



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the **Associate Degree Nursing Program** at Mitchell Community College. The process for admission to the Nursing Program begins in January of each year. Applications are accepted until February 15. Admission to the program is **competitive**. The application process is as follows:

- Complete a Mitchell Community College application.
- Send all official college transcripts to Mitchell Community College Admissions Office.
- If required, schedule and take placement tests.
- After testing, you will meet with a college advisor and you will be assigned to a specific nursing advisor.
- Set up an appointment with your assigned nursing advisor to determine your eligibility to apply to the program. When eligible, schedule the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test.
- If eligible to apply, complete the additional, specific Associate Degree Nursing Program application with your assigned nursing advisor.

Please remember, completion of general college admission requirements does not constitute application to the Nursing Program.

Thank you again for your interest in our program. If you have general questions concerning admission to the College, please contact one of the college admission advisors at (704) 878-3200; or if you have specific questions concerning the Associate Degree Nursing Program, please feel free to contact the nursing office at (704) 878-4260.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Nursing, Natural, and Health Sciences



Admissions-Associate Degree Nursing

The Department of Nursing understands and accepts the concept of the open-door policy for general admission to Mitchell Community College. Admission to the College does not, however, guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program. Admission into the nursing program is competitive. In addition to the College's requirements for admission, the following are minimum requirements for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program:

- 1. Mitchell Community College Application:** Applicants must complete the College application for admission and submit to Student Services.
- 2. High School or high school equivalency transcript:** Graduation from a high school as specified under admission requirements for degree seeking students, complete high school transcript, or equivalent as established by a high school equivalency test.
- 3. College Transcripts:** Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges must be received by February 1 to the College. To be considered official, transcripts must be in a sealed envelope. Grades less than C are not transferable into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- 4. Required GPA:** Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average. All course work toward the A.A.S. Nursing degree must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- 5. Biology Course:** Applicants must have completed with a grade of C or better, one year of high school biology and/or BIO 110 Principles of Biology, BIO 111, General Biology I, or BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I or equivalent, or demonstration of competency. A biology course must be current within five years.
- 6. Chemistry Course:** Applicants must have completed with a grade of C or better, one year of high school chemistry and/or CHM 131 and 131A lab, Introduction to Chemistry or equivalent or demonstration of competency.
- 7. ATI TEAS Testing:** Applicant must achieve a minimum adjusted individual test score of 68 percent on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). For more information about the ATI TEAS Exam, see the official website at <http://www.atitesting.com/default.aspx>. ATI TEAS Review Books may be purchased through the Mitchell Community College Bookstore.
- 8. Associate Degree Nursing Program Application:** Applicant must complete Program Application with assigned nursing advisor.
- 9. Nursing Assistant I:** Applicant must be listed as a Nursing Assistant I on the Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated findings, from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation: Health Care Personnel Registry prior to the first day of NUR 111. Practical nurses with current license are exempt.
- 10. Physical and Emotional Health:** Applicant will provide validation of satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunizations after receipt of conditional acceptance and prior to final admission into the nursing program. Required immunizations include:

2 MMR vaccines (measles, mumps, rubella)
2 varicella vaccines or positive titer
2-step tuberculosis skin test
Tdap within last ten years (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
Annual influenza immunization
Hepatitis B immunization

11. CPR Certification: Applicant must hold current BLS Provider CPR certification by the American Heart Association by time of enrollment into the clinical nursing component and maintained throughout the NUR course sequence.

12. Background Check and Drug Screen: Meet requirements as prescribed by clinical agencies. Students who have not lived in North Carolina for the last five years will need to provide fingerprints (available from the Iredell County Sherriff Department).

13. Student must be 18 years of age prior to clinical component (clinical agency requirement).

14. Student must carry personal health insurance (clinical agency requirement).

15. Nursing students are required to have an electronic mobile device with access to the Internet. For specific requirements, see electronic mobile device policy in Nursing Student Policy Manual.

A limited number of openings exist in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Admissions consideration begins January 1 of each year. Applications will be accepted until February 15 of each year. Qualified applicants will be ranked. Points will be awarded in several categories including: TEAS score, related courses and grades earned, and previous post-secondary education. Students applying for re-admission are required to meet the current admission criteria. No student is considered a nursing student at Mitchell Community College until the student receives official, written notification of admission as given by the Admissions Office and the student enrolls in the nursing courses. Mitchell Community College does not use waiting lists for the nursing program. Applicants must re-apply for each year they wish to be considered for admission.

Qualifications of Graduates for Examination

Upon graduation from the nursing program and to be eligible for licensure by examination, the graduate shall make application to the Board of Nursing and shall submit to the Board an application fee and written evidence, verified by oath, sufficient to satisfy the Board that the applicant has graduated from a course of study approved by the Board and is mentally and physically competent to practice nursing.

Technology Requirement

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum is taught using a concept based model. Students are expected to have reliable access to the Internet and an electronic mobile device is required. The program utilizes e-textbooks and many assessments are completed online.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing** (ACEN) <http://www.acenursing.org>
 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, Phone (404) 975-5000, Fax (404) 975-5020

Please refer to the following list of phone numbers if you have questions in these areas:

Nursing Assistant I/CNA Classes	(704) 878-4311
Financial Aid	(704) 878-5435
Placement or TEAS Testing	(704) 878-3242
Transcripts/Transferring	(704) 878-3244

The following courses may be taken prior to entering the Nursing Program:

- ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry
- ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines **or**
- ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting
- PSY 150 General Psychology
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology
- BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 275 Microbiology

General Education Elective – 3 hours (Humanities/Fine Arts)

(Choose one) for Associate Degree Nursing:

- ART 111 Art Appreciation, ART 114 Art History Survey I, ART 115 Art History Survey II
- HUM 115 Critical Thinking
- MUS 110 Music Appreciation, MUS 112 Introduction to Jazz
- PHI 215 Philosophical Issues, PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics

Graduates of this program are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physician’s offices, industry, and community agencies.

Estimated Expenses

General Tuition (Subject to change)

- Resident.....\$76.00/credit hour
- Non-Resident.....\$268.00/credit hour
- Student Activity Fee..... \$2.50/credit hour up to 8 hours (\$25.00 for 9 or more credit hours)
- Technology Fee \$3.00/credit hour up to 16 hours (\$48 for 16 or more credit hours)
- Student Accident Insurance \$1.25 per semester
- Access fee.....\$25 charged fall/spring
- College Administrative Fee..... \$10 per semester
- Lab fee \$20 charged fall/spring
- Student Testing Fee\$70 charged fall/spring

Additional Expenses for Nursing Program: **All costs are approximate.**

First Fall Semester

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Pre-entrance physical examination/lab work.....	Varies
Required immunizations.....	Varies
Background Check/Drug Screen/Immunization Tracker, Document Holder.....	\$126.50
Electronic mobile device with access to the Internet, plus textbooks (including eBooks) for both years	\$1,600.00
Kaplan Nursing.....	\$135.00
Liability Insurance.....	\$13.00
CPR.....	\$40.00
Nursing Supply Kit.....	\$54.00

Uniforms (nursing student uniforms must be purchased through Scrubs Direct Vendor)

Female	
Top	\$24.95
Pants	\$16.95
Nursing Cap.....	\$12.95
Lab Coat.....	\$19.95
Male:	
Top	\$28.95
Pants	\$21.95
Lab Coat.....	\$19.95

Each Student Must Have One Complete Uniform

Surgical Scissors.....	\$5.00
White Nursing Shoes.....	\$35.00 - \$80.00
Watch With a Secondhand	\$18.00 - \$25.00
Stethoscope.....	\$25.00
Pen Light.....	\$5.00

First Spring Semester

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Kaplan Nursing.....	\$135.00

Second Fall Semester

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Physical Examination with 2-step TB skin test.....	cost varies
Background Check/Drug Screen.....	\$91.50
Liability Fee	\$13.00
Kaplan Nursing.....	\$135.00

Second Spring Semester

<i>Expense</i>	<i>Approximate Cost</i>
RN Licensure Expenses	\$328.00
Professional Uniform for Pinning Ceremony	\$50.00
Kaplan Nursing	\$135.00
School Pin (optional)	\$49.00 - \$150.00

An estimate of total program costs for the two years is approximately \$7,600.00 (based on in-state tuition). Costs are heaviest during the first semester of the program.

Fees and expenses noted are estimates and are subject to change.

Mitchell Community College awards several scholarships designated for students accepted to the associate degree nursing program each year. To be considered for these scholarships, students must complete a free application for federal student aid available on the web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> and a Mitchell Community College Scholarship Application available on the College's website or at the financial aid department in the Student Services Center. Students should direct any questions about scholarships to the Assistant Financial Aid Director, at (704) 878-3254.

Hickory Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN)

The RIBN program is a four-year nursing option where students are dually admitted to both Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU) and Mitchell Community College. The RIBN program provides a seamless associate to baccalaureate nursing education for top academic students. The first three years of study are at Mitchell along with one course per semester at LRU. Upon successful completion of the first three years, students take their fourth year at LRU. Admission to the program is competitive and students are chosen based on specific academic requirements <http://www.lr.edu/admissions/RIBN>.

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