



Blue Ridge Community College

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Admission Procedures for Fall 2022 Applicants

Step 1:

Complete the RDS (Residency Determination Service) and submit the Blue Ridge Application for Admission to begin your Admissions process. The Application for Admission cannot be submitted without first obtaining your RCN (Residency Certification Number):

- Complete RDS and the Application for Admission at <https://www.blueridge.edu/admissions>
- Select "Associate in General Education (AGE)-Nursing" as your program of study. Once accepted into the Associate Degree Nursing program, students will be given an Allied Health-Change of Program form to declare their new program of study.

Step 2:

Applicants pursuing the Associate Degree Nursing program are required to submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions. High School, High School Equivalency, and College transcripts are all required.

- If additional coursework is completed after submission of transcripts, an official updated transcript must be submitted to Blue Ridge to ensure all possible transfer credit is awarded

Step 3:

Demonstrate College readiness by appropriate developmental courses, College courses, SAT/ACT scores, NROC Placement Test, or RISE placement assignment:

MAT 003/BSP 4003 P2 – Transition Math

ENG 002/BSP 4002 P2 – Transition English

Placement testing is waived for the following:

- An Associate's degree or higher
- Transferable College-level English and Math with a grade of "C" or higher
- Acceptable SAT or ACT scores taken within the last 10 years
 - SAT score of 500 or above on Writing or Critical Reading, and 500 or above in Mathematics if taken before March 2016
 - SAT score of 480 or higher on Evidence Based Reading and Writing, and a score of 530 on Mathematics if taken after March 2016
 - Minimum of 18 on ACT English or 22 on ACT Reading, or a minimum of 22 on ACT Mathematics.

Students who have graduated from a United States-based high school and who have an unweighted HS GPA of 2.80 or higher will be waived from placement testing.

Step 4:

Blue Ridge will review your high school transcript for courses in **Chemistry** and **Biology**. A “C” average or higher in these courses is required before being considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Students who have not met these requirements may do so by taking **BIO 090 or BIO 110 or higher** for the Biology requirement, and **CHM 092 or CHM 131 or higher** for the Chemistry requirement. These courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Once the coursework is completed, a final official transcript must be sent to the Registrar’s Office.

For High School Equivalency Diploma: A standard score of 150 or above on the Science Test will meet the Biology requirement. For GED: A standard score of 450 or above on the Natural Science Test will meet the Biology requirement. There is no equivalent for the Chemistry requirement on the High School Equivalency or GED exam.

Step 5:

Applicants must take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test prior to the program application deadline. Students may only sit for the TEAS **two** times per application cycle (October 1, 2021 – February 1, 2022). Students who take the TEAS more than once will be able to use the highest score of the two tests. Official scores sent from other locations must come through ATI Testing (www.atitesting.com) and must be received at Blue Ridge by the deadline date. Scores expire after three years.

For more information on the TEAS test and scheduling, contact Laura Simmons (828-694-1807) or Julie Brackett (828-694-1812) in the Sink Building on the Henderson County Campus. For test practice materials go to www.atitesting.com. TEAS practice materials are also available for purchase in the Blue Ridge Bookstore or on reserve in the Blue Ridge Library and Student Success Center.

Step 6:

Submit the completed ARC (Admissions Requirements Checklist) before the deadline (see attached) to the Registrar’s Office. Completed ARCs may also be submitted electronically to registrar@blueridge.edu. The entire document must be legible and contain a physical signature.

Step 7:

Candidates for admission to the program are ranked on a points-based system. Points are awarded according to a variety of factors, which may include the following: grade earned on Curriculum-related coursework, highest degree previously awarded, TEAS Version VI score, etc. Applicants with the highest overall points after ranking will be offered ADN program acceptance. The remaining ADN applicants will be placed on an alternate list in ranked order. Alternates will be contacted in order should space become available in the ADN program. Applicants who remain on the ADN Alternate list once the 2022 ADN Nursing program cycle begins **will not be carried over to a waiting list for the following year, and must reapply to the ADN program for the following year.**

Fifty-four (54) positions and fifteen (15) alternate positions are available for the Associate Degree Nursing program beginning August 2022.

Return the ARC to:
 Blue Ridge Community College
 Registrar's Office
 180 West Campus Drive
 Flat Rock, NC 28731-9624
registrar@blueridge.edu

Associate Degree Nursing-Program Specific Requirements

Applicants will be ranked according to a variety of factors, which may include the following: grade earned on Curriculum-related coursework, highest degree previously awarded, TEAS Version VI score, etc.

Students applying to the Associate Degree Nursing program must complete a Certified Nursing Assistant course with a State-approved curriculum such as a high school Allied Health Science program, or a Community College course. This course must include theory, lab, and a clinical component. **Certification must be attained and the applicant must be listed on the N.C. Nurse Aide Registry prior to July 1, 2022.** The applicant must also have current American Heart Association – Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) documentation.

To register for a Nurse Aide course with Blue Ridge Community College, visit the following link:

<https://www.blueridge.edu/programs-courses/healthcare/nurse-aide-courses/>.

Required Documentation:

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| Listing on Registry | Refer to North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry https://www.ncnar.org/index1.jsp Print a copy of your listing and expiration date (must be unrestricted) |
| AHA-BLS (CPR) | A copy of your valid card |

How Points are Awarded:

- Points will only be given for courses completed with an “A,” “B,” or “C” on the first completed attempt only. Withdrawn courses will not count as completed coursework.
- Courses counted for points may include but are not limited to the following: BIO 165/168, BIO 166/169, BIO 175/275, ENG 111, ENG 112/114, Humanities, PSY 150, and PSY 241
- Points are also awarded for highest degree awarded, ranging from Associate’s Degree to Doctorate Degree
- The TEAS Composite score can earn points based within a scoring range starting at 67 or higher
- For applicants enrolled at NC Community Colleges other than Blue Ridge, the following courses will be substituted: BIO 165/166 for BIO 168/169. The BIO 165/166 sequence must be completed at the same College or University in order to receive credit. Microbiology must be taken **within the last five years** prior to the start of the ADN program.
- Currently enrolled high school students may earn points based on various completed high school courses
- Applicants will not receive additional points for taking Developmental courses or courses that are not part of the Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum

Notification Procedure:

Notification letters for program acceptance will be mailed by June 1, 2022. Applicants who did not meet requirements, were not accepted, or declined admission must reapply to the ADN program for the following year. Applicants who remain on the Alternate list once the 2022 ADN Nursing program cycle begins **will not be carried over to a waiting list for the following year, and must reapply to the ADN program for the following year.**

The 54 (fifty-four) students selected will be notified when to complete the following information:

1. Student Medical Form must be submitted at least 30 days prior to entering the Fall 2022 core Nursing classes. The medical form must verify acceptable levels of immunizations, physical health, and mental health. Failure to complete every aspect of the form may delay entry into the program.
2. The Student must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher throughout the duration of the ADN program, and a "C" or better in all NUR courses.
3. Clinical agency requirements include criminal background check and drug screening. This is a requirement of the agencies and not the ADN program. Information regarding the agency requirements will be provided at the time of registration for Fall classes. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny a Student access to the facility based on the failure to meet above requirements. **If a Student is denied access to any clinical agency, the Student may not be allowed to continue in the nursing program.**

****Blue Ridge Community College reserves the right to change Curriculum and Admission requirements without prior notice. ****