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ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

FALL 2027 Entering Class

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

If you wish to be considered for the Fall 2027 entering class, you **MUST** have completed the following tasks by the noted deadline:

COMPLETE:	DEADLINE:
ALL Admission Requirements – Priority Consideration Deadline	**Thursday, February 1, 2027 by 5:00pm**
ALL Admission Requirements – Latest Submission Deadline	**Sunday, May 19, 2027 by 5:00pm**

It is **your** responsibility to read and become familiar with this document.

Completion of these tasks does not guarantee

acceptance to the Fall 2027 entering class!

STEP 1: Complete Admissions Requirements

COMPLETE THE SPECIFIC ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Complete the RDS (Residency Determination Service) first**. Applications for Admission cannot be submitted without first obtaining your RCN (Residency Certification Number) here: RDS Admissions Page .

2. **Submit a Blue Ridge *Application for Admission***. You can complete the application online on our Admissions Page as well . If you have applied to Blue Ridge Community College previously or have taken Curriculum courses here before, you will need to update your information by completing a Blue Ridge application available on our website.
    - Select "Associate in General Education (AGE)-Nursing." Once accepted into the program, students will be provided an Allied Health-Change of Program Form to declare Associate Degree Nursing as their program of study. Completed forms must be submitted to the Registrar's Office before Orientation. All legibly signed forms may be emailed to registrar@blueridge.edu .

3. **Submit all Official Transcripts** – 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.

    Evidence of an Unweighted Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale for students without College-level credit. For students with College-level credit, the most recent transcript with at least six (6) College-level credit hours will be evaluated for the 2.50 or higher GPA requirement.

    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.

    - Complete BIO 090 or high school Biology with a grade of "C" or higher. A College-Level Biology of BIO 110 or higher will waive the Biology requirement. *For High School Equivalency Diploma: A standard score of 150 or above on the Science Test will count as one unit of Biology. For GED, a standard score of 450 or above on the Natural Science Test will count as one unit of Biology.*
    - All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to meet these high school requirements.

- Applicants who are currently enrolled in high school, taking these courses and anticipating completing the grade and course requirements may continue with the application process. Students enrolled in high school should request that the high school mail a final transcript to Blue Ridge as soon as possible upon graduation.

4. Demonstrate College readiness by appropriate developmental courses, College courses, SAT/ACT scores, Placement Testing, an Associate's Degree or higher, or through current Developmental Education standards utilizing an Unweighted GPA of 2.80 or higher from an eligible United States-based high school. The following developmental coursework must be exempted or completed with a grade of "A," "B," "C," or "P:"

MAT 045 – Math Skills Support
ENG 045 – English Skills Support
or
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 with pre/co-requisites equivalent to English and/or Math Tier 2 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

5. The Student must maintain a Program GPA of 2.00 or higher throughout the duration of the Associate Degree Nursing program, and a "C" or better in all courses required and related to the Associate Degree Nursing program.

6. Anatomy and Physiology I (**BIO 168**) and Anatomy and Physiology II (**BIO 169**) must be completed prior to entry into the program. Both Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIO 168/169) must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

- Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II must be taken **within the last five years** prior to the start of the ADN program.

7. Microbiology (BIO 275) must be taken **within the last five years** prior to the start of the ADN program. It is highly recommended that Microbiology be completed prior to the start of the ADN program.

8. Evidence of an Unweighted Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale for students without College-level credit. For students with College-level credit, the most recent College transcript demonstrating an Unweighted Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher will be evaluated.

9. Attend one Nursing Information Session per ADN Admissions Cycle with the appropriate Professional Advisor. Nursing Information Session offerings will be provided on the Blue Ridge Community College website under the Associate Degree Nursing and RIBN webpages.

In order to receive credit for the Nursing Information Session, students must complete the attendance verification form and attend the session in entirety.

10. Candidates for admission to the program will be ranked on a points-based system. Points may be awarded according to a variety of factors, which may include the following:

- Grade earned on Curriculum-related coursework
- Highest degree previously awarded
- Relevant ADN documentation such as Nurse Aide Certification and Basic Life Support if completed by the Priority Consideration Deadline

Applicants with the highest overall points after ranking will be offered acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. The remaining ADN applicants will be placed on an Alternate list in ranked order. Alternates will be contacted in their respective order should space become available in the ADN program. Applicants who remain on the ADN Alternate list once the 2027 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**.

Seventy-four (74) positions and fifteen (15) alternate positions are available for the Associate Degree Nursing program beginning August 2027.

STEP 2: Submit the completed ARC (Admissions Requirements Checklist) before the deadline to the Registrar's Office

1. Submit the ARC to the Registrar's Office **by no later than 5:00p.m. on February 1, 2027**. Priority consideration will be given to students who submit their completed ARC by 5:00p.m. on February 1, 2027. If seat capacity is still available for the program, ARC's will continue being accepted through May 19, 2027.

   The Registrar's Office will confirm that your Associate Degree Nursing Admission Requirements have been met.

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

STEP 3: Selection and Notification of Candidates

- The Class Candidate Lists will be forwarded to the Associate Degree Nursing Program Director, who will send acceptance letters to those candidates.
- All candidates who are not accepted into the program or who accept a space in the Fall 2027 program but DECLINE or WITHDRAW during the semester **MUST REAPPLY** and complete the entire admission process for the next year's class.

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, relevant ADN documentation such as Nurse Aide Certification and Basic Life Support if completed by the Priority Consideration Deadline, etc.

Students applying to the Associate Degree Nursing program must complete a Nurse Aide 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. **Credential must be attained and the applicant must be listed on the N.C. Nurse Aide Registry prior to July 1, 2027.** The applicant must also

have current American Heart Association – Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) or American Red Cross (CPR) 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:

Listing on Registry	Refer to North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry: https://ncnar.ncdhhs.gov/verify_listings1.jsp Print a copy of your listing and expiration date (must be unrestricted)
AHA-BLS (CPR) or American Red Cross CPR	A copy of your valid card

How Points may be Awarded:

- Points will be given in full for courses completed with an "A," "B," or "C" on the first completed attempt only. Courses completed with an "A," "B," or "C" on the second attempt will still receive points but with a point reduction. Withdrawn courses will not count as completed coursework.
- Courses counted for points may include but are not limited to the following: *BIO 168/169, BIO 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.
- Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 168), Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 169), and Microbiology (BIO 275) 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 emailed by June 1, 2027. 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 2027 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 74 (seventy-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 2027 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 program-related courses.

3. Clinical agency requirements include immunizations, 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 be unable to progress in the Nursing program.**

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