

FOOTHILLS NURSING CONSORTIUM
LPN-TO-ADN APPLICATION for ADMISSION Spring 2022



Foothills Nursing Consortium

Cleveland Community College,

Isothermal Community College

McDowell Technical Community College

LPN-to-ADN

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Thank you for your interest in the LPN-to-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 FNC 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 advisor/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@isothermal.edu
- McDowell Technical Community College: Belinda Foster, 828-652-0611 or bmfooster07@go.mcdowelltech.edu

You must be a high school graduate or have a General Education Diploma (GED) or High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma, as well as a current, unrestricted LPN licensure listing on the NC Board of Nursing (NCBON) without reprimands against license to be eligible to enter the nursing 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

Program Deadline	August 23, 2021
TEAS exam (may vary by school)	September 21-23, 2021
Semi-finalist group information meeting	October 4, 2021
Student files to FNC Director for entry selection	October 4, 2021
Letters of acceptance mailed by FNC Director	October 25, 2021
Medical Forms returned	November 15, 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 or your pre-nursing advisor/coordinator at your campus of application.

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The LPN-to-ADN is a four semester program. To enter the LPN-to-ADN program, students must have completed BIO 168, BIO 169, PSY 150 and ACA 115/ACA 122. All nursing courses must be completed in sequence.

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

- 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 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.

Priority Consideration

Priority consideration will be given to the top 5 2021 Practical Nursing (PN) graduates from each of the Consortium Colleges (Cleveland, Isothermal, McDowell Tech). Each priority PN applicant must meet the same admission criteria as non-priority applicants (including minimum GPA 2.5, TEAS score minimum 65, and an unrestricted LPN license with no sanctions).

In the event a priority PN applicant did not score a minimum of 65 on the TEAS taken prior to the PN program admission, the priority PN applicant will be required to retake the TEAS in order to score the minimum required TEAS as non-priority applicants.

Ten applicants will be selected from each Consortium college (five priority PN applicants and five non-priority applicants for a total of 30 students accepted to the LPN to ADN program in Spring 2022).

In fall 2015, the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) mandated the Practical Nursing (PN) concept-based curriculum (CBC). The PN CBC was developed based on the NCCCS ADN CBC that originated in 2008. Therefore, LPNs who have completed a NCCCS PN CBC enter the LPN-to-ADN with a knowledge base regarding CBC. Thus, upon successful completion of NUR 214, the following will apply:

- LPNs who completed a NCCCS PN CBC will receive credit for NUR 111, NUR 112, and NUR 211.
- LPNs that completed a traditional medical model or systems-based curriculum (prior to the NCCCS PN CBC) will receive credit for NUR 111 and NUR 112 and be required to take NUR 211 along with NUR 214 in first semester.

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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 a **\$15.00** Complio fee for an immunization/certification tracking software fee. There is also a My Clinical Exchange fee of **\$43.00** that clinical agencies require to access Complio data. Students will receive instructions for this along with their acceptance letters.
- ❖ A 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 **\$70.00 cash** 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 **\$750.00** included with tuition, 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 provides 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 current healthcare provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (American Heart Association Basic Life Support is preferred) and should be good for the four semesters. Students will submit proof at the nursing 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.
- ❖ Textbooks are approximately **\$755.00**. Textbooks are purchased in the first semester from the campus of admission bookstore and are used throughout the program.
- ❖ Information on other fees (uniforms, lab kit, etc.) will be mailed with acceptance letters.

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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: Monday, August 23, 2021**

Name: _____

College ID _____ Last 4 digits SSN# _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone(s): _____

Student Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

PN School of Nursing: _____ Year Completed: _____

Student must complete the following: (Advisor/Coordinator will verify completion)

- 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.
 - Current unrestricted LPN licensure listing on NC Board of Nursing (NCBON) without reprimands against license
 - 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
 - o Credit for MAT 003, with a grade of P2, MAT 143, or higher with a grade of "C" or better.
 - o Credit for ENG 002, with a grade of P2, or completion of a college-level English course with a grade of "C" or better.
 - o 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.
 - Submit three: (1) employer and (2) character references. References must be no more than one-year-old at the time of the general admission requirement deadline. 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 ATI TEAS TO Determine Ranking

The TEAS test will be given on each campuses from **September 21-23, 2021**

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

The estimated cost for the test is **\$70.00**. The pre-nursing advisor/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. 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 pre-nursing advisor/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 official from ATI, taken within the last five years, and must be received by the pre-nursing advisor/coordinator by **September 23, 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. TEAS scores are used to determine rankings. 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/Coordinator Signature

Date

STEP 3: Attend MANDATORY FNC Group Information Session and complete requirements below.

There will be a mandatory FNC Group Information Session scheduled **October 4, 2021**. The Health Form will be distributed at this meeting. 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 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 by **November 15, 2021** to: Dr. Kim Amos, FNC Director, PO Box 804, Spindale, NC 28160. The FNC Director will notify the top applicants of acceptance by email or US Postal Service by **October 25, 2021**.

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Applicants Name: _____

Employer Character Reference Form for LPN-to-ADN Applicants

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:** _____

Personal and Performance Characteristics

For each of the following (1-9), please choose the best response and place a check in the box with that response:

1. Attitude toward work:	Somewhat Negative	Average	Positive
2. Motivation toward work:	Low	Average	High
3. Ability to carry out tasks:	Low	Average	High
4. Resourceful in identifying and carrying out tasks:	Low	Average	High
5. Emotional control:	Unstable	Usually well balanced	Always well balanced
6. Interpersonal relationships:	Avoided by Peers	Tolerated by Peers	Well-liked by peers
7. Leadership Ability:	Low	Average	High
8. Organizational Ability:	Low	Average	High
9. Prompt:	Seldom	Usually	Always

10. The applicant works effectively with administrators or supervisors. ___Yes ___No

11. Comments: _____

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Health Care Facility or Organization Department: _____

Contact Number: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE SEALED BY THE REFERENCE.

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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.**

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

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: _____

Title or Occupation: _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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