

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Applicants for the Blue Ridge Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program must obtain an official application packet from Student Services at either Blue Ridge Campus. For more information concerning the Associate Degree Nursing application process call (828) 694-1800.

Blue Ridge Community College

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Admission Procedures Packet for **Fall 2018 Applicants**

PHASE ONE:

Step 1: Complete an online BRCC Application for Admission at www.blueridge.edu. If you have applied to Blue Ridge Community College previously or have taken curriculum courses here before, you will need to update your information by completing a BRCC application available on the internet. Select Pre-Associates Degree Nursing as your Program of Study.

Step 2: Sign out the Associate Degree Nursing Phase One Application Packet available on or after April 3, 2017. The “packet verification form” must be turned in to the Registrar’s Office to make your application for Fall 2018 official.

Step 3: Take the pre-enrollment placement test. Contact Student Services (828) 694 -1800 for a testing appointment. You must have a satisfactory score on the test or complete any required prerequisite courses with a grade of “P” or better before being considered for admission to the **Associate Degree Nursing Program**. The prerequisite courses for *Associate Degree Nursing* are DRE 097, DRE 098, DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050. Test scores may require basic math or reading units through the College and Career Readiness Center. Placement testing is waived for applicants with a Bachelor degree or transferable English and Math with a “C” grade or above or for applicants with acceptable SAT or ACT scores taken within the last five years. Acceptable scores for test taken prior to March 2016 are a SAT score of 500 or above on English or Critical Reading, and Mathematics. Scores for test taken after March 2016 are a SAT score of 530 or above in Mathematics, and a 480 or above for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or an ACT score of 18 or above on English or 22 or above on Reading, and 22 or above on Mathematics. Those who have graduated from a North Carolina high school within the past 5 years with an unweighted GPA of 2.6 or greater and acceptable math courses may be exempt from taking the pre-enrollment placement test due to multiple measure placement.

Step 4: Request that your high school transcript be sent to the BRCC Registrar. If you entered ninth grade or above these records are required. The high school will mail your official transcript to Blue Ridge Community College. BRCC will review your high school transcript for units in **Chemistry and Biology**. You must have a “C” average or better in these courses before being considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Students who have not met these requirements may do so by taking *Foundations of Biology (BIO 090)* for the Biology requirement, and/or *Fundamentals of Chemistry (CHM 092)* for the Chemistry requirement. These courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Applicants who are currently enrolled in high school, taking these courses and anticipating completing the grade and course requirements, may continue with the application process. Students enrolled in high school must request that the high school mail a final transcript to BRCC as soon as possible upon graduation.

AND If you have a High School Equivalency Diploma or GED, please provide these scores to the Registrar. For High School Equivalency Diploma: A standard score of 150 or above on the Science

Test will count as one unit of Biology. For GED: A standard score of 450 or above on the Natural Science Test will count as one unit of Biology. There is no equivalent for the Chemistry on the High School Equivalency or GED exam.

AND If you have attended any college, university, or community/technical college, request that ALL official transcript(s) be sent to our Registrar. ALL official transcripts must be received before you can be considered for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program. Student copies of transcripts are not acceptable.

Step 5: Attend **one** of the *Associate Degree Nursing Program Information Sessions* to receive important information about the curriculum and career of Associate Degree Nursing education.

Health Science Building

Place: Room 3003

Dates:

Monday, April 3, 2017
Monday, June 19, 2017
Monday, August 21, 2017
Monday, October 16, 2017
Monday, January 22, 2018

Transylvania County Campus

Applied Tech. Building, Rm. 205

Dates:

Monday, May 22, 2017
Monday, July 17, 2017
Monday, September 18, 2017
Monday, November 13, 2017
Monday, February 12, 2018

All sessions are held from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. To reserve materials, send an email to dr_henry@blueridge.edu with your date of choice in the subject line. **Applicants must attend one session in order to meet Phase One requirements.** Applicants are responsible for completing the attendance form for the session and Admission Procedure Checklist and turning these in to the nursing faculty at the conclusion of the meeting. Checklists will be sent back to applicants from the Registrar's Office marked "Complete" or "Incomplete." If applicants receive the "Incomplete" notice, a new checklist must be submitted once requirements are met.

Step 6: BRCC Pre-Nursing Applicants will be allowed to schedule a TEAS Version VI (6) test *after* they have attended an Associate Degree Nursing Program Information Session.

Students may only sit for the TEAS two times per application cycle (May 2017 – March 2018). Students who have taken the TEAS more than once will be able to use the highest score of the previous two tests. A minimum composite score of 70 on the TEAS is required to proceed to Phase Two. If the TEAS Version VI is taken at other testing locations, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the results are submitted to the registrar's office. Scores expire after three years.

For more information on the TEAS test and scheduling, contact Cathy Stephenson (828-694-1807) or Julie Brackett (828-694-1818) located in the Sink Building on the Henderson County Campus. For test practice materials go to www.atitesting.com. TEAS practice materials are also available for purchase in the BRCC Bookstore or on reserve in the BRCC Library and Student Success Center.

Step 7: Applicants who complete Phase I by **March 9, 2018** will receive a letter acknowledging their completion of Phase I and will be eligible to pick up Phase II packets **March 19 – 23, 2018** at Student Services in the Sink Building on the Henderson County Campus. Applicants must provide a photo ID to receive the Phase II packet and also sign that they received the packet and instructions. Phase II must be returned by **April 30, 2018** following the procedures listed in the

packet. The top points determine the forty-four (44) positions and fifteen (15) alternates for the program beginning August 2018.

Phase One Application materials must be returned to:

Registrar's Office
Blue Ridge Community College
180 West Campus Drive
Flat Rock, NC 28731-9624

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Associate Degree Nursing Program
Fall 2018 – Admission Information Phase II

Students who wish to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must have completed a certified nursing assistant course with a state approved curriculum such as high school Allied Health Science Program or a community college course. This course must include theory, lab, and a clinical component. **Certification must be attained and the applicant must be listed on the N.C. Nurse Aide Registry prior to April 30, 2018.** The applicant must also have a current American Heart Association - Healthcare Provider – Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. (AHA – HCP – CPR)

DOCUMENTATION:

NA training	A copy of a college transcript or a notarized course completion certificate will be acceptable.
Listing on Registry	Refer to North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry http:// www.ncnar.org/index1.jsp – Print a copy of your listing and expiration date. (Must be unrestricted)
AHA – HCP- CPR	Photocopy of your valid card (front and back)
TEAS VI	Photocopy of your TEAS VI transcript

The Associate Degree Nursing program is a limited enrollment program with forty-four (44) students and fifteen (15) alternates selected based on a point system. Since the numbers of qualified candidates for the program has greatly increased over the last few years and spaces are limited, the point system was implemented as an objective means for evaluating nursing applicants.

Ranking/Selection Criteria

Ranking review is **required** in order to be considered for admission. **Only courses completed by the deadline date of April 30, 2018 will be used for ranking.** Biology courses over 5 years old will not be considered for transfer credit or points in the ranking. Courses with a grade of “C” will meet graduation requirements but have no point value in the ranking review.

Ranking points awarded for specific courses are listed below. For courses taken at other colleges or universities, points will only be awarded for those courses which you have been awarded transfer credit.

There are two categories of courses – curriculum related courses and the science core. The science core is assigned a higher point value than the curriculum related courses.

College Level Course Work:

Curriculum Related Course(s):

1st Attempt
Point Value
 A = 6
 B = 4

Course	Grade	Points
ENG 111		
ENG 114		
PSY 150		
PSY 241		
Humanities		
	Subtotal	

Science Related Course(s):

1st Attempt
Point Value
 A = 10
 B = 8

Course	Grade	Points
BIO 165		
BIO 166		
BIO 175		
	Subtotal	

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2018 High School Graduates (Applies to current high school seniors ONLY)

Points assigned: Advanced Biology and/or Advanced Math (Algebra III/Trig/Calculus)

A = 10 B = 6

Honor Courses

A = 8 B = 4

All other high school courses listed below:

A = 6 B = 3

Course	AP	Honor	Grade	Points
9 th Grade English				
10 th Grade English				
11 th Grade English				
12 th Grade English				
Geometry or Tech Math				
Algebra II				
Adv. Math				
Chemistry				
Biology				
Adv. Biology				
			Subtotal	

High School students who meet all admission requirements but are still enrolled in high school level Chemistry, Biology, and/or the Health Sciences Program could receive a provisional acceptance contingent on passing Biology and Chemistry with at least a “C” grade and being listed on the N.C. Nurse Aide I Registry by mid-summer.

Guidelines:

- Points will be given for first attempt only and for courses in which the applicants score an “A” or “B.”
- Applicants with transfer credits must have written documentation of transfer credits from other colleges/universities prior to the date for Phase II point calculations (**April 30, 2018**). It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide the official transcripts to the Registrar’s Office. **Please note: an official transfer evaluation requires a minimum of three weeks from receipt of official transcript.**
- For applicants enrolled at NC Community Colleges other than BRCC, the following courses will be substituted: BIO 168/169 for BIO 165/166. The BIO sequence (BIO 165/166 or BIO 168/169) must be completed at the same college or university in order to receive credit. All Biology courses (BIO 168/169 or BIO 165/166, and BIO 175 Microbiology must have been taken **within the last five years** prior to the start of the NUR curriculum.
- Applicants will not receive additional points for taking developmental courses or courses that are not part of their curriculum.

Additional Ranking Points Awarded

Previous Education (Points awarded for highest level attained)	
8	Completion of a Masters Degree
6	Completion of a Baccalaureate Degree
4	Completion of an Associate Degree
TEAS Version VI Score – adjusted composite scores	
10	TEAS score of 90 - 99
7	TEAS score of 80 - 89
3	TEAS score of 70 - 79

Total Points for Ranking

Adding together the grade points and additional documented experience will determine your score. Students with the highest total points will be accepted until the forty-four (44) available spaces in the program are filled. Then the next fifteen (15) will be designated as alternates. In the case of applicants with the same number of points, the applicant who submitted his/her BRCC Allied Health Program application first will be ranked higher.

Notification Procedure

Notification letters will be mailed on May 30, 2018. If you did not meet requirements, were not accepted, or declined your admission, you must submit a new application which will be available April 2018, attend another information session and complete the Phase II admission packet if you wish to be considered for the 2019 class.

The forty-four selected students will be notified when to complete the following information:

1. *Student Medical Form* must be submitted at least 30 days prior to entering the Fall Semester 2018 nursing core classes. The medical form must verify acceptable levels of immunizations, physical health, and mental health. Failure to complete every aspect of the form may delay entry into the program.
2. Documented grade point average of 2.0 or better on all attempted college work by the end of Summer Semester 2018 in order to be admitted into the nursing core classes.
3. Clinical agency requirements include criminal background check and drug screening. This is a requirement of the agencies and not the nursing program. Information regarding the agency requirements will be provided at the time of registration for Fall classes. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny a student access to the facility based on the failure to meet above requirements. *** If a student is denied access to any clinical agency, the student will not be allowed to continue in the nursing program.**

BRCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice.