

Mission: The Mission of the VCCS Nursing Programs is to provide affordable, community access to quality nursing education. The VCCS Nursing Programs prepare qualified students to provide safe, competent, entry-level nursing care in 21st century healthcare environments. Students are prepared to meet the ever-increasing complexity of the healthcare needs of the citizens of Virginia.

Nursing Application Requirements

The program admission process is competitive. To be considered for admission, applicants must:

- Be admitted to NOVA.
- Be 18 years or older.
- Complete an online Nursing information session.
- Hold a high school diploma or General Educational Development Test certification (GED®).
- Take Math and English placement (if applicable.)
- Have completed one unit of high school or college-level algebra and two units of science (1 unit of biology and 1 unit of chemistry) with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Qualify for MTH 154 through acceptable scores on the College math placement test.
- **Complete** PSY 230 or with a "C" or higher.
- **Complete** BIO 141 with a "C" or higher.
- **Complete** ENG 111 with a grade of "C" or higher.
- **Complete** SDV 101 Orientation to Healthcare or SDV elective with a grade of "C" or higher.
- **Complete** 3 Cr General Elective.
- **Grade for the above courses** must be posted to student record prior to applying.
- Have **minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA**.

- Students must take all 4 sections of the ATI TEAS test and have the minimum required score per section: Reading – 73%, Math – 65%, Science – 52% and English – 62%.
- Read the NOVA College Catalog related to the Nursing Program and NOVA Student Handbook.
- Students transferring from another nursing program must also submit a letter from the previous program's Dean/Director attesting to your status in the previous nursing program.
- **Selection Criteria:** Applicants are ranked by the final grades in BIO 141 and PSY 230, TEAS scores, and completion of the general education courses at time of application (BIO 142, BIO 150, CST and Humanities elective).

The Nursing Program at NOVA

- Full-Time 5 semester program: first semester students take the pre-requisite course work to prepare for applying to the program.
- Admission is held in Fall and Spring
- Lecture and Labs are held at the Medical Education Campus in Springfield, VA
- Dedicated Nursing lab
- Certified and knowledgeable faculty
- The NOVA Nursing Curriculum is fully approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing (VBON) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
- Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®)
- View NCLEX-RN pass rates for the last five years online at http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_edprogs.htm



Nursing Pathway

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Pre-requisites

ENG 111 (3cr)
SDV 100/101 (1cr)
PSY 230 (3cr)
BIO 141 (4cr)
General Elective (3cr)

Once accepted in the Nursing Program

Semester 1 (LEVEL 1 Nursing)

BIO 142 (4cr)
NSG 100 Intro to Nursing Concepts (4cr)
NSG 106 Competencies for Nursing Practice (2cr)
NSG 130 Professional Concepts (1cr)
NSG 200 Health Promotion and Assessment (3cr)

Semester 2 (LEVEL 2 Nursing)

BIO 150 Intro to Microbiology (4cr)
NSG 152 Health Care Participant (3cr)
NSG 170 Health/Illness Concepts (3cr)

Semester 3 (LEVEL 3 Nursing)

CST 229 or CST 110 or CST 126 (3cr)
NSG 210 Health Care Concepts I (5cr)
NSG 211 Health Care Concepts II (5cr)

Semester 4 (Level 4 Nursing)

NSG 230 Adv Professional Nursing Concept (2cr)
NSG 252 Complex Health Care Concepts (4cr)
NSG 270 Nursing Capstone (4cr)
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3cr)

Graduates apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®)

General Information

The Nursing Program is a 5 semester program which includes the pre-requisite courses as the first semester.

Students must be available for lectures, Nursing Skills Lab, clinical placements, and testing a minimum of 3-4 days a week to include: days, evenings, nights and weekends.

Lectures combine in-person and online teaching.

Nursing students should not work more than 24 hours each week to accommodate the Nursing Program schedule and personal study time.

Students should plan alternative and flexible child care arrangements.

Students should also have alternative transportation options available to go to and from campus and clinical placements.

Student should file their FAFSA application prior to the semester as financial aid is usually awarded 2 weeks before the start of classes. FAFSA is necessary for scholarships, grants and loans.

Projected Program Expenses

- Tuition at the College's current rates for a specific semester
- Books, Software & Standardized Testing (\$1,500 - \$2,000)
- Uniforms & Shoes (\$115 - \$125)
- Stethoscope Kit & Nursing Lab Supplies (\$250)
- Physical Exam/Immunizations/TB testing + Background Check/Drug Screening (\$600)

- N-CLEX RN Application (licensure exam and initial RN license) \$400
- Castlebranch® Document Manager® (\$125)
- Miscellaneous expenses: personal transportation, BLS, Health insurance, liability insurance, additional school supplies, nursing graduation pin, graduation cap & gown: variable costs

Want more Information?

Information Session:

<http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/nursing>

MEC Academic Advising: 703.822.6531

Email: meccounselor@nvcc.edu

Admission Tips & FAQs:

<https://blogs.nvcc.edu/mecexchange>

Employment & Salary Information:

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

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This information is provided as a general guide for prospective students and is subject to change without prior notice. Interested applicants should visit the Nursing Online Information Session and website each semester to get the most up-to-date program requirements.



NURSING

January 20 – March 20

for August start

July 20 – September 20

for January start

<http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/nursing>

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