



Associate Degree Nursing at WPCC

Western Piedmont Community College's Associate Degree Nursing curriculum prepares you with the knowledge and skills necessary for a career in nursing in a variety of health care settings.

You are eligible to apply to take the **National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)** which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse at the completion of your studies. You are also eligible to continue your education at colleges and universities that offer a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the WPCC Nursing program may find positions with acute, long-term, and community health care facilities; clinics, schools, and industry.

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, www.acenursing.org.

For more information on WPCC's Nursing program, please contact Karen Pritchard, Director, at (828) 448-3533 or kpritchard@wpcc.edu.

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ADN Program of Study

Fall, First Year

Course	Credit Hours
ACA 115 - Success & Study Skills	1
BIO 168 - Anatomy & Physiology I	4
NUR 111 - Introduction to Health Concepts	8
PSY 150 - General Psychology	3
Total:	16

Spring, First Year

Course	Credit Hours
BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG 111 - Writing & Inquiry	3
NUR 112 - Health Illness Concepts	5
NUR 113 - Family Health Concepts	5
Total:	17

Summer

Course	Credit Hours
Select One:	
ENG 112 - Writing/Research in the Disc OR	3
ENG 114 - Professional Research & Reporting	
PSY 241 - Developmental Psychology	3
Total:	6

Fall, Second Year

Course	Credit Hours
NUR 114 - Holistic Health Concepts	5
NUR 211 - Health Care Concepts	5
NUR 212 - Health System Concepts (<i>Clinical Only</i>)	3
Total:	13

Spring, Second Year

Course	Credit Hours
NUR 212 - Health System Concepts (<i>Classroom Only</i>)	2
NUR 213 - Complex Health Concepts	10
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3
Total:	15

TOTAL HOURS: 67

* Humanities/Fine Arts Elective Options:
 ART 111 - Art Appreciation
 MUS 110 - Music Appreciation
 PHI 240 - Introduction to Ethics

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WPCC serves all students regardless of race, religion, association, sex, age, disability, or ethnic origin. Some college programs have additional admission requirements or may have limited enrollments.

WPCC will provide reasonable accommodations, modifications or adjustments through the use of nondiscriminatory policies and procedures for persons with qualifying disabilities. Inquiries concerning Federal Title IX, Section 504, and related laws may be addressed to the Director of Human Resources, 1001 Burkemont Avenue, Morganton, NC 28655 or telephone (828) 448-3500.

Nursing (2022-2023)



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Admission is competitive and all requirements (1-9) must be completed and submitted by January 31, 2023 for admission into the 2023 nursing class. Notification of admission status will be mailed by March 31, 2023.

- 1. Completion of a Western Piedmont Community College admission application with Nursing as major by **January 31, 2023**.
- 2. Submission of official high school and all college transcripts.
- 3. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on all post-secondary coursework within the last 7 years.
- 4. Eligible to take ENG 111 or higher without a co-requisite.
- 5. Eligible to take MAT 143 or higher without a co-requisite.
- 6. Completion of high school chemistry, *CHM 130*, or *CHM 131* or higher with a grade of "C" or better within the last 7 years.
- 7. Completion of high school biology, *BIO 111*, or *BIO 168* with a grade of "C" or better within the last 7 years.
- 8. Submission of a certificate of completion/transcript from a state approved Nurse Aide program and an active DHSR listing. For more information, call the Foothills Higher Education Center at 828.448.3532 or visit wpcc.edu/allied-health/nurse-aide.
- 9. Completion of the *Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)* with a minimum score of 63 (un-rounded). The *TEAS* score must be 3 years old or less and may only be taken twice in an academic year with at least 45 days between testing. A *TEAS* test schedule & registration link will be emailed to pre-nursing students in September with October/December test date options. Study resources: www.atitesting.com & the WPCC Academic Success Center.

Other Information

1. Nursing applicants are encouraged to complete *Anatomy & Physiology I* and *II* before entering the Nursing Program.
2. North Carolina law requires a nursing student to be physically and emotionally healthy in order to ensure safe care of clients. The determination that a student is healthy and can participate in clinical practice must be made by a licensed medical provider (physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner). A student is admitted conditionally until a completed physical appraisal form, including the statement verifying the student is able to perform clinical practice and with documentation of all required immunizations, is uploaded on castlebranch.com.
3. An applicant is considered a nursing student at Western Piedmont Community College when official written notification of admission is received, the student has submitted written acceptance of admission to the program, and the health form with documentation of immunizations are completed as stated above.
4. A fee is assessed for professional liability insurance and Assessment Technology Institute supplemental resources at the time of registration.
5. Clinical practice experiences are provided at many different facilities. Students are responsible for providing transportation to the sites and purchasing required uniforms.
6. Clinical agencies accredited by The Joint Commission may require a criminal background check on and/or drug testing for nursing students. This is a requirement of the agencies and not the nursing program. Any student denied clinical access at any WPCC clinical agency due to the results of the criminal background check, drug test, **or for any other reason** will be

dismissed from the program. Also, the North Carolina Board of Nursing requires a separate criminal background check on all program graduates prior to taking the *NCLEX-RN Licensure* exam. Specific information regarding this process is provided to students in the last semester of the nursing program.

Applicants are ranked on the following admission points grid and are admitted as space permits:

Course	Points		
BIO 168 - Anatomy & Physiology I	A=20	B=15	C=10
BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II	A=20	B=15	C=10
ENG 111 - Expository Writing	A=10	B=7	C=5
PSY 150 - General Psychology	A=10	B=7	C=5
TEAS Categories	Points		
Exemplary	40		
Advanced	30		
Proficient	20		

Western Piedmont Community College reserves the right to make changes in the admissions requirements as needed.