



NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

**TRADITIONAL RN, AND CPL
LPN-RN PATHWAYS**

NOVA | Northern Virginia
Community College

WELCOME TO THE NOVA NURSING PROGRAM



Welcome to the NOVA Nursing Program Information Session. Whether you are a new or continuing student, we welcome your interest in becoming a registered nurse. Nursing is an exciting and very rewarding career.

This presentation is an overview of the application process for the Nursing Program at NOVA.



GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- NOVA has adopted the Virginia Community College Systems Common Concept-based Curriculum (CBC).
- The traditional RN pathway is a 5 semester program including prerequisites.
- Upon successful completion of the program, graduates earn an associate of applied science (AAS) degree in nursing.
- Graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam.
- The program is fully approved by Virginia Board of Nursing and accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- ***The Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) LPN-RN pathway is 4 semesters including prerequisites, and is only available to students holding a valid PN License*



GENERAL CURRICULUM INFORMATION

- **The curriculum is based on the Virginia Community College Systems (VCCS) concept-based common curriculum used by all ADN programs in Virginia.**
- **Classes are taught with a hybrid combination of face-to-face and distance education modalities.**
- **Faculty utilize the principles of adult learning to guide students as they engage in the active learning process.**
- **The program is full-time and includes didactic classes, nursing skills lab, clinical and simulation learning experiences 3-4 days per week. These activities may be held during daytime, evening, night and weekend hours.**
- **The program cannot be completed part-time.**
- **This is a rigorous program and the recommendation is for students to limit work to 20 hours or less per week while completing the program.**



NURSING PROGRAM EXPENSES

Expenses include but are not limited to:

- College tuition at the current rates
- Book bundles, Trajecsyst, CastleBranch, standardized testing: \$2,400-\$2,600
- Uniforms, shoes, name tag, nursing patches: \$124 - \$200
- Stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, penlight: \$50-120
- Lab Supplies Kit: \$200-250
- Physical exam and immunizations: Variable depending on insurance coverage
- AHA BLS CPR, health & liability insurance: Variable
- NCLEX-RN Application and license (VBON & Pearson Vue): \$390
- Personal transportation to the Medical Education Campus and to clinical sites
- Optional NOVA Student Parking Permits/Fees
- Optional costs: Cap & Gown & Pinning Ceremony: \$130-150



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all application requirements by the deadline to be eligible to apply:

- Review the Nursing Information Session
- Submit the application during the designated time frame
- Be at least 18 years of age or older by program start
- Have a current application to NOVA
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA from NOVA and be in good academic standing.
- If no NOVA GPA is established then the applicant must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA from the last school attended and be in good academic standing.
- ***CPL LPN-RN students must have a current, valid Practical Nursing License in the state of Virginia to qualify*



PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

All applicants must submit a high school transcript to the online Health Science Nursing (HSN) Application showing completion of these courses, regardless of previous college experience or degree

- **1 unit of High School algebra with a C or better grade**
- **1 unit of High School biology with a C or better grade**
- **1 unit of High School chemistry with a C or better grade**

PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- Verify the date of high school graduation is on the transcript
- Attach the transcript to the online Health Science and Nursing (HSN) application
- Applicants may also attach copies of the diploma for proof of graduation, but transcripts are required to show all completed high school courses
- Submit proof of all high school requirements to be considered eligible!



HIGH SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE US

Please refer to NOVA's [Transfer Credit Evaluation](#) website

- You must first submit your transcript to a Credentialing Evaluation Service for evaluation (refer to the website for approved agencies)
- Evaluations must show that you graduated from the equivalent of a United States high school
- Evaluations must also show the required high school courses were completed with a C or better grade
- Completed international high school evaluations must be received directly by NOVA. Refer to the transcript evaluation procedures listed on the [Nursing Application Checklist](#)

WHAT IF I CAN'T GET MY TRANSCRIPT?

If you cannot get your high school transcript or did not graduate high school:

- Applicants will need to take the GED to get proof of high school graduation
- A copy of the GED must be attached to the online HSN Application

[Virginia GED Information](#)

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THE COURSES?

Take the college equivalent of the course(s) you are missing if:

- You can't provide a high school transcript showing the courses
- You didn't take one or more of the courses in high school
- You didn't make a C or better in one or more of the courses
- Complete the courses through [NOVA](#) or [Portage Learning](#)
- Complete MTH 154 or higher (HS algebra), BIO 101 (HS biology), CHM 101 (HS chemistry) with a C or better grade



ACADEMIC ADVISING

NOVA's academic advisors can assist you in getting started at NOVA, choosing a program of study, reviewing course selection, exploring transfer and career opportunities, and more.

In-Person: Visit any of our campus Advising Centers for walk-in service. Current students can make an appointment through NAVIGATE.

Virtual Advising: Connect with our advisors online to explore your academic options and find the best path for your educational journey.

Academic Advising



COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- Refer to the Nursing Application Checklist on the Nursing website to see the most current application requirements
- Final grades and all transfer credit must be posted to your NOVA record by the application deadline

[NOVA Nursing Program](#)

[Nursing Application Checklist](#)

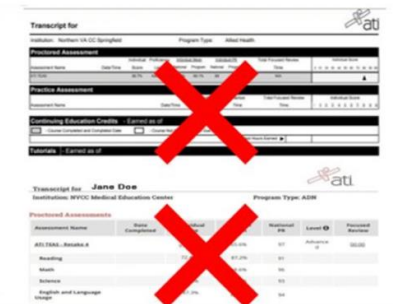
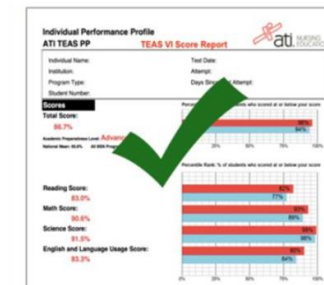
TEAS TESTING

All applicants must complete:

- English, Reading, Math and Science sections of the Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Correct format of TEAS scores must be attached to HSN Application
- Refer to HSN TEAS Information for score requirements and TEAS prep resources

Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

What is the correct format for my TEAS scores?



The image shows a 'Transcript for Jane Doe' from ATI. It lists scores for Reading (82.0%), Math (86.0%), Science (91.0%), and English and Language Usage (85.0%). A large red X is overlaid on the transcript, indicating it is not the correct format.



TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION

- Completed through the NOVA College Records Office (CRO)
- All applicable credits must be posted before applying
- International transcripts must first be evaluated through an international evaluation agency before submitting to the CRO
- Applications with pending transfer credit evaluation after the deadline will not be considered for admission
- Evaluations may take up to 12 weeks to complete

Transfer Credit Evaluation

HOW TO APPLY TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Use Nursing Application Checklist to confirm you completed all the requirements

- ✓ Submit an online Health Sciences & Nursing (HSN) Application during application window
- ✓ Must attach a copy of TEAS Test Scores
- ✓ Must attach high school transcript showing completion of HS Algebra, HS biology, and HS chemistry with a C or better grade
- ✓ Must attach high school transcript or diploma showing date of high school graduation or copy of GED
- ✓ *CPL LPN- RN students must attach a copy of their valid PN license*

[Health Sciences & Nursing \(HSN\) Online Application](#)



NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

- **All required documents must be attached to your application**
- **If you do not attach the required documents, you will be notified that your application is incomplete.**
- **A link to your application and a deadline will be provided for you to go back and attach the required documents.**
- **Do not assume that these documents are already on file with the college.**
- **Applications that have not been corrected by the deadline will not move forward.**



COMPETITIVE ADMISSION CRITERIA

- The Nursing program is competitive
- Refer to the Nursing Application Checklist on the Nursing website for the most current competitive admission criteria

[Nursing Application Checklist](#)



DOMICILE ADMISSION POLICY

NOVA Admission Policy for Limited Enrollment Programs states that applicants are accepted on the following priority basis:

- **1 – legal residents domiciled in the cities and counties supporting the college**
- **2 – other legal residents of Virginia**
- **3 – out-of-state applicants**
- **4 – international students requiring Form I-20**

VCCS Policy Manual, Section 6.0.5 under Admission Priorities

ACCEPTANCE STATUS

The Nursing Division will notify applicants regarding their final status

- Keep checking your email
- Allow up to 12 weeks after the deadline for a notification
- Applicants that are not accepted may reapply during the next cycle
- There are no wait lists

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Accepted students must:

- **Accept or decline the offer of enrollment by the due date.**
- **Attend mandatory Nursing Program Orientation and MEC Symposium.**
- **Complete physical health exam, provide documentation of vaccinations & TB testing, background checks, drug screening, and other requirements as needed.**
- **Have nursing liability insurance and current health insurance.**
- **Complete American Heart Association Basic Life Support Health Care Professional CPR: Adult, Child, Infant and AED.**
- **Additional information on these requirements are provided to all accepted applicants.**



INFORMATION SESSION CODE

Record this code in the Information Session Code field on the Health Sciences and Nursing Application when you apply to the program

Type the code EXACTLY as written; no spaces and no capital letters

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TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in transferring to an advanced degree?
Guaranteed admission and articulation agreements
for Nursing are available.

[NOVA Transfer Opportunities](#)

NOVA NURSING PROGRAM



As you begin your educational journey with us, understand that it requires dedication of time, energy, and hard work. In turn this will produce enormous rewards in terms of skills, knowledge, and a sound understanding of the nursing profession. Your education is an investment in you!