



# FOOTHILLS NURSING CONSORTIUM

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Cleveland Community College

Isothermal Community College

McDowell Technical Community College

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

### FALL 2021

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## APPLICATION for ADMISSIONS Fall 2021

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 Allied Health Admissions Coordinator at your college of application.

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

### Admission Procedural Dates for the Associate Degree Nursing Program 5 Semesters – Fall Entry

Program Deadline	January 15, 2021
TEAS exam	February 2-3, 2021
Student files to FNC Director for entry selection	February 10, 2021
Letters of acceptance mailed by FNC Director	April 6, 2021
Medical Forms returned	April 26, 2021

**For more information, contact: Kim Amos, PhD, MS(N), RN, CNE, Director of Foothills Nursing Consortium, at 828-395-1741 or [kamos@isothermal.edu](mailto:kamos@isothermal.edu) or your Allied Health Admissions Coordinator at your campus of application.**

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Students are encouraged to take the required general education (non-nursing) courses prior to entry into the nursing program. **Nursing Courses must be completed in sequence**

- 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.
- ❖ 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 Immunization 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.

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**STEP 1: APPLY for ADMISSION**

- 1) **Apply for admission to your COLLEGE OF APPLICATION** (Complete any college specific requirements such as placement testing and/or orientation)
- 2) **Complete this application for admission to Foothills Nursing Consortium and submit/mail to Audrea Brown, Allied Health Admissions Coordinator by January 15, 2021.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
**\*May use most recent 12 credit hours of college work in determining eligibility in the event student does not meet GPA minimum from prior courses taken at college of application.**
- 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:
  - a. Credit for MAT 003, with a grade of P2, MAT 143, or higher with a grade of "C" or better.
  - b. Credit for ENG 002, with a grade of P2, or completion of a college-level English course with a grade of "C" or better.
  - c. HS GPA of 2.8 >
- 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. 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: (Dates/times may change based on availability)

- **Cleveland Community College – February 4, 6 & 7, 2021**
- Isothermal Community College - February 5 & 6, 2021
- McDowell Technical Community College - February 4 & 5, 2021

The estimated cost for the test is **\$77.00**. The Allied Health Admissions Coordinator will instruct you how to register and pay. The TEAS includes Reading, Math (including Algebra) Science, and English sections. Only the TEAS will be accepted. 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. The higher the TEAS score, the higher the ranking.

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 can schedule the TEAS after receiving notification from the Allied Health Admissions Coordinator 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 3, 2021**.

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. The highest overall scores will be ranked in first place. In the event of a tie in the overall TEAS score, the top reading score among the tied applicants will be used for ranking, followed by the math score (if the reading scores are tied), and then the grade point average (GPA), if needed.

**Pre-Nursing Advisor Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 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, 2021**. 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 26, 2021**.

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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant, please add your name and select a waiver box **PRIOR** to giving this reference form to your person/s of reference.

I \_\_\_\_\_:

Waive my rights to read/review any contents of this reference.  **DO NOT** waive my rights.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide information that would assist in the consideration of the person named above for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program preparing for licensure as a registered nurse.**

How long have you known the applicant?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the applicant: *Teacher/Professor* \_\_\_\_\_ *Employer/Supervisor* \_\_\_\_\_

> **\*No relatives, friends, or co-workers can be used as references.**

Please indicate your opinion of the applicant's characteristics in the following areas by checking the appropriate space. You may insert any other.

A.

Personal Characteristics	Unknown	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Honesty				
Cooperative				
Emotional Control				
Judgement				
Assertive				
Ability to relate to people				
Resourceful				
Dependable				
Neat				
Punctual				

B. List any special interest, talents, strengths, or weaknesses of the applicant that are known to you. (Use the reverse side or an additional sheet, if needed).

Has the applicant demonstrated qualities of leadership in his/her school or community? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What is your opinion regarding the applicant's suitability for a program of studies leading to Registered Nursing?

Do Not Recommend		Recommend with Reservation	
Recommend		Recommend Highly	

Reference Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON COMPLETING REFERENCE: PLEASE PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE, SEAL AND SIGN ENVELOPE FLAP.**

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