



## **Halifax Community College Associate Degree Nursing Paramedic to RN (A45110PP), AAS**

### **Purpose**

Paramedic to RN is an advanced placement option in the Associate Degree Nursing program and is a competitive process based on the space available in the Nursing program. Provisionally accepted students are granted advanced placement into the third semester of the ADN program. See General Requirements below for the application process.

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential. Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement and informatics.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

Please note: the certified Paramedic may also apply for the traditional Associate Degree Nursing Program as an alternate entry pathway but must satisfy all of the requirements of the traditional Associate Degree Nursing program, as listed in the Nursing Program Admission Criteria for that program.

### **Admission Requirements:**

1. Hold a Paramedic Certification with the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services or National Registry.
2. Provide evidence of employment for the last year as a Paramedic and/or have graduated from an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Science (EMS) program with-in the last two years. A letter of reference from the current employer is required.

3. Completion of all pre- and co-requisite general education courses related to the first year of the ADN program with minimum grade of “C” and a GPA of 2.50 or above.
4. Attend a Nursing Information Session between August 2020-January 2021.
5. Attain a minimum score of 55 on the HESI A2 exam. Results are good for up to three years.

### **General Requirements:**

1. Detailed current information for interested applicants is located (<http://halifaxcc.edu/Academics/HealthSciences/Nursing.php>) Applicants must submit all required documentation by established deadlines.
2. Students must be able to fulfill all essential functions as outlined in the health sciences admission policy.
3. Admission to all HCC Health Science programs is a competitive process. Applicants are evaluated based upon the following factors: Academic performance, HESI entrance testing, and academic degrees.
4. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater in the nursing general education courses by the published deadline date for submitting complete program checklists to the Admissions Office. Applicants not meeting the cumulative GPA requirements will not be reviewed by the program area for admission. For Associate Degree Nursing, the GPA calculation for Fall 2018 will be based upon grades earned in the following courses: BIO 168, BIO 169, ENG 111, ENG 114, PSY 150, PSY 241, and Humanities/ Fine Arts - Elective (\*HUM 115 is recommended by the Nursing Department).
5. A point system is followed to evaluate health science program applications. Applicants earn points based upon academic performance, references and academic degrees. Point distribution is outlined on the program checklist.
6. All official transcripts must be on file in the Admissions Office in order for a student to be considered for admission.
7. Provisionally accepted students must submit to a criminal background check, drug screening and medical review/screen to include physical examination and immunizations. All fees associated with the criminal background check, drug screen and medical review will be the responsibility of the student even if not selected for admission.

It is the student’s responsibility to review all program materials, including the nursing web site at (website) and to stay current with the program requirements, policies and procedures.

### **Additional Curriculum Notes:**

1. Program Prerequisites for Summer 2021: Students admitted to the Nursing Program must successfully complete the following courses with a “C” or higher prior to enrolling in the first nursing class. (Advanced Placement Program Students must also meet these Prerequisites for Summer 2020 entry:
  - BIO 168 - Anatomy and Physiology I Credit Hours: 4

- BIO 169 - Anatomy and Physiology II Credit Hours: 4
  - PSY 150 - General Psychology Credit Hours: 3
2. A competitive HESI A2 will be required for consideration/acceptance into the Nursing program. Students will be notified of HESI A2 testing dates. All fees associated with the HESI A2 exam are the responsibility of the student.
  3. The Humanities/Fine Arts electives can be satisfied by completing one of the following: ART 111, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 215, or PHI 240 (recommended).

**Awarding of Non-course credit upon program admission:**

Upon admission to the Paramedic-Advanced Placement Option (NUR 215), the students will receive non-course credit for the following courses: NUR 111, 112, 113, and 114.