

# Associate Degree Nursing 2010\*



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**Catawba Valley Community College**  
**Associate Degree Nursing Program - Fall Semester 2010**  
**(Admission criteria outlined in this packet are subject to change.)** 4/09

We are glad that you have chosen CVCC to further your educational goals. This packet provides you with information to assist you with the admission processes for the ADN program. Please carefully review all information which has been provided in this packet. Additional information may be found on the CVCC website. If you have questions regarding this information, contact the CVCC Department of Nursing at 828-327-7000.

**General Information**

For general information related to the profession of nursing, refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>.

**What is the class schedule/length for the ADN program?** CVCC currently offers an Associate Degree in Nursing program during the day. (An evening option may be offered in the future, but is contingent upon funding availability.) Students participate in classroom, laboratory, and **clinical\*** experience typically Monday through Friday. The ADN program option consists of five semesters which take two years to complete. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX) for RNs. **(The NC Board of Nursing will review the criminal background checks of each person applying for licensure. Applicants can be denied licensure based on this review.)** Applicants who wish to do so may take the general education/related coursework for the ADN program prior to acceptance. *Please note that taking these courses does not shorten your program*

length as the actual ADN courses take two years (five semesters) to complete; however, many applicants find this process beneficial. **\*Note: Some clinical facilities will require students to undergo criminal background checks and/or drug testing. Clinical facilities may refuse access to clinical experiences based on the criminal background checks and/or drug testing, which would result in the student being unable to continue in the ADN program.**

**Admission:** The ADN program begins in the Fall Semester. Admission to the program is based upon completion of all minimum requirements as listed on the attached "Minimum Requirements" page by the specified deadline, the number of vacancies in the program, and the competitive selection process. To begin the admissions process, complete the CVCC Application for Admission and visit with a Student Services Counselor.

**Costs:** College tuition is set by the North Carolina State Legislature and is subject to change. ADN students are required to purchase a variety of books, class uniforms, malpractice insurance, accident insurance, and other fees as set by the College. The *approximate cost* for the program is \$4,500. (This figure is based upon current in-state tuition rates and reflects an approximate cost only.)

**Financial Aid:** All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For information about financial aid, contact the Financial Aid Office at 828-327-7000.

**Computer Access:** Coursework requires ready access to a reliable computer with Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Upon application to CVCC, students are assigned a CVCC email address. It is the responsibility of the student to open their email account and read it frequently as the College provides crucial program information through this email account. **You will be notified via your CVCC email account concerning your status in the program.**

### **ADN PROGRAM - Fall Semester 2010 - Minimum Requirements**

*These minimum requirements must be met prior to being considered for competitive selection for the ADN program.*

**Applicants must complete ALL the following requirements by January 31, 2010 to be considered for admission for Fall Semester 2010.**

1. Applicants must complete the CVCC application for admission and the application must be received in Student Services. Applications completed on-line will **NOT** be processed until applicant comes in and meets with a Student Services counselor **prior** to the requirements deadline stated above.
2. Applicants must be high school graduates or have received a GED. An official high school transcript showing the graduation date or an official copy of the GED scores **must be received by CVCC. To be considered official, transcripts must be received by the College in a sealed envelope or they will not be accepted.**
3. Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges must be received by CVCC. **To be considered official, transcripts must be received by the College in a sealed envelope or they will not be accepted.** Grades less than C are not transferable. Transcripts will not be evaluated for transfer credit until all transcripts are received in Student Records.
4. **Applicants who do not meet curriculum exemptions must take the required Reading, Writing, Math, and Computer Competency placement tests.** Applicants must either place out of or complete the following courses

to be considered for the ADN program: RED 070, 080, 090; ENG 070, 080, 090/090A; MAT 050, 060, 070; CTS 080.

5. Applicants must complete or have completed one year of biology in high school\* or one course in biology at CVCC or another college\* with a minimum grade of C (\*official transcript must be provided).
6. Applicants must complete or have completed one year of chemistry in high school\* or one course in chemistry at CVCC or another college\* with a minimum grade of C (\*official transcript must be provided).
7. Applicants, who have taken coursework at CVCC or are currently enrolled in coursework at CVCC, must have a minimum cumulative (overall) grade point average of 2.00 on all CVCC coursework.

Applicants applying for admission must complete **ALL** admission requirements by the specified deadline. **Completion of all admission requirements is not a guarantee of acceptance.**

Applicants who complete **ALL** the above by the specified deadline will be required to take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Exam. The non-refundable fee for this exam is \$25. Qualified applicants will be notified regarding the scheduling of this exam. For more information about the TEAS exam, see the official website at <http://www.atitesting.com/default.aspx>

**Applicants seeking readmission and students transferring from a nursing program at another college must meet the minimum requirements for admission outlined in 1 - 7 above.** For students transferring from another nursing program, an official college transcript and course syllabus for each nursing course completed must be provided to the Department of Nursing at least six weeks prior to the expected enrollment date.

Applicants not admitted for Fall must see a Student Services Counselor to re-apply if they wish to be considered for the next class. CVCC does NOT use waiting lists for any allied health program. Health program applicants must re-apply for each year they wish to be considered for admission.

## Competitive Criteria for Selection for the ADN Program

**The following process will be used to select the best-qualified applicants from those who completed all minimum admission requirements by the specified deadline.**

Each applicant will be evaluated using the criteria listed below. The points an applicant receives from each of these criteria will be added together. Those applicants receiving the highest number of points will be admitted to the program until the class is filled. (Applicants seeking readmission to the ADN program will receive points for nursing courses successfully completed at CVCC.) **The number of 1<sup>st</sup> year students accepted each year can vary. The number of students completing the 1<sup>st</sup> year will determine the number of students to be accepted the next year.**

### **Criterion 1: Academic Performance**

(a) Points for completion of any of the following general education courses in the ADN curriculum.

BIO 168	BIO 275	ENG 111	PSY 150	CIS 111
BIO 169	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	ENG 113	PSY 241	

**OR**

(b) The applicant's cumulative **unweighted** high school grade point average. The applicant must have graduated from high school **January 2007** or later.

**OR**

(c) Applicants who have attained at least a BA/BS/MA/MS or higher degree will be awarded points toward admission. (Degree(s) must be from a regionally accredited institution.)

**For applicants who have completed general education courses AND have either completed HS since Jan. 2007 OR have attained either a BA/BS/MA/MS or higher degree, the higher point total will be used in the competitive selection.**

### **Criterion 2: TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Examination**

(a) Students meeting minimum requirements by January 31, 2010 must take the TEAS Examination for Nursing. Students are notified when to schedule this exam.

(b) An applicant may take the TEAS Examination once per academic year.

(c) An applicant will be awarded points according to their performance on the TEAS Examination. For applicants who have tested more than once, the higher score will be used. Test scores prior to **January 2007** will not be considered.

**AFTER initial acceptance to the program, but before the first day of class, applicants are required to:**

- (1) Attend an Orientation Session with the Department of Nursing (usually scheduled in June or July).
- (2) Provide proof of current Healthcare Provider CPR (ACLS) certification, or equivalent by summer orientation if accepted into the nursing program.
- (3) Submit a completed health examination form certifying that he/she appears to be able to participate in the activities of a health profession in a clinical setting.
- (4) Provide to the CVCC Department of Nursing proof of a North Carolina Certified Nurse Aide I certification and be currently listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated finding of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a Nursing Facility. The North Carolina Certified Nurse Aide I Training Program must include theory, lab, and clinical components. If an applicant has taken the Certified Nurse Aide I Program in a state other than North Carolina, this will be considered on an individual basis. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to show documentation that the course they have completed contained a theory, clinical and lab component.

**If you are initially accepted into the ADN program, the Department of Nursing will provide you with additional information on these requirements. If any of these requirements are not met, you will not be allowed to enter the ADN program.**

Applicants are responsible for completing admission requirements, making sure all materials have been received by the College, and for informing the College of any changes in personal information, such as name or mailing address. Personal information changes require photo identification and must be made in person at Student Records. Admission criteria outlined in this packet are subject to change.

## Testing Exemptions Based on Test Scores or Coursework

<b>Reading Skills</b>	<b>Score Range</b>
Accuplacer (CPT)	80 - 120
SAT Critical Reading	500 - 800
ACT Reading	21 - 36

Previous college-level course for which the primary learning strategy is reading with a grade of "C" or better

<b>Writing Skills</b>	<b>Score Range</b>
Accuplacer (CPT) Sentence Skills	86 - 120
SAT Writing	500 - 800
ACT English	21 - 36

Previous college-level English course equal to or higher than the first English course required in the program with a grade of "C" or better

<b>Math</b>	<b>Score Range</b>
Accuplacer (CPT) Algebra	55 - 74
SAT Math	580 - 800
ACT Math	25 - 36

Previous college-level math course equal to or higher than the first math course required in the program with a grade of "C" or better

**Important Note:** Students granted testing exemptions based on any of the above must provide CVCC with official copies of test results and/or transcripts. Test scores must be within the past 3 years.

# COMPASS Cut Scores and Course Placements

Test	Scores	Course Placement
Reading	0 - 40	RED 070
	41 - 65	RED 080
	66 - 80	RED 090*
	81 - 100	No Reading Required

*\* Some Courses and Programs Only Require RED 080 Proficiency.*

Writing	0 - 18	ENG 070
	19 - 37	ENG 080
	38 - 69	ENG 090 & 090A
	70 - 100	ENG 111 **

*\*\* Students Must Also Meet Reading Requirement For ENG 111.*

*NOTE: Programs requiring ENG 102 do not require writing test.*

## ALL STUDENTS WILL START THE MATH TEST IN THE PRE-ALGEBRA DOMAIN

Pre-Algebra	0 - 26	MAT 050
	27 - 46	MAT 060
	47 - 100	Refer to Algebra Score for Math Course Placement if MAT 070 or Higher is required
Algebra	0 - 45	MAT 070 or MAT 101
	46 - 65	MAT 080, 115, 121, 140 & 140A or BUS 121
	66 - 100	Refer to College Algebra Score if a Higher Level Math Course is required
College Algebra	0 - 50	MAT 151 & 151A, 161 & 161A, or 171 & 171A
	51 - 100	MAT 167 & 167A, 175 & 175A, or 263 & 263A

## ASSET Cut Scores and Course Placements

Test	Scores	Course Placement
Reading	23 - 30	RED 070
	31 - 36	RED 080
	37 - 40	RED 090*
	41 - 53	No Reading Required

*\* Some Courses and Programs Only Require RED 080 proficiency*

Writing	23 - 28	ENG 070
	29 - 32	ENG 080
	33 - 40	ENG 090 & 090A
	41 - 55	ENG 111 **

*\*\* Students Must Also Meet Reading Requirement For ENG 111.*

*NOTE: Programs requiring ENG 102 do not require writing test.*

Numerical Skills	23 - 35	MAT 050
	36 - 40	MAT 060
	41 - 55	MAT 070 or MAT 101
Elementary Algebra	23 - 33	MAT 060
	34 - 40	MAT 070 or MAT 101
	41 - 55	MAT 080, 115, 121, 140 & 140A, or BUS 121

This test is taken by students who have completed at least Algebra II in high school

Intermediate Algebra	23 - 35	MAT 070 or MAT 101
	36 - 40	MAT 080, 115, 121, 140 & 140A or BUS 121
	41 - 55	MAT 151 & 151A, 161 & 161A, or 171 & 171A

**\*\*\*A numerical skills score of 41 or higher is also required for placement into the courses.**

This test is taken by students who have completed at least Pre-Calculus/Advanced Math/ or Algebra III/Trig. in high school

College Algebra	23 - 37	MAT 080, 115, 121, 140 & 140A, or BUS 121
	38 - 49	MAT 151 & 151A, 161 & 161A, 171 & 171A
	50 - 55	MAT 167 & 167A, 175 & 175A, or 263 & 263A

**\*\*\*A numerical skills score of 41 or higher is also required for placement into the courses.**



## Catawba Valley Community College Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Examination is specifically designed for students interested in nursing. It was developed by ATI Testing to measure content areas in Mathematics, Science, English and Language Usage. The exam is comprised of 170 items in a multiple choice format. It is a timed exam lasting 209 minutes total, but applicants are encouraged to block out four (4) hours for the exam. The total possible points for the TEAS is a 100 composite score.

Applicants will be notified to schedule the TEAS Examination after all minimum admission requirements except the CNA I, are met. The CNA requirement does not have to be met to take the TEAS Examination. Students will be ranked according to their performance on the TEAS and competitive admission points.

The fee for the exam is \$25.00 and may be subject to change. The fee is payable only in the CVCC Business Office.

***Important Note: TEAS test scores will ONLY be accepted through the ATI service via secure e-mail to our Testing Center by the designated deadline for that selection year.***

You may visit the following website to access specific information about the TEAS:

<http://www.atitesting.com/default.aspx>

If you have previous college credits, or are currently attending another college, you may be able to make some course substitutions. Course substitutions are not automatic, and some courses will not be substituted. Your faculty advisor must request that the substitution be made, and it must be approved by the CVCC department responsible for the required course. You should always consult with your faculty advisor **before** taking a course other than the course required by your program.

Some programs have developed written guidelines for course substitutions, showing which related courses may or may not be substituted. The following course substitutions have been approved for the Associate Degree Nursing program:

<u>Related Course in Curriculum</u>	<u>Course Approved for Substitution</u>
BIO 168 & BIO 169	BIO 165 & BIO 166
(Students may take either BIO 168 & 169 <b>OR</b> BIO 165 & BIO 166, but the courses must be taken as a pair. Students may not substitute the individual courses.)	
BIO 275	None
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3 semester hour Humanities/Fine Arts course
CIS 111	CIS 110
ENG 111	None
ENG 113	ENG 112 or ENG 114
PSY 150	None
PSY 241	None

If you have any questions concerning course substitutions in the Associate Degree Nursing program, please contact the Department of Nursing at 828-327-7000.

## **ADN Essential Program Requirements**

The following activities are examples of the kind of activities which a student in the Nursing program will be required to perform in order to successfully complete the program.

1. **Critical Thinking:** The nursing student should possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment. For example: student must be able to identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations; develop or participate in the development of care plans.
2. **Interpersonal Skills:** The nursing student shall possess interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, groups, etc. from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds. For example: student shall establish rapport with clients/patients and health care team members.
3. **Communication Skills:** The nursing student shall possess communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form. For example: explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing/technical actions and patient/client responses.
4. **Mobility:** The nursing student shall possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces, stand and walk for extensive periods of time. For example: moves around in patient's rooms, work spaces and treatment areas, administer cardiopulmonary procedures.
5. **Motor Skills:** The nursing student shall possess gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care. For example: calibrate and use equipment, position patients/clients.
6. **Hearing:** The nursing student shall possess auditory ability, sufficient to monitor and assess health needs. For example: hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help.
7. **Visual:** The nursing student shall possess visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care. For example: observe patient/client responses, see calibration of BP equipment, assess patient.
8. **Tactile:** The nursing student shall possess tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment. For example: perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, insertions of catheters, etc.
9. **Weight-Bearing:** The nursing student shall possess ability to lift and manipulate/move 45-50 pounds, weekly and sometimes daily. For example: position patients/clients, move equipment.
10. **Cognitive Abilities:** The nursing student shall possess ability to be oriented to time, place and person and organize responsibilities, make decisions. For example: student shall assess client/patient complaints and implement appropriate plans.
11. **Occupational Exposures:** The allied health/nursing student may be exposed to communicable diseases and/or body fluids, toxic substances, medicinal preparations and latex. Students shall use appropriate precautions at all times. For example: student may be assigned a client/patient with a communicable disease and shall provide total care using universal precautions.

**Please note: Examples are not all inclusive.**

## ADN - Additional Program Costs

<b>General Fees</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Malpractice Insurance	\$27.50 per year - payable Fall Semester
Nursing Class Dues	\$15.00 per month

<b>Required Uniform*</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
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*Female Students*

Top	\$30.95
Pants	\$21.56
Lab Coat	\$31.95

*Male Students*

Top	\$30.95
Pants	\$22.36
Lab Coat	\$29.16

**Alternate Uniform for Special Functions**

Pants	\$16.75 to \$21.95
Polo style Shirt	\$18.95

**\*Each student will need to purchase 2 complete uniforms at the beginning of the program.  
(See other uniform costs below.)**

<b>Other Required Items</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
White Nursing Shoes (Not tennis shoes)	\$40.00 - \$100.00
Watch with second hand	\$20.00
Bandage Scissors	\$5.00
Dual-head Stethoscope	\$18.00 - \$90.00
Safety Glasses	\$10.00
Stethoscope Kit	\$24.00
(w/scissors, penlight, 3-color pen & pocket organizer)	
Lab Coat Embroidery Charges	\$6.00

<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Hepatitis Vaccine	\$102.00
Physical Exam	\$165.00
CPR (Healthcare Provider III)	\$37.50
NCLEX Fees	\$200.00
NC State Board of Nursing Fees	\$108.00*
*NCBON license at \$70 and a criminal background check at \$38	
Board Review	\$250.00 - \$300.00
Graduation Pins	\$80.00
Lamp	\$30.00
Graduation Uniform	\$50.00 & up depending on class decisions
ATI Testing	\$410.00
TEAS pre-admission	\$25.00

**Please note:** These cost estimates are in addition to the costs that any student attending CVCC will incur each semester, such as tuition, activity fees, accident insurance, books, and class supplies such as pens, paper, etc. Students applying for graduation will also pay graduation fees; See CVCC Catalog.

## Associate Degree Nursing Student Checklist

**All items listed below must be completed by the specified published deadline.**

- ☐ Completed CVCC Application - Application received by CVCC  
(Note: Online Applications will NOT be processed until applicant comes in and meets with a Student Services counselor.)
- ☐ Official HS transcript showing graduation date or official GED score report showing completion of GED received by CVCC
- ☐ All college transcripts received by CVCC (must be official copies)
- ☐ Completed Placement Tests (if required)
- ☐ Completed Developmental Coursework (if required)
- ☐ Completed HS or College Biology w/min. grade of "C"
- ☐ Completed HS or College Chemistry w/min. grade of "C"
- ☐ Completed College Computer Concepts Literacy w/min. grade of "C"
- ☐ GPA is at least 2.0 on any coursework completed at CVCC
- ☐ Provided proof to the CVCC Department of Nursing of current NC certification as a Certified Nurse Assistant I (CNA I) or LPN certification

### **Recommended**

- ☐ During posted registration periods, students should schedule an appointment to meet with their assigned ADN faculty advisor for course planning. Appointments may be scheduled by phone or by sign-up sheets posted on faculty advisor's office door.
- ☐ Read e-mail **daily** from your CVCC student e-mail account. Consult the CVCC website for instructions on how to log on to the college email system.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Most colleges/testing services and some high schools charge a fee to process transcript/score report requests. Check with your school for the appropriate fee which must be enclosed with this request form.