

FOOTHILLS NURSING CONSORTIUM

Fall 2020 APPLICATION for ADMISSIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Foothills Nursing Consortium (FNC). Please read the entire packet thoroughly. We want to make sure you have the best possible chance of being selected by completing all processes and submitting all necessary application documents completely, correctly, and by the deadline. Please note, prospective nursing candidates residing in the four-county service area of Foothills Nursing Consortium should apply to the home college within the student's service area. Other applicants may apply to the college of their convenience. If there are any questions, contact the pre-nursing coordinator at your college of application:

- Cleveland Community College: Audrea Brown, 704-669-4073, or browna822@clevelandcc.edu
- Isothermal Community College: Tina Porter, 828-395-1621, or tporter@isotherml.edu
- McDowell Technical Community College: Belinda Foster, 828-652-0611, or bfoster@mcdowelltech.edu

You must be a high school graduate or have a General Education Diploma (GED) or High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma to be eligible to enter the nursing program. Current high school students may apply but admission is contingent upon the college receiving the official high school transcript/diploma prior to the start of first semester of the program.

Enrollment is limited, and admission is a competitive process. Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee an applicant an offer of admission into the nursing program. FNC does not use a waiting list. Therefore, applicant records must be updated annually. If a student has applied previously, the student must reinitiate the process of applying including TEAS retesting, if applicable.

Students are encouraged to take the required general education (non-nursing) courses prior to entry into the nursing program:

- ACA 115 Success and Study Skills or ACA 122 College Transfer Success (prior to first semester or in the first semester to progress)
- BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 175 General Microbiology or BIO 275 Microbiology (BIO 275 is transferrable)
- ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry
- ENG 112 Writing & Research in the Disciplines (or ENG 113 or ENG 114)
- PSY 150 General Psychology
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology
- Humanities Elective (3 credit hours)
 - Choose from this list: ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, HUM 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 215 and PHI 240.

All nursing courses must be completed in sequence.

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STEP 1: APPLY for ADMISSION

- 1) **Apply for admission to your COLLEGE** (Complete any college specific requirements such as placement testing and/or orientation)
- 2) **Complete this application for admission to Foothills Nursing Consortium and submit to your pre-nursing advisor by: Friday, January 17, 2020.**

Full Legal Name: _____

College ID#: _____

Last 4 digits SSN#: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Student has complete the following:

Completed/Advisor Verification

- Current college application for admissions
- Official high school transcripts GED/High School Equivalency diploma transcript.
- Official college transcript(s) from all colleges, including nursing programs attended.
- Minimum required college GPA is **2.5** or bachelor's degree or higher. GPA: _____
- Attendance at an Allied Health/Health Sciences Information Session at the college of admission within the last year. Date: _____
- Satisfactory completion or exemption of developmental courses as required by placement test results: DRE 096-098 or equivalent _____ DMA 025 & 045 or equivalent _____

**DRE/DMA requirement subject to change.*

- Submit three (3) **professional references**. References must be **no more than one-year-old** at the time of the general admission requirement deadline. References must be received by the admitting college in envelopes sealed by the reference persons on forms provided. Email references will not be accepted. To proceed to step two (2), the three (3) references must be **at or above "recommend."** (Example: teachers, employers, supervisors, guidance counselors.)

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STEP 2: TAKE the TEAS to Determine Ranking

The TEAS test will be given at the following campuses:

- Isothermal Community College - February 5 & 6, 2020
- Cleveland Community College – February 4, 6 & 7, 2020
- McDowell Technical Community College - February 4 & 5, 2020

***Dates and Times subject to change based on availability.**

The estimated cost for the test is **\$70.00**. The pre-nursing coordinator will instruct you how to register and pay. The TEAS includes Reading, Math (including Algebra) Science, and English sections. The TEAS composite (total adjusted) score will be used to rank applicants for the program and **a minimum score of 65** is required to be considered for the program. A composite score can only be attained through testing on all four areas at one sitting. Students will receive a score immediately upon completion of the TEAS.

Information on TEAS as well as exam preparation may be found at: [ATI Testing Website link](#). Study guides are available for review in the college library or for purchase at vendor of your choice. Online practice assessments are also available at the vendor website.

Applicants should **not** schedule the TEAS until receiving notification from the pre-nursing advisor at the college of application.

The TEAS may be taken at an approved location within the United States following ATI guidelines. If taken at a test center other than a FNC college, the TEAS score submitted must be an official transcript from ATI, taken within the last five years, and must be received by the pre-nursing advisor by **February 7, 2020**.

The TEAS may be taken every 30 days and the higher score will be used for ranking. TEAS scores include one decimal place and are not rounded. TEAS scores are used to determine rankings. The highest scores will be ranked in first place. In the event of a tie, grade point average (GPA) will be used.

Pre-Nursing Advisor Signature

Date

Packet updated: 3/2019 – FNC Advising Committee

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STEP 3: Attend MANDATORY FNC Group Information Session & completed requirements below:

There will be a mandatory FNC Group Information Session scheduled **March 9, 2020**. The Health Form will be distributed at this meeting. The FNC Director will notify the top 80 applicants by email or US Postal Service by **April 6, 2020**.

Applicants are advised to begin working on the health form early. Minimally, a student should schedule an appointment with a health care provider within 1 week of receiving an acceptance letters and begin collection of immunization records. Students are advised to begin the process of health requirements (e.g. PPD, Hepatitis series, varicella titer or series) but evidence of these is not required until after program acceptance. Completed Health Forms and immunization information and a copy of your BLS HealthCare Provider (CPR) are to be returned to the FNC Director, Dr. Kim Amos, PO Box 804, Spindale, NC 28160 by **April 27, 2020**.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ❖ Students admitted must attend the Mandatory FNC New Student Orientation prior to the first day of class. Students will be notified of orientation date.
- ❖ Admitted students are required to pay an Immunizations tracking fee (approximately **\$15.00 per year by credit card**) students will receive instructions for this along with their acceptance letters.
- ❖ Current unrestricted listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I (NAI) Registry and/or current unrestricted NCBON LPN Licensure, without reprimands against the license, is required **for entry** into the nursing program.
- ❖ Criminal background checks and drug screenings will be required by clinical sites for students admitted to the ADN program at the student's expense (**approximately \$ 65.00 cash only**) by a professional vendor at New Student Orientation. Failure to achieve acceptable standards will result in the denial of clinical privileges and the inability to continue in the nursing program.
- ❖ Students admitted will be assessed a **one-time testing fee of approximately \$785.00** plus tax, which covers ATI Testing services, a prescriptive learning program to help prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). This will be included in the first semester tuition and fees.
- ❖ Personal health insurance is the responsibility of the student. Neither the college of application nor clinical agencies provide health coverage for the student. Any illness or injury incurred during class, lab or clinical during the program will be the financial responsibility of the student.
- ❖ All students must provide proof of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (American Heart Association Certification Basic Life Support is preferred) which should be good for two years by the program orientation day.
- ❖ Classes will be held at each campus and clinical rotations will vary among surrounding counties--- travel is required and may be more than one hour from campus. Class/clinical may be conducted during day, evening, and/or weekend hours. Students are responsible for arranging their transportation.

For more information, contact: Kim Amos, PhD, MS(N), RN, CNE, Director of Foothills Nursing Consortium, at 828-395-1741 or kamos@isothermal.edu or your pre-nursing advisor at your campus of application.