

Blue Ridge Community & Technical College

Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program

Admission Requirements & Instructions

Students may apply to the Nursing program during the fall or spring semester. Application periods for submitting the application are as follows:

- **Fall Admission:** January 1st to February 15th
- **Spring Admission:** August 1st to September 15th

A link to the Nursing Program Application will be available here **only** during the application period.

Admission Requirements

- Be fully admitted to Blue Ridge CTC (steps to apply found [here](#)).
 - If transferring in credit from another institution, ensure transfer evaluation process is complete prior to the application deadline.
 - Submit the nursing program application (typed and complete) along with all requested documentation prior to the application deadline for consideration.
 - Earn an **overall** GPA of **2.5** (including transfer credits).
 - Have completed or be enrolled in the following courses:
ENGL 101; MATH 114; BIOL 120/121; and NURS 111
 - By the Spring Semester (for Fall applicants)
 - By the Fall Semester (for Spring applicants)
- Please note: For decision-making regarding application scoring criteria only, midterm grades will be used for all required courses in which the student is currently enrolled. However, final grades must still meet the minimum requirements outlined above.*
- Any science courses taken more than five years prior to the ASN program start date are not counted as part of the application. Applicants will be allowed to repeat any science course only one (1) time, including withdrawals (W), within that 5-year period.
 - Earn a "C" or better in all required courses for the program.
 - Earn at least a **63.3** composite score on the ATI TEAS test **PRIOR** to submitting the ASN Program application. Students may only take the TEAS test twice within a calendar year with at least 30 days between attempts. TEAS test must have been taken within the previous 24 months. [Click here for TEAS registration information.](#)

To prepare for the TEAS, it is recommended students:

- Complete Blue Ridge CTC's [Online Math Bootcamp](#).
- Take a practice test by logging into Blackboard and clicking on "BRAINFUSE: 24/7 ONLINE TUTORING" > "Academic Tools" > "SkillSurfer" > "Nursing School Exams" > "TEAS Practice Tests."
- Additional Test Prep options are available directly from [ATI testing](#).

For more information regarding the decision-making criteria and process following application, please see the next page.

Decision Criteria & Process

Admission into the Blue Ridge CTC ASN Program is contingent on both the applicant's eligibility (using the minimum requirements noted above) and comparability to other applicants. Faculty use the following decision criteria and process to review applications for admission:

- Failure to submit a complete application, provide truthful information, send required documentation, or report felony or misdemeanor conviction, plea of nolo contendere, or pending court cases with the application will result in **immediate disqualification and/or dismissal from the nursing program**. Any subsequent application may not be considered. Information provided to the department of nursing is confidential and is used only for selection purposes.
- If an applicant does not meet all admission requirements (apart from prerequisite courses in which the applicant is currently enrolled), he or she will not be considered for admission.
- Applicants who do meet minimum eligibility requirements are scored by specific criteria (TEAS scores, grades, etc.)—detailed in the most current application. Total scores are ranked from highest to lowest, and the top applicants are offered *Conditional Acceptance into the ASN Program.
- All applicants will be notified via their Blue Ridge CTC email once a decision has been made, regardless of acceptance or non-acceptance.
- Applicants must accept the offer of *Conditional Acceptance within 7 calendar days of the offer email being sent or his or her offer will be rescinded.

***Conditional Acceptance** – means the applicant is offered a seat in the ASN program as long as all requirements of admission are met by the deadline. Requirements include maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5, successfully completing all required courses with a grade of “C” or higher, submitting all documentation by the deadline, and attending a mandatory live orientation. Orientation dates are communicated within the nursing application but typically occur:

- **Fall Admission Orientation:** mid-December
- **Spring Admission Orientation:** mid-May

Application Checklist

All completed applications should be emailed with appropriate attachments to nursing@blueridgectc.edu, including a:

- Copy of the current **Nursing Application** (typed and complete). *Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Application only available during application period.*
- Copy of achieved degrees/certificates and active licenses (as applicable).
- Copy of ATI TEAS exam score sheet with breakdown of each exam section.
- Detailed explanation, if applicable, of any action taken against your licensure at any time.
- Detailed explanation and copy of all related court documents, including final disposition, if ever convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, pled nolo contendere, or if you have pending action to any crime or any other court-related cases.
- Letter of explanation and a copy of the treatment record or discharge summary printed on the facility's letterhead pertaining to any treatment for drug or alcohol abuse, if applicable.

If any portion of the application is not included, the application will not be considered.