach the last place that you completed at least 12 credit hours of college credit.

CAREER SUPPORT CLASS INFORMATION-Nursing

- Career support classes may be completed prior to entering the Nursing Program. Classes may be completed at any Community College or another college provided courses are similar and are a viable substitute based on course content and completed at a regionally accredited college.
- Career support classes are classes without the "NSG" prefix in the curriculum listing.
- Completion of classes does not guarantee a position in the program.
- Support classes must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

Career support classes are classes within the curriculum that does not have the "NSG" prefix: BIO 142, BIO 150, PHI 220 and one of the following: ENG 112, HLT 230 or SOC 200,.

You are encouraged to complete some of the support classes prior to entering the program, but it is not mandatory that you do so and priority in the admissions process is not given for completion of the courses. Most of the applicants have completed some, if not all, of the support classes prior to entry into the program. Please note the support classes in the curriculum, must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Also note that if your plan of study at VWCC is Introduction to Nursing, some of the non-NSG classes are not covered by FA. (BIO 142 or BIO 150 or PHI 220 and the NSG elective: ENG 112, HLT 230 or SCO 200 are not all included in the CSC. If accepted into the AAS RN program, usually the plan is changed to AAS Nursing in late May or early June, at that time, FA will cover the cost of these courses included in the AAS program.

Students are encouraged to pay close attention to the curriculum of the Nursing program.

CAREER SUPPORT CLASS INFORMATION-continued

- Advantages to completing career support classes prior to entering program:
 - Helps establish a qualified college GPA (2.00 or higher)
 - If accepted, allows student to spend more time on “core” classes
 - Student has been exposed to material prior to nursing lecture –in Microbiology

There are several advantages to completing the support classes prior to entering the program. One of them would be it would allow you as a student, if you were to be accepted into the program, to spend more time on your core Nursing classes. If you have to take a lab science course like Microbiology, the lab science course would involve a lecture and lab component. You would need to attend both the lecture and lab sessions and be ready to complete test and evaluations for both class and labs. That one course within itself would take four different time elements away from you studying for the core classes.

Another advantage to completing career support classes prior to entering is the time-frame for you to associate previous learning with current learning. For instance, if you have completed Microbiology you should be able to associate the current learning in Nursing with previous information learned in Microbiology. Studies have shown the more times a student is exposed to material and the student's ability to associate and relate previous learning---it assist with retention and recall of information.

Once again, you are encouraged, if possible, to complete some of the support classes prior to entry. However, it is not mandatory and we do have students who enter the program w/o completing the support courses prior to entry and they are successful. Just remember it is an intense two year program.

Curriculum-RN- Concept Based Nursing

• Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
<u>BIO 142-4</u>	NSG 152-3	NSG 210-5	NSG 230-2
NSG 100-4	NSG 170-6	NSG 211-5	NSG 252-4
NSG 106-2	<u>BIO 150-4</u>	<u>NSG ELE-3*</u>	NSG 270-4
NSG 130-1		* (ENG 112 OR HLT 230 OR SOC 200)	
NSG 200-3			<u>PHI 220-3</u>

The RN program at VWCC is transitioning towards Concept Based Nursing. Concept Based Nursing involves learning concepts as the faculty facilitates learning. There is a tremendous responsibility to be prepared prior to lecture and this format requires outside prep work.

NURSING COURSES

FALL

NSG 100-Introduction to Nursing Concepts
NSG 106-Competencies for Nursing Practice
NSG 130-Professional Nursing Concepts
NSG 200-Health Promotion and Assessment

SPRING

NSG 152-Health Care Participant
NSG 170-Health/Illness Concepts

FALL

NSG 210-Health Care Concepts I
NSG 211-Health Care Concepts II

SPRING

NSG 230-Advanced Professional Nursing Concepts
NSG 252-Complex Health Care Concepts

SUPPORT CLASSES-continued

- BIO 142-4 credits (Anatomy and Physiology II)- Course must have lab component. Must be completed with grade of "C" or higher. Must be completed by end of Fall of the first semester of the program. (Can be completed prior to entry as long as within five years of beginning the program.)
- BIO 150-4 credits (Microbiology)-Prerequisite: Recent (within last three years) Bio 101-generally offered in Spring/Summer and sometimes Fall at VWCC. Must be completed within five years of beginning the program and must have a lab component.

I am going to begin with the science support class which include BIO 142-Anatomy and Physiology II and BIO 150-Microbiology. The pre-requisite for BIO 142 is recent BIO 141 with a final grade of "C" or higher. The prerequisite for BIO 150 (microbiology) is recent Biology within the last five years. If you are attending another college, you will need to once again check with a Counselor regarding any prerequisites for these college level courses and the semester that these classes will be offered

BIO 150-Microbiology is generally offered in Spring and Summer semesters and sometimes in the Fall at VWCC. (Note: if previously completed BIO 205 within five years of beginning the program and final grade a "C" or higher, this course can be used for BIO 150.)

There is a five-year limit on completing these courses and entering the program. If you have completed A&P II and Micro within five years of beginning of the program, you will not need to retake the course. However, if it has been longer than five years, you will need to repeat it due to informational changes and etc. We want the information current to assist with your classes and the Boards. If you haven't begun to take the science course it is generally better to take one science course each semester rather than trying to combine two such as Anatomy and Physiology

and Microbiology. By taking only one science course per semester, you are able to focus more on the material and able to learn the material easier which will allow more usage from the class during NUR lectures.

Please remember that these science courses must be completed within the last five years of the beginning of the program.

You are encouraged to complete prior to entry to lighten the academic load but they are not required to be completed prior to entry.

SUPPORT CLASSES-continued

- PHI 220-Ethics
- NSG Elective: Choose one from the following: ENG 112, HLT 230 or SOC 200

PHI-220-Ethics—Note: there are very few subs for PHI 220—may be completed prior to entry

NSG Elective: May choose ENG 112-English Composition II or HLT 230-Nutrition or SOC 200-Introduction to Sociology --may be completed prior to entry

The above are considered support classes for the Nursing curriculum and must be completed with a final grade of “c” or higher

TYPICAL SCHEDULE FOR NURSING CLASSES-1st Semester- Fall

- **Schedule is subject to change**-schedule for NURSING only (not career support classes). Tentative schedule will be given to accepted students in a timely fashion. We are always evaluating the program and students will be notified of any changes to this schedule as soon after their acceptance as possible. Following is the tentative schedule that was utilized for the incoming **Fall** students. Incoming students are encouraged to have room in their schedule for flexibility due to changes in the clinical assignments.

Typical schedule—course and times may change—but this gives you some idea of class times for first semester---this schedule only includes NUR classes

The night before clinical, you will go to hospital and meet your assigned patient and do a care plan. This may take anywhere from 45 mins. to 4 hours or more.

Schedule for Incoming Fall

CLASSROOM COMPONENT ONLY

Students will have class on Tuesday from 8:00-11:30 (NSG 200/106) and 1-2 (NSG 130).

On Thursday, students will have class from 9:00-12:00 (NSG 100)

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Schedule for Incoming Fall

- In addition to classroom lecture, students will also need to register for a nursing skill lab time/lecture (NSG 106 and 100).
 - Monday from 8:00-11:00 with an additional hour from 11-12
or
 - Monday from 2:00-5:00 with an additional hour from 1-2
or
 - Wednesday from 8:00-11:00 with an additional hour from 11-12
or
 - Wednesday from or 2:00-5:00 with an additional hour from 1-2

Schedule for Incoming Fall

- Clinical times will be Monday, Wednesday or Friday for Fall semester for most groups. Times once again may vary but are generally in eight hour shifts from 6:30a-3:30p. Clinical will be seven weeks during the first fall semester and typically begin in early October. Sometimes it may be necessary to attend simulation labs outside of the previously established clinical time frames. Please note that Nursing Skills lab will be on alternate days from clinical.

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Schedule for Incoming Fall (Tentative schedule)

- **For Spring Semester** the classroom times may remain the same (Tuesday and Thursday). Clinical will be both Monday and Wednesday for eight hour shifts and you will need to be prepared to complete the clinical paperwork assignments that are part of each clinical experience. You will also have a nursing skills lab. Sometimes it is required for you to have Friday or Saturday clinical times as well.

Schedule for Second Year

- You will be in clinical Monday and Wednesday and you will have NSL for two-three hours and classes on Tuesday and Thursday. This tentative schedule can change and students will be notified as soon as possible of any changes.

PROCESS OF APPLICATION

- Apply by **March 1, prior to fall semester** with completed file {VWCC application (curricular and Nursing, Nursing program Application, GED scores/HS official transcripts, official college transcripts (except VCCS transcripts)}, copy of healthcare certification/licensure or recommendation letter—submit with the on-line Nursing application
- **Once academic file is complete**—should receive an ADVISING letter from Health Careers Advisor

Updated college transcripts must be sent at end of Fall or at the end of Fall semester in January and must arrive by March 1 if students are attending a non-VCCS College.

Even though VCCS transcripts are not required, it must be noted that you attended or are attending a Community College on your VWCC application and the Nursing Program application.

Once again **early application is encouraged**, not because priority is given for early application, but it gives us the opportunity to review your file and offer course selections for Spring. Completing the on-line Nursing program application will allow communication between the Health Professions Advising and Applications Office and the applicant.

All applicants with completed academic files will receive an advising letter that informs them of missing pre-requisites, GPA, and notate previously completed courses that can be utilized in the Nursing curriculum.

In February we update everyone's record that has applied. We update Fall grades and GPA and indicate which courses the applicant is enrolled in for Spring.

Once again early application is encouraged,—not because of priority b/c none is given for early application---but it allows us a chance to review your file and offer course selections for the upcoming semester.

Process of Application review: Apply by March 1----all items must be at VWCC by March 1st.

This includes: VWCC application indicating pre-NUR as program of study, Nursing Program application, copy of GED scores and official High School transcript,—if obtained GED and went thru at least 9th grade of HS, we will need official HS transcripts in addition to copy of GED scores, we also will need official HS transcripts even if you have obtained higher degrees, official college transcripts with the exception of VCCS---these must arrive at the HTIO within one envelope if possible

You are encouraged to submit all items in one envelope—would include transcripts from HS, College and copy of GED scores. By providing this information early, it allows us to help you with course selection.

Remember to submit updated transcripts from non-VCCS schools by the deadline after the Fall semester

Once your academic file is complete, you will receive the Advising Letter that I have previously mentioned. Notification will occur from the Dynamic Form email to the applicant. The Advising letter will verify prerequisites, your current cumulative GPA, and your college courses that you have previously completed and how they can be utilized within the Nursing curriculum. If you applied from May -December in mid-February we will update our records in regard to which courses you completed in the Fall, update your cumulative GPA and update any courses you're currently enrolled in for the Spring semester. If your GPA is above the 2.00 and if you have completed or are able to complete the prerequisites by the end of Spring prior to fall admission, we will send you a letter notifying you to take the Kaplan. This letter is usually mailed in March and we usually test at VWCC in March. If your GPA is below the required 2.00, or you are missing too many prerequisites, or have missing application items such as transcripts, you will be sent a letter informing you of your ineligibility to be considered for the program and the reason or reasons.

If you applied from May –Dec. prior to fall admission, we will need updated transcripts from HS or non-VCCS colleges to reflect courses completed during the Fall semester. Once again, they must arrive by application deadline of March 1.

PROCESS OF APPLICATION

- In spring 26 register for Mandatory Informational Session and attend session
- Register (at student expense) and take Nursing Entrance Test (i.e. Kaplan) in mid to late March or April (typically testing in April)
- Wait for acceptance/alternate/denial status in program-usually in late May as the spring grades have to be recorded to tabulate the pre-requisite GPA.

After that process, applicants who registered and attended the Mandatory Informational Session will be sent a letter informing them either the next step in the application process which would be to take the entrance examination or will be sent a letter informing that they will not be considered for the program because either items arrived after the deadline, the cumulative GPA was below 2.00 or they are not currently enrolled in the missing pre-requisites for Spring.

Qualified applicants will be sent information regarding registration for the Nursing Entrance Exam.

Schedule to take the Kaplan or the entrance examination in the Spring if you receive an eligible letter.

After completion of the entrance test for Nursing, then the students will wait for spring grades to be posted. Students must achieve a 45% or higher on each section of Kaplan (Math, English, Science based Reading Comprehension, Science, and Critical Thinking).

Once everyone has completed the application process, the committee will convene and review the applicant files and then select the incoming class.

Everyone that follows through with the application process, will receive a letter, notified via Dynamic Form email, regarding their admission status in the program. These letters generally are completed in late May as spring prerequisite grades have to be submitted and reviewed to calculate the prerequisite GPA. If you are accepted, you will need to return the accept form

PROCESS OF APPLICATION

- If accepted, return acceptance form
- If placed on waitlist/alternate list, return waitlist/alternate acceptance form
- Will receive orientation information after VWCC receives the acceptance forms in a fashion as indicated by accept letter and the information will include the following: directions for medical form completion, information regarding obtaining an urine drug screening and criminal background check, obtaining appropriate CPR information, ordering uniform and supplies and etc. (be prepared to some program cost outside of Financial Aid)

All applicants will receive a letter, via email notification of Dynamic Forms, of either acceptance, placed on waitlist/alternate list or not quite this year as long as they completed the application process which includes the last step of completing the entrance examination.

If you are placed on a waitlist/alternate list, you will need to return the waitlist/acceptance of the waitlist/alternate position and should someone we have accepted decline their position, we will go to the prioritized waitlist/alternate list to fill the vacancy or you will receive the decline letter. All letters are sent to the applicant, using Dynamic Forms, on the same day from the HPAAO.

Please note that accepted and waitlisted students must attend the orientation that is held between May and June each summer. If you fail to attend, your name will be removed from the list (either accepted or waitlist/alternate) for consideration for the fall program.

All applicants completing the application process will receive a letter informing them of their status in the program in late early May.

If you are accepted and return your acceptance form, you will be given the

orientation information that contains: directions regarding completion of the medical forms, essential functions that are required to be a part of the program, the appropriate CPR certification, how to order your uniforms and how to obtain your criminal background check and supply the urine specimen and etc.. at orientation held between May and June. (Waitlist students need to attend this session as well in case a class opening occurs.) Accepted students need to be prepared for out-of-pocket cost for some items, as Financial Aid, cannot cover certain expenses.

ESTIMATED COST OF RN PROGRAM

- Tuition based on 65 credit hours at \$179.99 per credit hour for in-state students (\$11,699.35 which includes the twelve credits of college-level pre-requisites: BIO 141, ENG 111, PSY 230 and SDV 101-two credits.) (You are encouraged to check the VWCC website for updated tuition rates.)
- Nursing Resources including books-\$2000.00
- Lab Supplies-\$350.00
- Physical/CPR/Hepatitis B/Criminal background check and Urine Drug-\$675.00
- Uniforms and patches-\$240.00
- Membership in Professional Org.-\$75.00 (optional)
- Nursing School Pin-\$50.00
- Nursing Board & Testing Fee-\$450.00
- Learning System and Program Fees-\$765.00

If accepted, we'll provide you with a contact person in Financial Aid office for scholarships for allied health persons

The resource/book cost listed above is only for the Nursing books. Other general education courses like Microbiology, PHI 220 and etc. will be an additional book cost.

You may also review the Nursing website for a more accurate estimated cost listing as well.

ADMISSION STATUS FALL 2024

- ~40 were accepted into fall 24 Nursing
- 0 were not accepted into the program for fall 24
- 28 did not pass Kaplan with 45% in each category and/or did not pass spring prerequisite course
- ~210 were not eligible for consideration as they did not attend informational session, GPA missing, GPA not at 2.0, etc.

Admission Statistics –Fall 2023

- 51 were accepted into fall 23 Nursing
- -14 were not accepted into the program for fall 23
- -30 did not pass Kaplan with 45% in each category and/or did not pass spring prerequisite course
- ~250 were not eligible for consideration as they did not attend informational session, GPA missing, GPA not at 2.0, etc.

Admission Statistics-Fall 2022

- 55 were accepted into program
 - 2 were waitlisted/alternates
 - 0 were not accepted
 - 0 did not pass spring pre-requisites or pre-requisite GPA was below 2.5
 - 44 did not score 45% or higher on each category of Kaplan
 - 9 did not register to complete Kaplan
 - 250 were not eligible for consideration-not attend session or other reason(s)
 - 35 switched their application to 2023 for consideration

ADMISSION STATISTICS-Fall 21

- 63 were accepted into program
- 9 were waitlisted/alternates
- 10 were not accepted
- 2 did not pass spring pre-requisites or pre-requisite GPA was below 2.5
- 30 did not score 45% or higher on each category of Kaplan
- 9 did not register to complete Kaplan
- 250 were not eligible for consideration-not attend session or other reason(s)
- 35 switched their application to 2020 for consideration

RN ADMISSIONS STATISTICS

- FOR 2020 we had 431 applicants
 - 43 were accepted into program
 - 20 were waitlisted/alternates
 - 18 were not accepted
 - 3 did not pass spring pre-requisites or pre-requisite GPA was below 2.5
 - 38 did not score 45% or higher on each category of Kaplan
 - 24 did not register to complete Kaplan
 - 9 registered for Informational Session and did not attend
 - 200 were not eligible for consideration
 - 47 switched their application to 2020 for consideration

RN ADMISSIONS STATISTICS

- FOR 2019 we had 431 applicants
 - 66 were accepted into program
 - 13 were waitlisted/alternates
 - 21 were not accepted
 - 7 did not pass spring pre-requisites or pre-requisite GPA was below 2.5
 - 31 did not score 45% or higher on each category of Kaplan
 - 45 did not register to complete Kaplan
 - 159 were not eligible for consideration
 - 89 switched their application to 2020 for consideration

RN ADMISSIONS STATISTICS

- FOR 2018 we had 479 applicants
 - 55 were accepted into program
 - 14 were waitlisted/alternates
 - 17 were not accepted
 - 8 did not pass spring pre-requisites or pre-requisite GPA was below 2.5
 - 42 did not score 45% or higher on each category of Kaplan
 - 37 did not register to complete Kaplan
 - 225 were not eligible for consideration
 - 84 switched their application to 2019 for consideration

Historical Admissions Stats

- For 2016 we had 421 applicants
 - 115 were considered for admission
 - 35 were eligible for Kaplan but elected not to complete
 - 208 did not meet minimum criteria
 - 68 switched to 2017
- For 2015 we had 486 applicants
 - 103 were considered for admission
 - 63 were eligible for Kaplan but elected not to complete
 - 203 did not meet minimum criteria
 - 119 switched to 2016

Historical Admissions Stats

- For 2014 we had 511 applicants of which
 - 140 were considered for admission
 - 28 were not placed on the alternate list
 - 52 others were eligible for TEAS but elected not to complete
 - 192 did not meet minimum criteria
 - Over 100 students switched application to 2016
- For 2013 we had 541 applicants of which
 - 148 students considered for admission
 - 22 we were unable to accept or place on the alternate listing
 - 49 others that were eligible for the TEAS but elected not to complete
 - 255 that did not meet minimum criteria
 - Over 100 students switched their application to 2014

- Accept students so the total amount of students in the program for 1st and 2nd year total 140
- Acceptance is based on strength of the results of an Nursing Entrance Test (i.e. Kaplan) which would include math and reading comprehension, general science knowledge and English language and usage, critical thinking, pre-requisite GPA and the cumulative GPA is noted. In addition, if have healthcare licensure submitted by March 1 or a letter from the supervisor with 12 month patient contact.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REAPPLICATION-RN

- Submit application for following fall program on-line-increase academic history to be more competitive in the new process and/or increase performance on entrance test results
- Repeat application process with a new application, repeat the Kaplan or entrance examination being used, if asked to do so and take classes to increase math and reading scores, to review your science knowledge and increase pre-requisite GPA.
- Submit updated transcripts after each semester (non-VWCC and non-VCCS students) and send to my attention at the VWCC address

If you have applied to the nursing program and if you are not accepted, you are encouraged to reapply for the following year. You would need to submit a new NUR application, not your transcripts that you have previously submitted—but any that needed to be updated such as final HS transcript or final college transcript of courses completed in Spring, Summer or Fall prior to spring deadline. You would need to submit a new NUR Program application, and you could increase the strength of your pre-requisite GPA. You would need to complete the application process which would involve perhaps retaking the Kaplan or entrance examination given for that year if you did not perform well in any of the sections: the Reading Comprehension or the math portion or the science or English language and usage or critical thinking. There are several options available if you would like to increase your reading scores. You could take a critical reading course or if you felt that you were reading too slowly, you could take a speed reading course. It is important to be considered for the following year, that you submit a new program application applicable for that year by the deadline of March 1. We would encourage you to reapply as soon as you have made your decision, so we can maintain contacts with you in regards to any potential changes in format, pre-requisites and etc.

Please note that the Nursing Curriculum may be tweaked in the future and you will need to review the nursing website for updated information regarding the changes. The website is typically updated each spring after the deadline of March 1.

Informational Packet

- You may access the following website for Application materials including the Application, Transcript Request Form and other information regarding the application process including Questions and Answers regarding the program.

<https://www.viriniawestern.edu/academics/health-professions/nursing/>

Feedback regarding this presentation please email healthprofessions@viriniawestern.edu .

There will also be "Best Practices" for application to Restricted Health Professions Programs, the first Friday of every month (except July) at 1:00 in HP 210.

Practical Nursing and LPN to RN

You may access the following website for information regarding our Practical Nursing program

<https://www.viriniawestern.edu/academics/health-professions/practical-nursing/>

or the Health Profession website at
<https://www.viriniawestern.edu/academics/health-professions/>