

Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Programs Ranking System

Admission into an Allied Health Program is competitive and based upon the selection of those candidates who possess the ability to succeed in a demanding academic program. Each student must complete a program application and meet all admission requirements in order to be ranked for admissions. For nursing programs, the number of available seats is determined by N.C. Board of Nursing guidelines, the number of available faculty, and the number of available clinical facilities. In general, the ADN program can accept up to 60 students each fall, whereas the PN program can accept up to 30. This number may be less due to those factors mentioned.

At the end of the application period, each qualified applicant will be evaluated and awarded points for ranking. If two or more students have the same rank, the highest GPA will be the deciding factor. The application date will be the determining factor if overall rank and GPA are the same. Individuals with the highest points will be offered admissions to the program. Progression through the admissions process will be contingent on completion of on-boarding activities, including, but not limited to: Physical and mental health exam by a physician or healthcare provider, immunization compliance record, CPR requirements, and completion of a criminal background check and urine drug screen. Please note, these activities, along with other on-boarding costs, are not covered by financial aid. Therefore, the applicants need to plan and prepare to pay for these expenses out of pocket. Please see the associated program's expense sheet.

Students that are offered admissions are required to attend a mandatory program orientation session which will provide direction for the on-boarding process. Again, students must attend this mandatory session to maintain their admission status in the program.

Traditional Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Programs:

The following criteria will be used for the 2024-2025 point allocation for the student applying to the Associate Degree Nursing (RN) or Practical Nursing (PN) programs.

Section A: GPA = 30% of Overall Ranking Score

The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applicants are evaluated on their completed general education (GE) courses that are associated with their intended program of study. Applicants that have not taken GE courses, and who do not have college credits, are evaluated on completed high school courses or on performance of the high school equivalency exam (GED).

The associated GE courses for the practical and associate degree nursing programs are listed on the pre-associate degree nursing and pre-practical nursing pathways.

Pre-Practical Nursing Curriculum Pathway

Pre-Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum Pathway



Practical Nursing General Education Courses	Associate Degree Nursing General Education Courses
ACA 122 (or ACA 111, ACA 115, ACA 118)	ENG 111
ENG 111	ENG 112 (or ENG 114)
PSY 150	PSY 150
BIO 163 (or BIO 168 with BIO 169)- (Within 5 years of	PSY 241
application deadline)	
	BIO 168 (Within 5 years of application deadline)
	BIO 169 (Within 5 years of application deadline)
	Hum/Fine Arts Elective (Choose 1): ART 111, ART 114, ART 115,
	MUS 110, MUS 112, HUM 115, PHI 215, PHI 240
	Natural Science/Math Elective: (Choose 1) CHM 130 & CHM
	130a, CHM 151, BIO 275, MAT 152

Letter grades of these GE courses are converted to numerical grades by using a 4.0 scale:

A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, F = 0

• Please note, GE courses where a student earned a "P" (Ex: During COVID-19 Pandemic) do not have a numerical grade. Therefore, while a student may earn the associated credit to be applied to their degree, the "P" will not be used to calculate GPA points.

The formula for calculating GPA points is calculated as follows:

- Each course numerical grade is multiplied by the number of credit hours (hours) for that course. The product is known as "quality points" (QPs).
 - Example: ENG 111 is a 3-credit hour course. If a student earned a "B", then 3x3 = 9 QPs.
- The QPs are then divided by the total number of credit hours completed. This gives the GPA.
 - Example: A student has completed four classes with each one earning 3-credit hours, for a total of 12 hours. The student earned three A's and one B for a total of 45 QPs. This would give the student a 3.75 GPA. (Total QPs divided by total hours: $45 \div 12 = 3.75$).
- The calculated GPA will be divided by 0.04, for a maximum of 100 GPA points. In the example above, where the student has a 3.75 GPA, they would earn 93.75 GPA points. $(3.75 \div 0.04 = 93.75)$.
- The total GPA points will be multiplied by 0.3 (30%) to then be added to the overall ranking score. Continuing with the example above, the student would be awarded 28.13 total GPA points. (93.75 x 0.3 = 28.13)

Practical Nursing General	Credi t	Grade	Quality Points	Associate Degree Nursing General Education Courses	Credit Hours	Grade	Quality Points
Education	Hours						
Courses							
ACA 122	1			ENG 111	3		
(or ACA 111, ACA							
115, ACA 118)							
ENG 111	3			ENG 112 (or ENG 114)	3		
PSY 150	3			PSY 150	3		
BIO 163	5			PSY 241	3		
(or BIO 168 with BIO							
169)- Date	(4)						
Completed	(4)						
				BIO 168 Date	4		
				BIO 169 Date	4		
				Hum/Fine Arts Elective	3		
				(Choose 1): ART 111, ART 114,			
				ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112,			
				HUM 115, PHI 215, PHI 240			
				Natural Science/Math Elective:	4		
				(Choose 1) CHM 130 & CHM			
				130a, CHM 151, BIO 275, MAT			
				152			
GPA Calculation							

Total number of hours completed: (If less than 12, use unweighted HS GPA-below) Total number of QPs earned: (Course hours multiplied by numerical grade) (This number is also used for section B) Applicants Calculated GPA: (QPs divided by total credits) If the applicant has completed fewer than 12 semester hours of GE credit, the unweighted high school GPA will be used. (Max = 4.0)Unweighted High School GPA: If the applicant has received their high school equivalency (GED), the GPA will be determined as follows: Passing score: 145-164 = 2.5 GPACollege Ready: 165-174 = 3.0 GPACollege Ready + Credit: 175-200 = 4.0 GPAHigh School Equivalency (GED) GPA: Applicant's Official GPA: **GPA Points:** (GPA divided by 0.04)

A: Total Points for GPA: _____



Section B: Academic Performance (50% of Overall Ranking)

Academic performance in the specific program's (ADN or PN) general education (GE) courses will be used to aid in determining a student's ability to be successful in the nursing program. The quality points (QPs) from the general education (GE) courses, listed in section A, will be used in determining an overall academic performance score for ranking purposes and will constitute the majority of points allocated for academic performance.

Bonus Points

A student's performance in anatomy and physiology has been linked to th	eir ability to be successful in an allied health
program. BIO 163 and BIO 168, or its equivalent will be evaluated for the	bonus points. The anatomy course must be
within the past 5 years. (Example: A student that took BIO 168 in 2010 ar	nd made a B, retakes it in 2023 and makes an
A. This student would receive the bonus points. Example II: A student	takes BIO 168 in 2022 and makes a D. They
retake it in 2023 and make an A. This student would not receive the	bonus points, but the A would be used in
determining GPA and QPs.) Therefore, additional (bonus points) will be aw	arded to the student as follows:
Student that receive an "A" in BIO 163 or BIO 168 on their first attempt:	Points:10
Student that receive a "B" in BIO 168 on their first attempt:	Points: 5

Students who have successfully completed all of the associated GE courses before starting the program have shown an
increased ability to be successful. Courses must be completed before the application deadline and cannot be "In
Progress"- "IP". These points apply to students that do not have a previously earned degree. Therefore, additional points
(bonus points) will be awarded to students as follows:

Students that have completed all GE coursework for their program: Points: ___10____

ADN/BSN GE Points:

Some applicants have completed all of the GE courses for their intended program and have completed GE courses that would be used to earn their next degree. Example, a student applying to the practical nursing program that has completed all of the GE courses may also have credit for ENG 112 and PSY 241. A student applying to the associate degree nursing program may also have credit for SOC 210 and a second fine arts/humanities course. Points will be awarded for each one of these courses, but <u>only after ALL</u> of the GE courses of the associated program have been completed. Students that are applying to the ADN program that have all GE courses for the BSN should also consider applying to the aRIBN program. (Contact the Allied Health Admission Coordinator for more information.)

Completion of GE courses for BSN are listed on page two of the curriculum sheet of AGE-RN (A10300RN) and AGE-PN (A10300PN) programs. All courses must be completed with a minimum letter grade of "C".

Pre-Practical Nursing Curriculum Pathway

Pre-Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum Pathway

This includes the following courses, along with points earned for each.

Practical Nursing: ADN GE Courses Eligible for Extra Points	Points	Associate Degree Nursing: BSN GE Courses Eligible for Extra Points	Points
ENG 112 (or ENG 114)	2	History: (Circle One Elective) HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 131, HIS 132	2
PSY 241	2	English Literature: (Circle One Elective) ENG 231, ENG 232	2
Hum/Fine Arts Elective (Choose 1): ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, HUM 115, PHI 215, PHI 240	2	Second Hum/Fine Arts Elective (Choose 1 Elective Not Used in Calculating GPA): ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, HUM 115, PHI 215, PHI 240	2
Natural Science/Math Elective: (Choose 1) CHM 130 & CHM 130a, CHM 151, BIO 275, MAT 152	4	Sociology: SOC 210	2
		Sociology Elective: (Choose 1) SOC 213, SOC 220, SOC 225, SOC 240	2
		CHM 130 & 130A, or CHM 151 (Do not use if calculated in GPA)	4
		CHM 152(Do not use if calculated in GPA)	4
		BIO 275(Do not use if calculated in GPA)	4
		MAT 152(Do not use if calculated in GPA)	4
		Social Science Elective x 2: (Course(s):)(Must be selected from the	2
		Transfer Course List in the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Ex. ECO 252, ECO 252, POL 120, foreign language, speech, culture,	2
TOTAL Points		TOTAL Points	

The applicant's QPs, bonus points, and A to be added to the overall ranking score.	ADN/BSN courses will be added together, and then mult	iplied by 0.5. (50%)
Total Number of QPs (From Section A) Total Bonus Points: Total of ADN/BSN GE Points		
B: Academic Points Total:	(Sum of QPs, Bonus Points and BSN GE Points)	



Section C: Admission Testing/Prior Learning/Health Care Experience

This section of student achievement will consider the student's admission testing scores, prior degrees, earned certificates, and experience in the healthcare field. The total sum of points for this section will reflect 20% of the students overall ranking score.

The PN and ADN applicant must have an ATI TEAS minimum composite score of 58.7 or a HESI score of 75. The applicant's score on the admission test will constitute the number of points earned for admission testing.

• Example: Student A scores a 58.7 on the TEAS. They would earn 58.7 points for admission testing. A student scoring an 80.5 would earn 80.5 points for admission testing.

Applicants having certificates or licenses in a healthcare field will be awarded points as follows: (Please note, the student will need to submit an official document, such as licensure for evidence.)

NA I, EMT-B/A, RMA 5 points
NA II, Medic, EMT-Intermediate, Rad Tech, Surg Tech, Dental Hygiene 10 points
LPN, Paramedic, CMA(AAS degree), OTA, PTA 15 points

Applicants having earned a prior degree, outside of the healthcare field will be awarded points as follows:

Associate/Bachelor Art: 5 points
Associate/Bachelor Science: 10 points

The applicant's admission test scores, experience in a healthcare field and applicants earning a prior degree will be added together, and then multiplied by 0.2. (20%) to be added to the overall ranking score.

Total Admission Test Points (score)	
Total Health Care Experience Points:	
Total Prior Degree Points:	

C: Prior Learning/Healthcare Experience Points Total	
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Final Ranking Totals

Criteria	Total	Percent	Weighted Score
	Points		
Section A: GPA		X 0.3 (30%)	
Section B: Academic Performance		X 0.5 (50%)	
Section C: Prior Learning/Experience		X 0.2 (20%)	

Grand Total of Weighted Scores: = Final Total in Kanking Points	Grand Total of Weighted Scores:	= Final Total in Ranking Points
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