



**Subject:** Information for the Associate Degree Nursing Program

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the **Associate Degree Nursing Program** at Mitchell Community College. Admission to the program is **competitive** and the paper application is accepted from January 2 to February 15 each year. The application process is as follows:

- Complete the Mitchell Community College application.
- Send all official high school and college transcripts to Mitchell Community College Admissions Office.
- If required, schedule and take placement tests.
- After testing, you will meet with a general advisor, and subsequently be assigned a pre-nursing advisor.
- Set an appointment with your assigned pre-nursing advisor to determine your eligibility to apply to the program. When eligible, schedule the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test (link will be sent by your pre-nursing advisor).
- 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 counselors 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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Enclosures

## Admissions Requirements

### Holbrook-Huskins Associate Degree Nursing Program

#### 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. General education courses 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, 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, high school chemistry and/or CHM 131 and 131A lab, Introduction to Chemistry, CHM 151 General Chemistry I, or equivalent.
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 [www.atitesting.com/default.aspx](http://www.atitesting.com/default.aspx). ATI TEAS Review Books may be purchased through the Mitchell Bookstore.
8. **Associate Degree Nursing Program Application:** Applicant must complete Program Application with assigned pre-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), or positive titers
  - 2 varicella vaccines or positive titer
  - One dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)/TD booster every 10 years
  - 2-step tuberculosis skin test, or negative Quantiferon Gold TB, or equivalent
  - Annual influenza immunization (late fall)
  - Hepatitis B immunization
11. **CPR Certification:** Applicant must hold current CPR certification by the American Heart Association at the BLS Provider level 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 Sheriff's 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 2** 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: ATI 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 to be 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 Associate Degree Nursing Program:**

ENG 111 Writing and 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 and Physiology I  
BIO 169 Anatomy and 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**

<b>FIRST YEAR FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
Tuition In-State \$76 per credit hour NUR 111, NUR 117 (10 credit hours) PSY 150, BIO 168 (7 credit hours)	Nursing \$760 General Education \$532
Student Activity Fee \$2.50 per credit hour (1-8)	\$25 for 9 or more hours
Student Access Fee	\$25
Technology Fee \$3 per credit hour	\$48 for 16 or more credit hours
Accident Insurance Fee	\$1.25
Administrative Fee	\$10
Liability Insurance	\$13
Laptop Computer	\$350-400
CPR	\$40
Physical and Immunizations	varies
Nursing Uniform	\$50.90 includes embroidery
Nursing Cap	\$12.95
Scrub Jacket	\$20
Stethoscope	\$25-100
Bandage Scissors	\$4
Penlight	\$2
Watch able to count seconds	\$25
Kaplan Nursing	\$150
ExamSoft Testing Software	\$57.50
MEA Lab Kit	\$51
Castlebranch Immunization Tracker	\$35
Castlebranch Background and Drug Screen	\$89.50
Books	\$715.66
Electronic Charting Package	\$65
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,744.81</b>

<b>FIRST YEAR SPRING SEMESTER</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
Tuition In-State \$76 per credit hour NUR 112, NUR 114 (10 credit hours) PSY 241, BIO 169 (7 credit hours)	Nursing \$760 General Education \$532
Student Activity Fee \$2.50 per credit hour (1-8)	\$25 for 9 or more hours
Student Access Fee	\$25
Technology Fee \$3 per credit hour	\$48 for 16 or more credit hours
Accident Insurance Fee	\$1.25
Administrative Fee	\$10
Kaplan Nursing	\$150
ExamSoft Testing Software	\$57.50
Lab Fee NUR 112	\$20
Lab Fee NUR 114	\$20
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,608.75</b>

<b>FIRST YEAR SUMMER SEMESTER</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
Tuition In-State \$76 per credit hour BIO 275, ENG 111, elective (10 credit hours)	No Nursing Classes \$760
Student Access Fee	\$3 per credit hour
Technology Fee	\$3 per credit hour
Accident Insurance	\$1.25
Administrative Fee	\$10
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$831.25</b>

<b>SECOND YEAR FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
Tuition In-State \$76 per credit hour NUR 113, NUR 211 (10 credit hours) ENG 112 or 114 (3 credit hours)	Nursing \$760 General Education \$228
Student Activity Fee \$2.50 per credit hour (1-8)	\$25 for 9 or more hours
Student Access Fee	\$25
Technology Fee \$3 per credit hour	\$48 for 16 or more credit hours
Accident Insurance Fee	\$1.25
Administrative Fee	\$10
Liability Insurance	\$13
Health Exam and 2 Step TB	varies
Castlebranch Background and Drug Screen	\$89.50
Kaplan Nursing	\$150
ExamSoft Testing Software	\$57.50
Electronic Charting Package	\$65
Lab Fee NUR 113	\$20
Lab Fee NUR 211	\$20
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,487.25</b>

<b>SECOND YEAR SPRING SEMESTER</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
Tuition In-State \$76 per credit hour NUR 212, NUR 213 (15 credit hours)	Nursing \$1,140
Student Activity Fee \$2.50 per credit hour (1-8)	\$25 for 9 or more hours
Student Access Fee	\$25
Technology Fee \$3 per credit hour	\$48 for 16 or more credit hours
Accident Insurance Fee	\$1.25
Administrative Fee	\$10
Kaplan Nursing	\$150
ExamSoft Testing Software	\$57.50
Lab Fee NUR 213	\$20
Professional Uniform for Pinning Ceremony	\$30
Mitchell Nursing Pin (Optional)	\$0-\$45
Costs related to Licensure Exam	\$313
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,506.75</b>

An estimate of total program costs for the two years is approximately \$9,500.00 (based on instate 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 should 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 on the basis of specific academic requirements <http://www.lr.edu/admissions/RIBN>.

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