



**TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGISTERED NURSING
PROGRAM**

THE BEAZLEY SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

AND

Information Booklet for Students

**Tidewater Community College
Portsmouth Campus
7000 College Drive
Portsmouth, Virginia 23703**

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Tidewater Community College's
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing is accredited by
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING ACCREDITING COMMISSION
61 Broadway
New York, NY 10006
(212) 363-5555

Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Registered Nursing Program at Tidewater Community College (TCC). The nursing profession offers a variety of career opportunities for individuals with appropriate intellectual and psychomotor skills in addition to a compassion for humanity. The nursing program at TCC has a long history of promoting excellence in the nursing community. The program began in 1970 and graduated its first registered nurse class in 1972. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY, 10006, (212) 363-5555 and the Virginia Board of Nursing accredit the Registered Nursing program at TCC.

The nursing program is one of many health professions programs within the Division of Health Professions. Nursing students' college admission records are maintained at the Portsmouth Campus. The Nursing Program is physically located on the Portsmouth Campus. However, students may take co-curricular courses (non-nursing, general education courses) at any of the four TCC campuses. In addition, the nursing program is offered on the Eastern Shore at Eastern Shore Community College. (The LPN to RN articulation program option is not currently offered at Eastern Shore Community College but may be offered in the future.)

The graduates of the program may pursue a baccalaureate nursing degree at Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Hampton University, and the Virginia Commonwealth University. If you plan to work toward a baccalaureate degree, you will need to work closely with a transfer counselor and the nursing program head while at TCC to ensure you meet the transfer requirements of the university/college where you plan to transfer.

The information in this nursing information packet is designed to assist you in following the steps of the admission process. The nursing faculty and staff of Tidewater Community College hope the information contained in this packet will be beneficial to you as you embark upon your nursing career.

We look forward to hearing from you and answering questions you may have related to your career in nursing.

Sincerely,

Denise Bell

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General Information

NURSING COHORTS

Nursing classes will be taught in eight week sessions. The Beazley School of Nursing will admit students in cohort groups. This means that students will be in a class size of approximately 30 students. Students will be randomly assigned to cohort groups. Two cohort groups will enroll in the fall semester and two cohort groups will enroll in the spring semester. The cohort groups will begin as designated:

Cohort One— August

Cohort Two—October

Cohort Three—January

Cohort Four—March

Selection of students for the cohorts will be made only from the applicant pool that has applied by the deadline date of May 15.

The Tidewater Community College and Eastern Shore Community College Cooperative Nursing Program will admit one cohort of fifteen students per year beginning with the start of fall classes each year.

CAMPUS OF RECORD

When nursing students apply for admission to Tidewater Community College, you must select the Portsmouth Campus as your campus of record. You may take classes and perform many administrative functions at any of the four campuses of TCC; however, a copy of your records will be maintained at your designated campus of record. To change your campus of record classification, contact Enrollment Services at any campus.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students must meet the admission requirements of the program as described in the TCC Nursing Program admission's process. Official transcripts of previous collegiate work must be submitted to the college's Central Records Office **located** on the Portsmouth Campus. Nursing courses and application packets will be evaluated by the Nursing Program Head. College-level nursing syllabi and three letters of references (one from the nursing program director and two from nursing faculty) from the previous nursing program must be submitted to the TCC Nursing Program Head no later than December 1 (early admission) or May 15 (late admission). The Nursing Program Head will determine the student's status for admission to the program. Students who desire consideration of transferring nursing credits must have completed nursing courses within two years of beginning the TCC nursing program.

Students from another nursing program who have failed two nursing courses in that program will not be allowed to transfer into the TCC Nursing program.

CHANGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

It is the student's responsibility to contact the Admissions Office **and** the Nursing Program Office to provide both offices any changes in personal information after the admissions application has been submitted. Personal information includes things such as name change, address change, change in phone number, etc.

At A Glance.....

You should read the enclosed information closely, but below is a brief overview of courses/requirements needed for admission consideration. Specific, detailed information located in the admission steps must be reviewed.

Requirements	Additional Information	Comments
Apply to Tidewater Community College	Submit college/university transcripts to the Central Records Office International students must see the advisor in Admissions Office	
Attend the Pre-nursing Information Session	Portsmouth Campus, Room 319, the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm	
Complete College Placement Tests in English, Reading and Math. Students must meet the Math 3—college algebra requirement	Contact the Testing Center at any campus to take the placement test	Meet with a counselor at any campus to develop an academic plan. Attend a new student advising session at any campus after taking the college placement tests.
Application Period September 1 – December 1 (Early Admission) January 1 – May 15 (Late Admission) Apply to the nursing program submitting official copy of college/university, high school transcripts and/or GED, LPN transcripts and copy of LPN license (if you are an LPN)	Submit packet to: Beazley School of Nursing Tidewater Community College 7000 College Drive Portsmouth, VA 23703	Note: All Documents must come into the Nursing Office as one Application packet.
Complete Developmental courses as result from placement testing	May be done at any campus	
High School Chemistry with a grade of “C” or better You may meet the chemistry requirement by satisfactorily completing CHM 1 or BIO 150.	Must have been completed within 10 years of enrolling in NUR 115 or NUR 108.	Note—beginning in fall 2008, the chemistry requirement must have been completed within six years of enrolling in NUR 115 or NUR 108.
Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of “C” SDV 101-Orientation to Health Care ENG 111 College Composition I BIO 141, 142 or 150 (complete <u>two</u> of the three biology courses)	Biology courses must be completed within 10 years of enrolling in NUR 115 or 108. Articulated LPNs complete SDV 101-Orientation to Health Care ENG 111 and ENG 112 BIO 141, 142 <u>and</u> 150 PSY 201	Note—beginning fall 2008, the biology courses must have been completed within six years of enrolling in NUR 115 or NUR 108. Have at least 9 points from grades made in ENG 111, and two of the three science courses. Students will not be admitted with a grade of “D” or lower in any science course. (See step 10).
Complete the nursing math diagnostic test	Must be completed by December 1 for those applying for early admission and by May 15 for those applying for late admission.	
Have a cumulative GPA of 2.4 on a 4.0 scale.		Beginning fall 2008, the cumulative GPA will be 2.5.
Requirements listed in Step 11.		

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Nursing is a highly competitive and challenging program at TCC. Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Students may access nursing applications from the college website (www.tcc.edu/academics/programs/curr/aas/index.htm), the college's Information Center (757-822-1122) or the counseling office at any of the four campuses. Nursing application packets are accepted between September 1 and May 15. Please note: the deadline for early admission is December 1; the deadline for late admission is May 15. **The deadline for receipt of the complete application packet and all admission documents is May 15. The nursing application packet should be mailed to the Beazley School of Nursing Office on the Portsmouth Campus of TCC, 7000 College Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23703.**

STEP ONE

Apply for Admission to Tidewater Community College.

1. Complete the TCC college admissions application and submit it to the Portsmouth Campus Admissions Office. **Note: List the Portsmouth Campus as your campus of record and declare your major or curriculum as 156.01 (Pre-nursing).** Your college application may be completed and submitted online. Your admission to the program may be adversely affected if you omit this process.

In addition, admission to the nursing program requires a separate application and requires that you be a high school graduate or have a GED (General Education Certificate).

2. Submit the one official copy of all college/university transcripts to the Central Records Office at the District Office. Student issued or unofficial copies of transcripts are not acceptable. Mailing Address:

Central Records Office
Tidewater Community College
P.O. Box 9000
Norfolk, VA 23509-9000

Additionally, you must complete and submit the **“Evaluation of Previous Educational Experiences”** (see p. 18) form to Central Records. It is important that you complete this process early to better assist you in knowing what credits transfer. This will enable you to develop an academic plan and to ensure completion of prerequisites by the application deadline. **Please be advised that it may take ten weeks for this information to be processed.**

3. **International students must see the international advisor in the Admissions Office at the Portsmouth Campus early in the admissions process especially if there are international transcripts to be evaluated.**

STEP TWO

Attend the mandatory Pre-Nursing Information Session on the Portsmouth Campus or complete the on-line option at www.tcc.edu/academics/programs/curr/aas/index.htm

Candidates must attend a two-hour Pre-Nursing Information Session held on the Portsmouth Campus. These sessions provide pertinent information about TCC's Nursing Program.

These sessions are held the third Thursday of each month at Portsmouth Campus, in the Beazley Building, room 319 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. **Students must complete the entire two-hour session in order to receive confirmation that this requirement is met.**

STEP THREE

Complete the Tidewater Community College Placement Tests in English, Reading and Mathematics at any TCC campus testing center. Please visit our website for additional information regarding placement testing.

www.tcc.edu//student/admissions/plactest/schedule.htm

Proof of placement testing is required of all applicants. Note: Transfer students, who have passed the equivalent of English 111, or a higher-level English course, or the equivalent of MTH 3 (Algebra I) or higher, are not required to take the English or Math assessment tests.

Please see a counselor to have the placement tests waived for individuals scoring 500 (or above) each on critical reading and mathematics on the SAT or 21 (or above) each in verbal and writing on the ACT. All applicants must see a counselor to develop an academic plan after completing the placement tests. You are also encouraged to attend a new student advising session at any campus after taking college placement tests.

STEP FOUR

Submit one official copy of college/university, high school transcripts and/or GED to the Nursing Program Office, Portsmouth Campus along with your nursing application.

In short, ALL DOCUMENTS must be submitted at the same time as part of your nursing application packet.

(LPNs seeking advanced placement or articulation must also submit their current Virginia nursing license and official LPN transcript to the office indicated below.)

Mailing Address:

Beazley School of Nursing
Tidewater Community College
Portsmouth Campus
7000 College Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23703

STEP FIVE

Complete All Developmental Courses Indicated As A Result from Placement Testing.

Students must complete all developmental courses indicated as result from assessment testing. Students must either place out of or complete MTH 3 --Algebra 1.

STEP SIX

Completion of High School Chemistry with a Grade of “C” or Better within 10 Years prior to enrolling in Nursing 115 or 108 is required. (Effective fall 2008, science courses must be completed within 6 years)

Students who do not meet these requirements must complete Chemistry 1 with a grade of “S,” or a college-level chemistry course with a grade of “C” or better, within the last 10 years. **Effective fall 2008, science courses must be completed within the last 6 years.** (If you have passed college-level microbiology with a “C” or better, then you do not need to take CHM 1).

STEP SEVEN

Complete SDV 101 (Orientation to Health Care), English 111 (College Composition I) and at least two out of the three required biology courses—Biology 141, Biology 142 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II) or Biology 150 (Microbiology) with a minimum grade of “C”.

The grades made in these courses are particularly important to the admissions process. Biology courses must have been completed within 10 years prior to enrolling in the Nursing 115 or 108 course. **Effective fall 2008, biology courses must have been completed**

within 6 years. Be advised that if students take the three sciences and have a final grade of “D” or lower in any science course, they will not be admitted into the program and will be considered for admission only when that grade becomes a passing grade (“C” or better). In addition, please see Step 10.

STEP EIGHT

Complete the Nursing Math diagnostic exam in the placement center at any of the four TCC campuses within one year prior to enrolling in Nursing 115 or 108. (Note: This test is different from the college placement test.)

All students must successfully complete the nursing math diagnostic test each year in which they seek admission into the nursing program. **This test must be taken before the nursing application deadline date of December 1 for those seeking early admission and by May 15 for those seeking late admission.** Students cannot take the diagnostic test more than one time per academic year. Students must pass the test with 90% accuracy in each mathematical area tested. Applicants who receive unacceptable scores must take and pass MTH 1, Basic Mathematics for Nursing, before enrolling in the NUR 115 or NUR 108. This math course is usually offered in the spring semester and the summer session.

Students must bring a picture ID and number two (2) pencils to the test. **Calculators are not permitted.** The test will include basic math operations that include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of fractions, decimals, percent, ratios, proportions and algebraic equations.

STEP NINE

Have the required minimum college or university cumulative grade point average of 2.4 GPA on a 4.0 scale. (Note: effective within 2008-09 academic year, the required cumulative GPA for admission is 2.5).

STEP TEN

Complete and submit the Nursing Application Packet with admission documents by December 1 (early admission) or May 15 (late admission) deadline dates as indicated below according to Steps A or B. Please make sure all supporting documents are received early since documents will not be considered if submitted after the deadline dates indicated.

A. Early Admission September 1 – December 1

Students who meet admission requirements during the fall semester may apply to the program between September 1 and December 1. The deadline for early admission consideration is December 1. Please make sure all supporting documents are received early since documents will not be considered if submitted after December 1. The nursing application and supporting documents are to be sent to the Nursing Program Office at the Portsmouth Campus. It is the responsibility of the student to see that all admission requirements and processes are met by the December 1 deadline.

B. Late Admission January 1 – May 15

Students who are completing admission requirements during the spring semester may apply to the program between January 1 and May 15 deadline date. Please be reminded that all admission documents, information, and course completions must be submitted/completed by May 15. Late admission consideration may be made for those applicants who continue to meet requirements by the end of the spring semester only.

Qualified nursing applicants who are unable to enroll because of space limitations will be moved to the top of the list for the following academic year and will be given priority admission consideration.

Candidates who are not admitted or who were unable to accept admission must reapply annually before the May 15 deadline for future admission consideration.

Only those applicants whose applications contain all required documents shall be considered for admission. All submitted records are the property of Tidewater Community College.

The nursing admissions decision is based on a review of all required documents, with particular attention to grades received in English 111 and at least two of the three required biology courses (BIO 141, BIO 142, and/or BIO 150).

Selection is based on a point system in which an “A” grade is valued at 4 points, a “B” at 3, and a “C” at 2. If students have repeated courses, grades are averaged to come up with points, with “D” at 1 and “F” at 0.

Finally, admission to the nursing program is highly competitive and awarded to those students whose grades in the three-to-four courses identified above are within the range of 9 to 16 points and who are current residents within the service region of the college (followed by those qualified students who are residents in-state and finally by those students who meet the qualifications who are out-of state). The nursing program head and a selection committee of nursing faculty shall make final selection of qualified nursing students using the above process.

Example of point computation:

Course	Course Attempts & Grades Made	Points
ENG 111	A	4
BIO 141	F=0; D=1; C=2; total 3 points÷ 3 attempts	1
BIO 142	A	4
	Total	9 points

Students who do not make a total of the minimum points needed may need to repeat course(s) to increase their points, but also need to be reminded that each time a course is attempted the points for the course grade are factored into the point computation.

STEP ELEVEN

Applicants selected for admission are provisionally accepted pending satisfactory results from the following:

1. A student who scores less than 90% in any mathematical area tested on the nursing diagnostic test must successfully complete Math 1 (Basic Mathematics for Nursing) by the end of the summer session of the year the student seeks admission.
2. Physical examination and laboratory testing.
3. Criminal History and Sex Offender & Crimes Against Minors Background Checks.
4. CPR for the Health Care Provider (HLT 105 American Heart Association) **or** CPR for the Professional Rescuer.
5. Nursing Liability Insurance.
6. Attendance at the Nursing Orientation Interview Session normally held in **July** for traditional students and in **May** for articulated LPN students. Students who do not attend the session may not be admitted to the program.

Please Note: Nursing students are involved in providing direct patient care in medical facilities. Certain medical facilities require all nursing students to have a Virginia State Police Criminal History and Sex Offender’s Crimes Against Minors background investigation completed prior to the provision of patient care. Some facilities may also require drug testing for nursing students. Any student found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony prior to or during nursing education will be required to request an Exemption from Disqualification document from each of the medical facilities to which they may be assigned during the program. If an exemption is not granted by the medical facility, the student will be unable to complete the requirements for the nursing program, and will not be permitted to continue in the TCC program. Students will be required to submit similar documentation to the Virginia Board of Nursing when making application to take the registered nursing exam in Virginia. The Board of

Nursing can deny licensure to any applicant who has filed false credentials, who has falsely represented facts on the application for licensure, and/ or who has committed a felony or misdemeanor. In addition, certain health care facilities may not hire individuals who have committed a felony or misdemeanor.

LPN to RN CURRICULUM OPTIONS

1. Articulated LPN Option

- ❑ The articulated track is designed to assist LPN's to move smoothly and expeditiously into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Enrollment numbers must be sufficient in order for the bridge course to be offered. This option is not currently offered at our ESCC satellite location but may be offered in the future.
- ❑ **Priority admission is offered to those LPNs who meet articulation guidelines and have graduated from one of the regional LPN programs listed below:**

Chesapeake Public Schools	Portsmouth City Public Schools
Medical Careers Institute	Riverside Regional Medical Center
New Horizons Technical Center	Shore Memorial Hospital (Northampton and Accomack)
Newport News Public Schools	Southampton Memorial Hospital (Franklin City)
Norfolk Public Schools	Virginia Beach Public Schools
Obici Hospital (Suffolk Public Schools)	Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools

Other LPNs who have graduated from an accredited LPN school within 5 years prior to admission to the college's nursing program and who are within the college's service region may be considered next. If spaces are available, consideration may be given to (1) other Virginia residents, (2) out of state applicants and (3) international students with diplomatic visas.

- ❑ The articulated bridge course (Nursing 115 LPN to RN Transition) is offered to qualified students. Upon successful completion of this course, students are exempt from the first year of nursing curricular courses. (Note: The articulation program may be offered at satellite locations in the near future.)

Students who desire enrollment into the articulation program option must have:

- ❑ Met the minimum requirements for admission to TCC and the prerequisites for the college's Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing Program.
- ❑ Graduated within five years prior to admission to the college's Nursing Program and must maintain a current Virginia LPN license in good standing.
- ❑ Completed BIO 141/142 (Anatomy & Physiology), or equivalent, and BIO 150 (Microbiology) with a grade of "C" or better within the last ten years prior to enrolling in Nursing 115. **Effective fall 2008, biology courses must be completed within the last six years prior to enrolling Nursing 115.**
- ❑ Completed ENG 111 and 112 (English Composition I & II), PSY 201 (Introduction to Psychology), and SDV 101 (Orientation to Health Care).
- ❑ The required cumulative grade point average is 2.4 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). **For the 2008-09 academic year the GPA will be 2.5.**

2. Advanced Placement Option

The advanced placement option is offered for LPNs who have not graduated from accredited nursing programs recognized by the Virginia Board of Nursing and who do not meet the articulation guidelines. LPNs may be awarded advanced placement in the college's Nursing Program by successful completion of a standardized nursing test and a college-developed "pharmacology calculation of dosage" test. Candidates who need assistance with pharmacology calculation of dosage test should contact the Learning Resource Center and/or the mathematics laboratory. Upon successful passing of these tests, students are exempt from the first semester nursing curricular course and are awarded credit for this course. Students must pay a non-refundable fee to take the standardized test.

Qualifications for advanced placement include the following:

- Employment for one year in an acute health care facility during the past three years.
- Completion of the preadmission health record and it being on file in the college's Nursing Program office.
- Validation of the Virginia LPN license with the Nursing Program Head or designee.
- Completion of the "Application for Course Credit/Waiver" form.

Name: _____

Date Entered TCC: _____

SSN: _____

Counselor: _____

Nursing (156) Associate of Applied Science Degree: Nursing

SEMESTER 1

Prerequisite	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	When Taken	Grade
_____	BIO 141	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	_____	()
Pre-Test	ENG 111	College Composition I ¹	3	_____	()
_____	SDV 101	Orientation to Health Care	1	_____	()
_____	NUR 108	Nursing Principles and Concepts I	6	_____	()
	NUR 130	Nursing Assessment and Basic Pharmacology	3		
		Semester Total	17		

SEMESTER 2

Prerequisite	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	When Taken	Grade
BIO 141	BIO 142	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	_____	()
NUR 108 and NUR 130	NUR 170	Essentials of Medical/Surgical Nursing ³	4	_____	()
NUR 108 and NUR 130	NUR 180	Essentials of Maternal/Newborn Nursing ³	4	_____	()
_____	PSY 201	Introduction to Psychology I	3	_____	()
		Semester Total	15		

SEMESTER 3

Prerequisite	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	When Taken	Grade
NUR 170, 180	NUR 201	Psychiatric Nursing	4	_____	()
_____	PSY 235	Child Psychology (or SOC 220)	3	_____	()
ENG 111	ENG 112	College Composition II	3	_____	()
		Semester Total	10		

SEMESTER 4

Prerequisite	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	When Taken	Grade
NUR 201	NUR 270	Essential Nursing Concepts II	4	_____	()
NUR 270	NUR 271	Essential Nursing Concepts III	4	_____	()
_____	BIO 150	Introductory Microbiology	4	_____	()
		Semester Total	12		

SEMESTER 5

Prerequisite	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	When Taken	Grade
NUR 271	NUR 272	Essential Nursing Concepts IV	4	_____	()
NUR 272	NUR 273	Essential Nursing Concepts V	4		
NUR 271	NUR 274	Nursing Civic Responsibility	1		
NUR 271	NUR 255	Nursing Organization and Management	3	_____	()
_____	PHI 226	Social Ethics	3	_____	()
Semester Total			15		
Total Minimum Credits			69		

¹ Placement test or prerequisite required.

² Eligible courses are listed in the college catalog. See your academic advisor or counselor to choose the appropriate course.

NOTES:

- Program requirements may change in accordance with federal, state, or industry standards. Contact the program director or academic dean for the most current information.
- In order to graduate with the associate's degree, you must meet the college's computer competency requirements. Consult your academic advisor or counselor to determine how to satisfy this requirement.
- **Acceptable substitutes for general education courses for the Nursing Program are as follows:**

PSY 201 Introduction to Psychology I
 PSY 235 Child Psychology
 PHI 226 Social Ethics

Acceptable substitute is PSY 200
 Acceptable substitute is PSY 231 or 230
 Acceptable substitute is PHI 220

**TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NURSING PROGRAM
Approximate Expenditures**

1. TUITION & FEES*

In-State	\$101.50 per Credit Hour
Out-of-State	\$276.65 per Credit Hour

***Tuition rates may change. Contact the business office each semester for current tuition & fee rates.**

2. Medical Examination

\$200.00-\$350.00

The nursing office will advise tentatively admitted students of the medical requirements.

3. Books

For the first semester, books are approximately \$500.00
\$800.00 over the two-year time program span

4. Uniforms (2 uniforms are required)**

\$110.00

Name Pin	5.00
Bandage Scissors	5.00
Stethoscope	17.00
Cap (optional)	9.00
White Nursing Shoes	60.00
White Hose (females)/socks (males)	60.00/year
White Plain cotton sweater	40.00
White foundational garments (slip, bra, etc)	60.00

**** Uniforms must be ordered through the designated uniform company for the nursing program.**

5. NLN Testing

\$120.00 (over the two year course of study)

6. NCLEX-RN Exam

\$200.00 approximately

7. Board of Nursing Application for Licensure fee

\$135.00 approximately

8. Parking Fee @

Sentara Norfolk General
and Children's Hospital

\$6.00/day (Students generally have two clinical days per week)

9. Nursing Liability Insurance

\$35.00 - \$98.00/year

10. Criminal History & Sex Offender Background checks

\$35.00

11. Nursing Skills Packs

\$60.00 freshmen \$80.00 sophomore

12. Nursing Computerized Testing

\$100.00/semester

Student Checklist

The nursing program is a highly competitive program. Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Students may access nursing applications from the Website (www.tcc.edu/academics/programs/curr/aas/index.htm, the college's information center 757-822-1122, or the counseling offices at each campus between September 1 and May 15. The deadline for application materials to be received is May 15.

ONLY COMPLETED NURSING PACKETS FROM STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Before submitting the nursing program application, please make sure that you have satisfactorily completed the following:

- 1. Apply for Admission to Tidewater Community College and submit official copy of college/university transcripts to the Central Records Office at the Portsmouth Campus. International students should meet with the advisor in the Admissions Office**
- 2. Attend the mandatory Pre-Nursing Information Session at the Portsmouth Campus or on-line option.**
- 3. Complete the Tidewater Community College Placement Tests in English, Reading and Mathematics**
- 4. Submit one Official Copy of College/university, High School Transcripts and/or GED to the Nursing Program Office, Portsmouth Campus along with your nursing application. All documents must be submitted at the same time as part of your nursing application.**

LPNs seeking advanced placement or articulation must also submit their current Virginia Nursing License and official LPN transcript to the above office.

Meet with a nursing counselor to develop your academic plan and to guide you in the admissions process after your transcripts have been received and take a copy of your transcripts for them to review.

- 5. Complete any Developmental Courses as indicated by the Placement Testing.**
- 6. Completion of High School Chemistry with a Grade of "C" or Better within ten Years prior to enrolling in Nursing 115 or 108. (Effective fall 2008, all science courses must be completed within six years prior to enrolling in Nursing 115 or 108).**
- 7. Complete SDV 101 (Orientation to Health Care), English 111 (College Composition I), and at least two out of the three Biology courses—Biology 141 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I), Biology 142 (Human Anatomy and Physiology II), or Biology 150 (Microbiology)-with a minimum grade of "C".**

Articulated LPNs must: Complete SDV 101 (Orientation to Health Care), English 111 and 112 (College Composition I & II), Psychology 201 (Introduction to Psychology), Biology 141, Biology 142 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II) **and** Biology 150 (Microbiology) with a minimum grade of "C". Biology courses must have been completed within ten years prior to enrolling in Nursing 115. **(Effective fall 2008, all biology courses must be completed within six years prior to enrolling in Nursing 115).**

- 8. Complete the Nursing Math diagnostic exam in the placement/testing center of any of the four TCC campuses within one year prior to enrolling in Nursing 115 or 108.** Students must pass the test with 90% accuracy in each mathematical area. Applicants who receive an unacceptable score must take and pass MTH 1, Basic Mathematics for Nursing. **The test should be completed by December 1 for those students seeking early admission and by May 1 for**

those seeking late admission.

9. Have the required minimum college or university cumulative grade point average of 2.4 (on a 4.0 scale). (Effective 2008-09 academic year, the GPA requirement will be 2.5).

10. Submit the completed Nursing Program Application within the submission period between September 1 and December 1 for early admission consideration and between January 1 and May 15 for late admission consideration. The deadline for receipt of application is May 15. Supporting documents will not be considered after the application deadline date of May 15.

11. Applicants selected for admission are provisionally accepted pending satisfactory results from:

1. A student who scores less than 90% in any mathematical area tested on the nursing diagnostic test must successfully complete Math 1 (Basic Mathematics for Nursing) by the end of the summer session of the year the student seeks admission.
2. Physical examination and laboratory testing
3. Criminal History and Sex Offender & Crimes Against Minors Background Checks
4. CPR for the Health Care Provider (HLT 105 American Heart Association) **or** CPR for the Professional Rescuer
5. Nursing Liability Insurance
6. Attendance of the Nursing Orientation Interview Session normally held in July for traditional students and in May for articulated LPN students.

Candidates who are not admitted or who were unable to accept admission, must reapply annually before the May 15 deadline for pre-admission consideration. Admission to the nursing program is highly competitive and challenging. Students who have not submitted all required supporting documents or completed admission steps 1-10, will not be reviewed. Students may access nursing applications from the college website (www.tcc.edu/academics/programs/curr/aas/index.htm), the college's information center (822-1122) or the counseling offices at each campus between September 1 and May 15.

The DEADLINE for nursing application and all supporting documents to be received by the college is May 15

Tidewater Community College
Application for Admission to the Registered Nursing Program

Application period is between September 1 and May 15
APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15

Nursing application information must be sent to the following address:

Beazley School of Nursing
Tidewater Community College
Portsmouth Campus
7000 College Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Desired Year of Admission to Nursing Program: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Other Names Used: _____

Other Names Used (if needed): _____

SIS/ EMPL ID Number _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you an LPN? Yes No

LPN Graduation Date: _____ Name of LPN School: _____

Please List the names of other colleges/universities that you have attended:

Do you have a degree from another college/university? Yes No

State the Degree and the Major _____

Have you previously been admitted to a registered nursing program? Yes No

If your answer to this question is yes, please provide a brief explanation of your status when you left the program.

Please accept my application for the: (check one)

- Traditional Day Program
- Articulated LPN to RN Option (Transition Course/Summer)
- Advanced Placement Option (LPN)

Students will be randomly selected for admission into the various cohort groups.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor? YES ___ NO ___

Nursing students are involved in providing direct patient care in medical facilities. Certain medical facilities require all nursing students to have a Virginia State Police Criminal History and Sex Offender's Crimes Against Minors background investigation completed prior to the provision of patient care. Some facilities may also require drug testing for nursing students. Any student found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony prior to or during nursing education will be required to request an Exemption from Disqualification from each of the medical facilities to which they may be assigned during the program. If an exemption is not granted by the medical facility, the student will be unable to complete the requirements for the nursing program, and will not be permitted to continue in the college's nursing program. Students will be required to submit similar documentation to the Virginia Board of Nursing when making application to take the registered nursing exam in Virginia. The Board of Nursing can deny licensure to any applicant who has filed false credentials, who has falsely represented facts on the application for licensure, and/ or who has committed a felony or misdemeanor. In addition, certain health care facilities may not hire individuals who have committed a felony or misdemeanor.

Falsified information on the application for admission will be grounds for denial.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Nursing Program Office Use Only:

Date Application Received in Nursing Program Office: _____

Evaluation of Previous Educational Experiences

Student Category:

- SOCAD/SOCNAV Financial Aid Graduation Applicant
- EEAP Health Science Program: _____
- Veteran _____

Home Campus: _____ Soc. Sec. No: _____

Student Name: _____

Last First MI Former

Address: _____

Street & No. City State Zip Code

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

TCC Curriculum: _____ Code: _____ Catalog Year: _____

(You must have an Application for Admission on file and be classified in a curriculum of study before your evaluation will be processed.)

Records To Be Evaluated

College/University

(Official Transcript received directly from the College/University.)

Certificates (May be received from the student)

Military Service

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Standardized Tests (Official Test Report received directly from Reporting Agency.)

- Advanced Placement
- CLEP General/Subject/Dantes

1. _____

Certifying Agency

2. _____

Certifying Agency

3. _____

Certifying Agency

- DD295 – **Appl. Evaluation of Learning Experiences** (Official copy mailed by Educational Service Officer.)
- DD214 – **Record of Separation and Discharge** (Photocopy submitted directly by student. – DO NOT submit original.)
- Advancement, Promotion, Educational Record** (Photocopy submitted by student or Educational Service Officer.)
- Army/A.C.E. Registry Transcript System** (Official copy mailed by AARTS Operations Center.)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrative Request Signature: _____ Department: _____

Mail all official documents to: Tidewater Community College • Central Records Office 7000 College Drive
Portsmouth VA 23703

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