



## The Peninsula's Community College

Welcome to the Thomas Nelson Community College nursing website. We appreciate your interest in the Thomas Nelson Community College nursing program. We hope that you will find the information needed to help you get started in the nursing profession. Nursing is a profession that offers many career opportunities in a variety of healthcare settings.

The nursing program at Thomas Nelson began in 1969 and has a long history of promoting excellence in nursing. Students graduate with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Nursing and are eligible to take and complete the National Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). This leads to licensure as a registered nurse.

The nursing curriculum is very demanding and a significant time commitment is required in order to be successful. The following factors may negatively impact student success: working twenty or more hours per week, having numerous family responsibilities, and repeating prerequisite courses multiple times. Please consider this as you plan your educational goals.

The Thomas Nelson Community College nursing faculty and staff are committed to student success. Nursing can be a very rewarding profession, and we hope that you will choose this career path.

As a first step, we recommend that you attend a required nursing program information session where you can learn more about the application requirements and procedures. For additional information, please feel free to call the nursing program at 757-825-2808.

## Nursing Program Application and Admission Information

Admission to the nursing program is a separate process from general admission to the College and requires a separate application.

Students are encouraged to pursue the Pre-Nursing Career Studies Certificate curriculum in preparation for application to the nursing program.

NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION AND ADMISSION INFORMATION				
Program	Campus	Annual Application Period	Notification of Acceptance	Entering Semester
Nursing Pre-Licensure	Hampton	February 1- March 31	May 1	Fall
Nursing Pre-Licensure	Historic Triangle	September 1- September 31	November 1	Spring
LPN to RN	Hampton	October 1- October 31	December 1	Spring

## STEPS TO ADMISSION

### Step 1: Apply to the College and Submit Official Transcripts

Official high school transcripts, GED certificates, and any official college transcripts must be sent to the Enrollment Services Office. For official college transcripts to be evaluated, a transfer evaluation form must be completed and submitted to the Enrollment Services Office. This form can be found on the College website.

### Step 2: Take College Placement Tests

As required by the College's placement test results, all developmental courses must be satisfactorily completed prior to applying to the nursing program.

### Step 3: Complete the Nursing Program Prerequisite Requirements

The following courses will meet the nursing program prerequisite requirements:

•High School Chemistry: One year required with a final course grade of “C” or higher. If the high school prerequisite has not been met, any of the following courses will satisfy this requirement: CHM 1, CHM 101, CHM 111 or any higher level CHM course.

•High School Algebra: One year required with a final course grade of “C” or higher. If the high school prerequisite has not been met, the following courses will satisfy this requirement: Math Modules 1-5 or any higher level MTH course.

In addition to the high school prerequisites, the following courses must be **completed with a grade of “C” or higher** before applying to the Nursing Program.

- BIO 101 General Biology I
- BIO 141 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (within the last 10 years)
- ENG 111 College Composition I
- BIO 142 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (LPN to RN Articulation students only) (within the last 10 years)

The nursing program promotion policies require that students complete BIO 101, BIO 141, BIO 142, BIO 150, and ENG 111 with a grade of “C” or higher.

#### Step 4: Begin Study in the Pre-Nursing Career Studies Certificate

The nursing program receives more applications for admission to the program than there are spaces available. Therefore, applications are reviewed and ranked by the nursing admission selection committee. A point value has been assigned to these general education courses. For courses successfully completed prior to the application period, points are awarded as follows:

- BIO 142 = 5 Points
- BIO 150 = 5 Points
- HLT 138 or HLT 230 = 2 Points
- PSY 200 or PSY 230 = 2 Points
- CST 100 or CST 126 = 2 Points
- PHI 220 = 2 Points
- SDV 100 = 2 Points

The student must have a **curricular GPA of 2.500** or above at the time of application to the nursing program. The curricular GPA is calculated for BIO 101, BIO 141, ENG 111 and general education courses (listed above) that have been completed. The Enrollment Services Office will calculate the curricular GPA.

Important Note to All Transfer Students: No transfer credit shall be given for courses with grades lower than "C." A minimum GPA of 2.500 is required to apply to the nursing program.

#### Step 5: Attend a Nursing Program Information Session and Obtain Two Letters of Reference

Dates and times of nursing program information sessions are posted on the College website under *Nursing Program Information*. A certificate of attendance will be provided. The certificate must be included with the application. The reference forms are also located on the College website under *Nursing Program Information*.

## Step 6: Send a Notice of Intent to Apply

Email your intent to apply to Enrollment Services at [NursingApplication@tncc.edu](mailto:NursingApplication@tncc.edu) during the application period only. The email must be sent from your Thomas Nelson email address and must include your name and student ID number. You will receive an email notification from Enrollment Services regarding your eligibility to apply.

In order to be eligible to apply, students must meet the following:

- Successful completion of the nursing program prerequisites
- Curricular GPA of 2.500 or above
- Official high school transcripts or GED certificate and any other official college transcripts on file and evaluated by Enrollment Services
- Certificate of attendance from a nursing program information session (good for one year)
- Official LPN school transcripts (LPN to RN Articulation Students only)
- Copy of current unrestricted LPN license (LPN to RN Articulation Students only)

## Step 7: Apply to the Nursing Program

After receipt of an eligibility notification, meet with an Enrollment Services staff member to complete a nursing application. Enrollment Services is located in Room 208 Griffin Hall on the Hampton Campus or Room 117 at the Historic Triangle Campus. The certificate of attendance from the nursing program information session and two letters of reference must be included with your application.

### PRE-ADMISSION TESTING

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V) is required for admission.

A testing appointment will be scheduled while completing your nursing application. The TEAS V test must be taken at Thomas Nelson and the scores are good for one year. The cost of the TEAS V must be paid by the student with a credit or debit card. Payment is due at the time of testing. Photo identification is also required at the time of testing. A required score on the TEAS V will be established by the nursing program and used in conjunction with other criteria to determine admission status into the nursing program. Information about the TEAS V test can be found at <https://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx>.

All students who apply to the nursing program will be notified of their admission status by mail. 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. Students applying to the Hampton LPN to RN articulation program will be notified by December 1st. There are two types of acceptance: conditional and alternate.

**Conditional Acceptance:** All students who are awarded conditional acceptance must attend a mandatory orientation session. During this session, students will receive information regarding

submission or a pre-entrance medical exam, immunization records, validation of successful completion of the American Heart Association's BLS Healthcare Provider course, and a criminal background check and drug screen. Failure to meet all of the requirements by the due dates identified will result in cancellation of acceptance status to the program.

**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 based upon the point totals, GPA, and TEAS V scores. In the event that alternates have equal points, curricular GPA will be used to determine admission status. If alternates are not offered admission, they will be given first admission priority during the following year's admission process. Alternates who are not admitted must reapply in the following year's admission period, must maintain a minimum curricular GPA of 2.500, and must retake the TEAS V test or use their previous TEAS V score (within one year).

First consideration for admission to the program will be given to domiciliary residents of Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg, Poquoson, James City County and York County. If there are other spaces available, consideration will be given to:

- (1) Other Virginia domiciliary residents
- (2) Out-of-state applicants

For more information, contact the nursing program in Room 747 Hampton III Building, 757-825-2808, or at [www.tncc.edu](http://www.tncc.edu).