



VCCS Commonwealth  
NURSING PROGRAM

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE  
NURSING  
PROGRAM**  
*(on-line)*



Dear Prospective Student:

I appreciate your interest in the online VCCS Commonwealth Nursing Program (VCCS CNP) offered in partnership with Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC), Germanna Community College (GCC), Virginia Western Community College (VWCC) and John Tyler Community College (JTCC). Students enrolled in the VCCS CNP will complete the majority of their courses online but will also have a home college (either BRCC, GCC, VWCC or JTCC). Students will apply to one of the three colleges of their choice, register for courses, and seek counseling, advising, financial aid, and other support services at that home college. The home college will also be the site for nursing lab/clinical rotations.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing is for students who plan to become registered nurses (RN). Nursing is a profession that offers many career opportunities and registered nurses are hired in a variety of health care facilities including hospitals and community agencies. At the completion of this program, students are eligible to take the National League for Nursing Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The AAS in nursing requires five semesters of study once you are accepted into the program. The VCCS CNP has provisional approval of the Virginia Board of Nursing. The VCCS CNP is committed to high standards, which is reflected in the admission and progression standards of the program. The program is computer based; therefore students are required to have access to a reliable computer with high speed internet and Microsoft Office 2003 or higher.

The online nursing curriculum is a very demanding program and requires tremendous time commitment to complete course work requirements. Many students must continue to work as they seek to advance themselves educationally. Please realize that it is very difficult to work full time while enrolled in the nursing curriculum. It is critical that you take the time to make lifestyle adjustments to accommodate your educational goals. The nursing literature identifies the following factors that negatively impact students' success: a) work 20 or more hours per week, b) family responsibilities, and c) retaking pre-requisite courses multiple times.

It is critical for all qualified applicants to follow the admission procedures that are outlined in the enclosed packet carefully to assure that your application will be processed in a timely manner. The enclosed packet provides step-by-step procedures for applying to the program, as well as information sheets on the available admission options.

Sincerely,

***Barbara B. Laird***

Barbara B. Laird EdD, APRN, BC

VCCS Commonwealth Nursing Program Director

# Nursing Program Fact Sheet

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The VCCS CNP prepares individuals to enter the registered nursing profession. The VCCS CNP students are required to see a VCCS Commonwealth nursing faculty advisor for assistance with the application process. These advisors are located at each of the home colleges.

Students enrolled in the nursing program work toward receiving an associate in applied science degree (AAS) in Nursing.

The VCCS CNP offers all core nursing courses online through an asynchronous learning process. The lab/clinical component of each core nursing course will be offered while completing the didactic portion of each course. The lab/clinical component will be offered at various times depending on lab/clinical site availability and may include day, evening, and/or weekend hours. The clinical component will occur in a variety of health care settings and may include, but is not limited to, acute and long-term care facilities, as well as community agencies. **Students must have their own computers, high speed internet access, and Microsoft Office 2003 or Microsoft Windows XP. PC hardware minimum requirements: Windows compatible hardware with 600Mhz processor or faster and 128 MB of RAM or greater and 1024x768 screen resolution or larger. If students need to purchase a computer, it is highly recommended that students purchase a Pentium III 1.2 GHZ + 512 MB RAM (1 GB recommended) with 3-D graphic accelerator that supports direct X9 or PCI Express 8X with at least 64 MB of RAM laptop or notebook. Students will also need Macromedia Flash Player 6.0.65, a web camera and microphone.**

**Students MUST purchase e-books in a bundle for the entire program. This bundle is available from each home college bookstore. In the bundle, students will receive e-books as well as hard copies of the required textbooks.**

It is critical to do a self assessment to determine if you are ready for distance learning. Here is a pre-assessments that can help determine if you are ready to take internet courses (please attach one of these assessments with your application portfolio).

**<http://distance.deanza.fhda.edu/DLCQuestionnaire.shtml>**

Distance learning students must be able to manage their time and set priorities. Generally speaking, a three credit online course requires at least 9-12 hours of study time in addition to time to complete assignments.

# VCCS Commonwealth Nursing Program

## Application Process

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1. Advisement: After reviewing the information and application packet, make an appointment to see an advisor/counselor at the college of your choice (BRCC, GCC, VWCC or JTCC). This college will be your identified home base where you will apply for admission.

Colleges	Advisors/counselors	Phone numbers
Blue Ridge Community College	Admissions Allied Health Program Advising	(540) 453-2321 *all admissions to nursing are handled in the nursing department
Germanna Community College	Admissions Allied Health Program Advising	(540) 423-9122 (540) 423-9821 (540) 423-9123
John Tyler Community College	Admissions  Advising	(804) 706-5220/594-1544  (804) 706-5224/594-1558
Virginia Western Community College	Admissions  Counseling	(540) 857-7231  (540) 857-7307

2. Transcripts: all official colleges/universities transcripts for courses taken at colleges other than those in the VCCS, and high school transcripts must be sent to the Registrar's office at the college of your choice. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all official transcripts have been received and evaluated by the Registrar's office. ***Transcripts are required of all applicants regardless of when the applicant attended college.***
3. Nurse Entrance Test (NET): Applicants must score 45 % or above on the reading and math components of the NET. The test may be taken at any college or testing facility that administers the NET. Testing fees will vary depending on test sites. The *Study Review Guide for the NET, HOBET, and HELP* is available at each of the college's bookstores. This guide will assist you in preparing for this exam. The VCCS CNP will honor other pre-admission nursing tests such as NLN, HESI, HOBET and ATI.
4. Application:
  - *Where to Apply:* Submit an application to the college of your choice to the admissions department or apply on line. (***NOTE: The nursing application is a separate application.***)

- *When to Apply:* Please note the application dates below. You must meet all admission requirements. (see Appendix A). **Applications for Fall admission will be accepted from January 1 to February 1. Applications for Spring admission will be accepted from June 1 to July 1.**
- *Process:* All Commonwealth Nursing program applications, regardless of home school, must be submitted during the application period to :

**Dr. Barbara Laird**  
**Nursing Program Coordinator**  
**VCCS Commonwealth Nursing Program**  
**c/o John Tyler Community College**  
**800 Charter Colony Parkway**  
**Midlothian, VA 23114**

- After the application pool has been reviewed by the admissions committee (made up of selected VCCS CNP faculty), the admission slots will be filled at each home base with qualified applicants. If there are more qualified applicants than there are slots, the remaining applicants will be placed on an alternate list if a slot becomes available or if there are available slots at one of the other home colleges, then the qualified applicants will be offered a slot at the alternative college.
- *Notification of Admission Status:* Students will receive an official offer via email of acceptance into the VCCS CNP. Students will have 14 days to accept the admission slot. **If a student has not accepted within the 14 day period, the student will lose that slot and it will be offered to a student on the alternate list.**

## **General Admission Requirements for the College**

1. Be admitted to BRCC, GCC, VWCC or JTCC (may apply online –see each individual college website {[www.brcc.edu](http://www.brcc.edu); [www.gcc.vccs.edu](http://www.gcc.vccs.edu); [www.virginiawestern.edu](http://www.virginiawestern.edu) [www.jtcc.edu](http://www.jtcc.edu)}).
2. Submit an official high school transcript or GED.
3. Submit transcripts from all colleges attended
4. Take the college placement tests (please follow the home college's procedures)
5. Meet with a counselor in the Counseling Department at the home college

During your meeting with a counselor, you will be placed in the Pre-Allied Health curriculum and assigned a VCCS CNP faculty advisor from the Nursing department. This faculty advisor will assist you as needed.

## **Nursing Program Requirements**

In addition to the general admission requirements to the college outlined above, you will need to:

1. Attend a CNP information session at your home college (please check website for dates and times).
2. Be 18 years of age or older, or have VCCS CNP coordinator approval
3. Hold a high school diploma or GED
4. Take all required developmental English and mathematics courses.
5. Have completed one unit of high school algebra, biology and chemistry with a grade of C or better OR taken College level algebra (MTH 03), Biology (BIO 100/101), and Chemistry (CHM 101) with a grade of C or better **\*it is highly recommended that students successfully complete the science requirements before enrolling in the BIO 141/142 or NAS 161/162. Students are also advised not to take two science courses within the same semester.**
6. Take all required prerequisite courses depending on admission options
7. Have a minimum curricular **GPA of a 2.5**
8. Take the Nurse Entrance Test (NET). The CNP will also honor acceptable scores from NLN, HESI, and ATI. The test may be taken at any of the three colleges. The following individuals are exempt from taking the NET (NLN, HESI, ATI) exam:
  - LPNs who have a valid, unrestricted Virginia LPN license
  - Paramedics who hold a state or national paramedic certification
  - Individuals who hold a baccalaureate or higher degree
9. Must have taken a internet course and received a minimum of a C.

## **Legal Restrictions**

The State Board of Nursing has the authority to deny licensure of any applicant who has a felony conviction. Any student desiring admission to the nursing program who has been convicted of a felony should contact the VCCS CNP Coordinator. VCCS Policy 6.0.1 states, "The Colleges reserve the right to evaluate special cases and to refuse admission to applicants if such refusal is considered to be in the best interest of a college."

## **Required General Education Courses**

A student may choose to take the required non-nursing courses listed in the VCCS CNP curriculum before applying to the program. However, a minimum grade of C must be earned in each course. If a grade below a C is earned, the course must be re-taken and a grade of C or better must be earned before the student can apply for admission to the program.

## **Re-admission Requirements for the Nursing Program**

Readmission to the VCCS CNP is for students who failed a nursing course or dropped out of the program before completion. Students requesting readmission to NUR 111 must satisfy all admissions criteria outlined above. Students seeking readmission to subsequent nursing courses

are subject to the program policy for accepting returning students. Acceptance of students applying for readmission are subject to space availability.

### **Transferring from Another Nursing Program**

All students transferring from another nursing program must make an appointment with the VCCS CNP Coordinator. Transfer students who are qualified applicants are admitted based on space availability.

## **ESSENTIAL NURSING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Students admitted to the VCCS CNP are expected to complete course requirements that prepare them to perform essential job functions as a registered professional nurse. These functions and/or skills are:

1. **Speech**: Establish interpersonal rapport and communicate verbally and in writing with clients, physicians, peers, family members and the health care team from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
2. **Hearing**: Auditory acuity to note slight changes in the client's condition and to perceive and interpret various equipment signals and to use the telephone.
3. **Vision**: Posses the visual acuity to read and distinguish colors, to read handwritten orders, and any other handwritten and printer data, i.e., medication records, and scales; chart content and provide for safety of clients' condition by clearly viewing monitors in order to correctly interpret data.
4. **Mobility**: Walk or stand for prolonged periods over six to eight hours period. Must be able to bend, squat or kneel, and assist in lifting or moving clients of all age groups and weights. Perform CPR i.e., move above patient to compress chest and manually ventilate patient. Work with arms fully extended overhead.
5. **Manual Dexterity**: Determine eye/hand coordination and manipulation of equipment such as syringes and IV infusion pumps.
6. **Fine Motor**: Use hands for grasping, pushing, pulling, and fine manipulation and possess tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and ability to differentiate change in sensation.
7. **Mentation**: Maintain reality orientation for at least an eight-hour period of time. Assimilate and apply knowledge acquired through lecture discussions and readings. Comprehend and apply basic mathematical skills, e.g., factor labeling, use of conversion tables, calculation of drug dosages and solutions. Comprehend and apply abstract concepts from biological, sociological, and psychological sciences.
8. **Smell**: Olfactory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.
9. **Writing**: Communicate and organize thoughts to prepare written documents that are correct in style, grammar and mechanics.

Any student who thinks he/she does not possess one or more of these functions should contact the special needs coordinator in the Counseling Center. Provisions

for accommodations will be made in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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# Accepted Students

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## Requirements

Once you have been accepted into the VCCS CNP, you must:

1. Obtain a professional CPR certification prior to the beginning of the semester.
2. Submit a complete medical and dental examination and an immunizations form by the beginning of the semester.
3. Submit documentation of completion of the Hepatitis-B vaccination series (or be in the process of completing it) by the end of the semester in which you have been accepted. Students who do not wish to receive the Hepatitis-B vaccination must sign a declination statement. Students must also have completed all other required immunizations/titers prior to the beginning of the semester.
4. Be free of any mental or physical disabilities, or chemical dependency, which could interfere with your ability to practice nursing. Our affiliated clinical agencies require that students submit to a urine drug screening. In addition, the Virginia Board of Nursing may choose to deny licensure to any applicant who has mental or physical disabilities, or chemical dependency conditions that could interfere with current ability to practice nursing. Applicants should confidentially discuss this information with the program head prior to pursuing program admission.
5. Be free of a criminal record. Our affiliated clinical agencies require that students undergo a criminal background check and reserve the right to deny students with criminal records from completing their clinicals at their site. In addition, the Virginia Board of Nursing may choose to deny licensure to any applicant who has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor. Applicants should confidentially discuss this information with the VCCS CNP Coordinator prior to pursuing program admission.

## Estimated Program Costs

Tuition	(69 credits x \$75.65 per credit)*	\$5,219.85
Uniforms and shoes		250.00
Books, Nurse-Pak, and supplies		2,000.00
Curriculum testing		355.00
Medical and Dental Exams		400.00
Drug Screen		50.00
Criminal Background Check		20.00
NCLEX-RN Exam Fee		300.00
PDA		400.00
Travel to clinical sites & parking		Variable

\* Tuition and fees are established by the Virginia Community College System and are subject to change.

## **Financial Aid**

For information on financial aid, please stop by the financial aid office at your home college.

## **Scholarships**

There are many scholarships available for nursing students. Please check your home college website for more information.

## **Program Completion**

Students must graduate within five years of entering NUR111.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**1. *If I get accepted to the home college of my choice, does that mean that I'll be admitted into the VCCS CNP?***

No, admission to the VCCS CNP is selective and competitive and requires a separate application.

**2. *How long will it take to complete the associate degree nursing program?***

Pre-nursing courses may take a year to complete if you attend full-time and have no other college coursework. It will take longer if you need developmental course work and/or course work in your high school prerequisites. Once accepted into the VCCS CNP, it will take 5 semesters to complete the program.

**3. *Am I a registered nurse (RN) when I complete the VCCS CNP?***

No. Once you have earned the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing, you will be eligible to take the State Board Licensing Exam (NCLEX-RN). Upon passing this examination you are issued the RN license.

**4. *What courses should I take if I'm preparing for admission into the VCCS CNP?***

Required placement tests will indicate which developmental courses you will need, if any. **NOTE: Algebra should be successfully completed before Chemistry can be taken.** If you need Chemistry or Biology, you must take these courses before taking the Anatomy & Physiology sequence.

Nursing Faculty suggests the following courses (they are **not** required):  
English 05, Medical Terminology, First Aid, CPR, Nutrition, Pharmacology (if available)

More classes that might be helpful (**not** required) are: Human Sexuality, General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology and Group Process.

**5. *How much time do I need to set aside to study for the pre-clinical classes?***

The rule of thumb is three hours of study for each hour spent in class.

**6. *Suppose I don't know if I really want to be a Nurse, should I become a Patient Care Technician first?***

Some exposure to a health care setting would be helpful. One way of getting a first hand look at patient care would be to work as a Patient Care Technician, but it is **not** mandatory. Also, in some regions, once you pass the first nursing course, you are eligible to work as a nursing assistant.

**7. *Does the VCCS CNP require work experience before entering the clinical component?***

No, but it would be beneficial if possible.

**8. *Is there financial aid available to nursing students?***

You may be eligible for Financial Aid. See the Financial Aid Office in the Counseling Center at your home college for information.

**9. *If I am transferring from another college, can I get credit for some of the general education courses I have already taken?***

Yes. Once your transcripts are on file, make an appointment with the Director of Admissions and Records/or Counselor (depending on your home college policies) for transcript evaluation.

**10. *If I am transferring from another nursing program, can I get credit for some of the nursing courses that I passed?***

It is possible to get credit; however, you must first go through the usual application process (and transcript evaluation) for admission to the VCCS CNP.

**11. *Why do I have to take BIO 141/142 again if I successfully completed it more than 10 years ago?***

BIO 141/142 (NAS 161/162) are critical courses for nursing content. They provide a foundation for clinical practice.

**CLINICAL COMPONENT QUESTIONS**

**1. *How long does it take to finish the clinical component?***

5 semesters

**2. Can I take the clinical courses out of sequence?**

No, the nursing courses must be followed in the sequence that is laid out by the program.

**3. If I have to drop out of the clinical component, can I be guaranteed a "spot" in the next clinical class?**

No. You must reapply for re-admission to the nursing clinical and meet the current criteria. Re-admission is **not** guaranteed and will be determined on an individual basis.

**4. What facilities are used for clinical assignments?**

Local hospitals and community agencies if applicable. Each home college has facilities earmarked for clinical experience in their service regions.

**5. I hear that it can be very competitive to get into the nursing clinical. If I don't get in, what do you recommend?**

- A. You may wish to consider taking other health related courses and then reapply the following year.
- B. You may wish to pursue other career options. See your counselor for help.

**6. If I don't get into the nursing clinical, are there other health related fields I can get into?**

- ~ LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) Programs: Offered at local vocational centers & many Community Colleges.
- ~ Physical Therapy Assistant: See Counseling for information on this program.
- ~ Occupational Therapy Assistant: See Counseling for information on this program.
- ~ Medical Assistant
- ~ Certified Nursing Assistant This course will enable you to work in a hospital or nursing home.
- ~ Mental Health/Human Services
- ~ Veterinary Technology
- ~ Radiology
- ~ Geriatrics
- ~ Medical Transcription
- ~ Medical Coding

**7. After I complete the VCCS CNP, what options do I have to further my education?**

Many universities in Virginia have ADN to BSN completion programs. Your nursing advisor can give you more information on these programs.

**8. Does the VCCS CNP have a dress code?**

Yes. Hair must be a natural color and must be clean, neat and worn off the collar and away from the face when in the hospital. Wearing of jewelry in visible pierced body parts, other than ears, is NOT PERMITTED. (The term “jewelry” does not apply to medic alert symbols.) Tattoos must be concealed.

## TIME FOR COLLEGE??

Attending college is a commitment of time if you are to be successful. The following problem is designed to show you how you spend your time. Do the required calculations before you answer the title question.

1. Hours in a day? \_\_\_\_\_ Days in a week? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Hours in a week (hours/day x days/week)? \_\_\_\_\_

**(This is all any of us has --- keep it in mind!)**

3. Hours spent sleeping each week (7 days x hours/day) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Hours spent at meals each week (7 days x hours/day) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Hours getting to and from school (days x hours) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Hours employed each week (days x hours) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Hours spent getting to and from work days x hours \_\_\_\_\_

8. Hours spent relaxing and in recreation (days x hours) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Add 3 through 8 \_\_\_\_\_

10. Subtract # 9 from # 2 Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

**(These are the hours you have left for college.)**

11. Number or hours in class (lecture, lab, clinic) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Subtract # 11 from # 10 Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

**(These are the hours left for study.)**

For each credit hour you take you will need 3 hours per week for study outside of class. Example:  
14 credit hours x 3 hrs / credit = 42 hours.

13. Number of credit hours currently taking x 3 \_\_\_\_\_

14. Subtract # 13 from # 12 Total \_\_\_\_\_

If the figure in # 14 is negative, you should re-think all of your activities. Please note this plan allows no time for illness, car repairs, dentist or doctor, shopping or other activities necessary to existence. There are trade-offs you can make--fewer credit hours, less recreation, fewer work hours, etc. Now answer the question: Do I have time for college?

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CURRENT NURSING STUDENTS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

The VCCS CNP requirements are rigorous and time consuming. In order to make your program of study more satisfying, we urge you to consider the following recommendations submitted by members of our class:

1. Make school top priority.
2. Form a study group to meet at a consistent time each week (current online students have done this within their cohorts at each of the home colleges or form an online study group).
3. Read ahead before "class" and try to study at least 1 hour every day. Don't stay up all night "cramming for tests".
4. Don't just memorize the facts. You need to understand the core concepts of the material being discussed. If you have a problem understanding, do go to your instructors for help. They are very willing to work with you.
5. It is essential you have good support systems, especially from your immediate family. Know that "normal" life will be put on hold for a while. Your families need to know this program is intense and will have to pitch in with chores and household duties.
6. Have a sense of humor and take one day at a time; otherwise it may feel overwhelming. You also need to find time for yourself and your family each day to rejuvenate yourself.
7. If needing to work, try to work part-time, but no more than 3 days per week. It is preferable to work in a health related area.
8. You need to be absolutely sure nursing is what you want to do - if not, we would suggest that you look at other options. For some, this may mean considering LPN school first to see if nursing is for them.

## **VCCS COMMONWEALTH NURSING PROGRAM**

### **Program Learning Objectives**

At the conclusion of the Nursing Program, the student will be able to:

1. Use the nursing process to meet multiple health needs for individuals, groups, and communities in a variety of healthcare settings.
2. Integrate nursing skills when providing care for groups of clients with multiple physiological and/or psychosocial needs.
3. Communicate therapeutically with individuals, groups, and families.
4. Synthesize and communicate relevant data in a comprehensive and concise manner, including oral, written, and electronic modes.
5. Integrate health teaching into total client care.
6. Integrate ethical values and legal principles into the delivery of nursing care.
7. Utilize management skills and concepts to plan and coordinate the care for a group of clients in a variety of healthcare settings.
8. Assume the role of the Associate Degree nurse as an entry level member of the health care team.
9. Assume accountability and responsibility for his/her own actions as a contributing member of the healthcare team, the nursing profession and society.
10. Graduates will successfully complete the NCLEX-RN.

## VCCS Commonwealth Nursing Program Curriculum

### Pre-requisites (must be completed prior to application submission)

- ~ High School graduate or GED
  - ~ High School or College Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry with a grade of C or better
  - ~ Any developmental courses identified as needed after placement tests
  - ~ Pre-admission nursing test with acceptable scores (NLN 45 or better in Verbal and Math; NET 45 or better in reading and math; HESI 45 or better)
  - ~ The following General Education courses with a grade of C or better:
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|--|------------------|
| NAS 161 (BIO 141) - Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 credits        |
| ENG 111 - College Composition I                  | 3 credits        |
| PSY 230 - Developmental Psychology               | 3 credits        |
| SDV 100 - College Success Skills                 | 1 credit         |
| ITE EEE - Information Technology Elective        | <u>3 credits</u> |
|  | 14 total credits |

### Core Curriculum

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

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|---|------------------|
| NUR 111- Nursing I                                | 7 credits        |
| NUR 135 – Drug Dosage Calculations                | 1 credit         |
| NAS 162 (BIO 142) - Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 credits        |
| HUM EEE – Humanities Elective                     | <u>3 credits</u> |
|   | 15 total credits |

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

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|---|------------------|
| NUR 247 – Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing | 3 credits        |
| HLT 250 - Pharmacology                      | <u>3 credits</u> |
|   | 6 total credits  |

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| NUR 112 – Nursing II             | 8 credits        |
| NUR 226 – Health Assessment      | 3 credits        |
| ENG 112 – College Composition II | <u>3 credits</u> |
|                                  | 14 total credits |

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Semester

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| NUR 202 – Medical/Surgical Nursing I | 4 credits        |
| NUR 245 – Maternal/Newborn Nursing   | 3 credits        |
| NUR 246 – Parent/Child Nursing       | 3 credits        |
| SOC 201 - Introduction to Sociology  | <u>3 credits</u> |
|                                      | 13 total credits |

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Semester

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|--|------------------|
| NUR 208 – Acute Medical/Surgical Nursing     | 5 credits        |
| NUR 254 – Dimensions of Professional Nursing | <u>2 credits</u> |
|  | 7 total credits  |

#### Please Note:

- ~ **Applicants will be ranked by curricular GPA.**
- ~ **Priority will be given to students who have completed all general education courses and have met all other admission criteria.**
- ~ **All courses (general education and nursing) must be passed with a grade of C or better.**
- ~ **Students who have been unsuccessful in other nursing programs will not be given priority.**

# Appendix

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## VCCS Commonwealth Nursing Program Application for Admission

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(Please Print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLID \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please consider my application for admission into the VCCS Commonwealth  
Nursing Program**

Home College \_\_\_\_\_

Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*My signature below denotes permission for the CNP Coordinator and the CNP Admissions  
Committee to access my academic records for review.***

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Checklist for Complete Portfolio

### Transcripts

\*copies of your transcripts will be obtained from the registrar's office at your college by the VCCS CNP Admissions Committee

### Prerequisite Courses

HS Algebra	College Algebra (MTH 03)
Grade_____	Grade_____
Date_____	Date_____
HS Biology	College Biology (BIO 100)
Grade_____	Grade_____
Date_____	Date_____
HS Chemistry	College Chemistry (CHM 101)
Grade_____	Grade_____
Date_____	Date_____

### NET Exam Scores (NLN, HESI, ATI)

Copy and attach. Passing scores for both must be on the same test results.

Reading\_\_\_\_\_

Math \_\_\_\_\_

### License(s)-LPNs or Paramedics, Certifications and First Aid/CPR Cards

List and copy front and back and attach.

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### Curricular GPA 2.5 or above

### Other coursework completed

COURSE	COURSE COMPLETED	GRADE	GRADE POINTS**	X	NO. OF CREDITS**	TOTAL GRADE POINTS**
NAS 161 (BIO 141)*				X	4	
ENG 111*				X	3	
ITE EEE*				X	3	
PSY 230*				X	3	
SDV 100*				X	N/A	N/A
NAS 162 (BIO 142)				X	4	
HLT 250^				X	3	
HUM EEE				X	3	
ENG 112				X	3	
SOC 200				X	3	
TOTALS						

\*Required Prerequisite Courses

\*\*To be completed by the Nursing Department

^HLT 250 Pharmacology will be taken concurrently with NUR courses once accepted

## Nursing Department Checklist for Complete Portfolio

\_\_\_\_\_ Eligible

\_\_\_\_\_ Ineligible

Reason for Ineligibility:

\_\_\_\_\_ missing a prescribed developmental course: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ missing a prerequisite course

\_\_\_\_\_ curricular GPA below 2.5

\_\_\_\_\_ NET (NLN, HESI, ATI) scores not available

\_\_\_\_\_ NET (NLN, HESI, ATI) reading score below minimum accepted score

\_\_\_\_\_ NET (NLN, HESI, ATI) math score below minimum accepted score

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_