



NURSING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Note: Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) is a limited-admission program.

If you are an applicant who would like to pursue readmission/transfer into the nursing program, please review the readmission/transfer nursing admission packet, available at www.wilkescc.edu/academics/health-sciences/.

Dates/Deadlines for Fall 2021:

College Application Deadline: December 4, 2020

Nursing Information Sessions: April 16, 2020 - December 16, 2020 (See page 3 for details)

Completion of Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) Review: February 1, 2021 - February 26, 2021

A MAR review can be scheduled after Steps 1-5 of Part I (Minimum Admission Requirements) have been successfully completed. Step 6 must also be completed or currently in progress.

Completion of the TEAS/Final Deadline: February 26, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Spring 2021 grades will not be included in ranking/selection. Required courses must be completed Fall 2020 to be qualified for ranking/selection.

All admission requirements must be successfully completed by the applicable deadline dates listed above in order to be considered for admission to the ADN program for Fall 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: Students should be at least 18 years of age at the start of the nursing program for Fall 2021.

Admissions Information

The ADN program is a limited enrollment program that admits approximately **30 to 40 students** once a year in the fall semester.

Ashe Campus Cohort

Wilkes Community College admits approximately **10** students each year into the nursing cohort that is based at the Ashe Campus (a new cohort begins each fall semester). The admission criteria and ranking/selection process are the same for **all** applicants who apply for the Wilkes Campus Cohort and the Ashe Campus Cohort. Applicants who apply for the Ashe Campus Cohort will be ranked and selected with applicants who have submitted an Ashe Campus Cohort application only. Likewise, applicants who apply for the Wilkes Campus Cohort will be ranked and selected with applicants who have submitted a Wilkes Campus Cohort application only. Applicants may apply for either the Ashe Campus Cohort **or** the Wilkes Campus cohort, **not both**. Students must indicate either Ashe Campus or Wilkes Campus on their application. **PLEASE NOTE** that you will not be allowed to change campus cohorts after admission to the program.

PART I: MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR)

The following steps must be completed. Please use this page to monitor your progress.

1. Completion of a WCC Application listing Nursing as your Program of Study
2. Prove College Readiness
3. Nursing Information Session
4. Completion of High School Diploma or Recognized Equivalent
5. Submission of Official Transcripts
6. Required Courses
7. Successful Completion of the Specified Aptitude Test (TEAS)
8. Successful Completion of a MAR Review

1. **Completion of a WCC application**

Submit a WCC application for admission at <https://www.wilkescc.edu/new-students/> to the ADN program and indicate the **Wilkes or Ashe Campus Cohort**; you can only apply for one cohort, not both. Students may apply for two limited-admission programs in each academic year. WCC limited-admission programs include: Associate Degree Nursing, Dental Assisting, Emergency Medical Science, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, and Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN).

2. **Prove College Readiness**

Applicant must be eligible to enroll in ENG 111 and MAT 143 without a co-requisite.

Please follow the link below for more details regarding exemption options, testing policy, scheduling a testing appointment, and study materials: www.wilkescc.edu/placementtesting. Applicants requiring special testing accommodations due to a disability must contact the Disability Services Office at (336) 838-6560 **at least 10 working days prior to testing.**

3. **Nursing Information Session**

Attend a **mandatory** Nursing Information Session to review the application process. **You must register for the information session of your choice.** Contact Callie McCraw at (336) 838-6459 or email cnmccraw850@wilkescc.edu to register. You must complete an admission application for nursing before registering. **You must register by the registration deadline to attend the session.** Sessions will not be rescheduled unless the host site is closed due to inclement weather. Children are not allowed at the sessions.

NURSING INFORMATION SESSIONS

WILKES CAMPUS - Alumni Hall (Room 1112)

Session Date	Time	Registration Deadline
April 23, 2020 – Thursday	4 p.m.	April 16, 2020
June 16, 2020 – Tuesday	4 p.m.	June 9, 2020
August 24, 2020 – Monday	4 p.m.	August 17, 2020
November 18, 2020 – Wednesday	4 p.m.	November 11, 2020
December 14, 2020 – Monday	4 p.m.	December 7, 2020

ASHE CAMPUS – Location TBD

Session Date	Time	Registration Deadline
October 8, 2020 – Thursday (tentative)	2 p.m.	October 1, 2020

4. **Completion of High School Diploma or Recognized Equivalent**

High school diploma or recognized equivalent must be completed before entry into the program. If applying as a high school senior, submission of a transcript reflecting all high school coursework completed at the time of application is required. If admitted, a final transcript must be submitted prior to beginning the program that reflects additional coursework completed and the actual graduation date.

5. **Submission of Transcripts**

Nursing applicants must submit official high school, GED or Adult High School and official college transcripts at each educational institution attended. An official transcript is defined as a transcript that is received by the Student Services Office in a **sealed envelope with the official school seal.**

6. Required Courses

Applicant must successfully complete the following required courses with a grade of “C” or better. The following classes **must be completed or in progress before the applicant can schedule their MAR review.**

- a) One year/credit of a high school biology **or** college level BIO 110 **or** BIO 111 **and** BIO 112
- b) One year/credit of a high school chemistry **or** college level CHM 130 & CHM 130A **or** CHM 151 **and** CHM 152

- Credit by exam will not be accepted.
- Applicants must have a **minimum program GPA of 2.8** or higher to be considered for admission. The program GPA is calculated on the coursework required for entry into the program and any general education completed. This will be calculated during your MAR Review (See Part II Ranking/Selection).
- **Required courses must be successfully completed by the applicants MAR review date or the applicants MAR review will be cancelled.**

7. Successful Completion of the TEAS test – Specified Aptitude Test

To be considered for admission, a student must achieve a level of **Proficient, Advanced or Exemplary** on this test. The test will be completed at the student’s expense. The cost is \$65. If the student chooses to test at WCC, it is the student’s responsibility to contact Callie McCraw after they have attended the information session to obtain the TEAS testing card that will allow them to register and pay for the test at the Business Office. The TEAS test will only be offered on specific dates during the month of January at WCC. **TEAS test scores must be submitted to Callie McCraw before the applicant’s MAR review appointment date or the applicants MAR review will be cancelled.**

TEAS Testing Rules:

- Test scores must be within **two years** of the application date. If the test has been taken more than once **the highest score will be used in the admission process**; there is no limit on the number of times the test may be taken.
- This test covers Reading, Math, Science, and English.
- If the TEAS test, version five (V) or higher, has been taken at any other location, it is the student’s responsibility to have the scores delivered to WCC. Speak with Callie McCraw about options for submitting TEAS scores.
- Testing sessions will be rescheduled if the testing site is closed due to inclement weather.

Practice for the TEAS:

- To ensure your best performance, it is highly recommended that you practice prior to taking this test.
- Test preparation is available at the following websites:
 - www.testprepreview.com; this is a free website for multiple tests; click on the link for the TEAS test and you will find multiple practice questions.
 - www.atitesting.com; you may purchase a workbook (TEAS V Study Manual) or online practice sessions for the test.
 - Workbooks can be purchased at the Alleghany, Ashe, or Wilkes bookstore.

TEAS Testing Dates

Testing sessions are limited to 40 students per session. A testing fee is required each time you test.

Students must register for the TEAS test 24 hours prior to the exam date and time.

WILKES CAMPUS – Herring Hall Nursing Lab Room 2239

Session Date	Time
May 29, 2020 – Friday	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 13, 2020 – Friday	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
January 8, 2021 – Friday	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
January 22, 2021 – Friday	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

ASHE CAMPUS – Location TBD

<i>Session Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
February 5, 2021 – Friday	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

8. Successful Completion of a MAR Review

When a student has met the minimum admission requirements, *steps 1 through 6*, he/she must contact the Health Sciences Admissions Advisor, Callie McCraw, at cnmccraw850@wilkescc.edu or 336-838-6459 to schedule a MAR review appointment. This process is being used to verify that all the above criteria has been met and satisfied.

PLEASE NOTE: The TEAS test does not have to be completed to schedule your MAR review appointment; however, the TEAS test must be completed, and scores must be submitted before your MAR review appointment date. If scores are not submitted to Callie McCraw before your MAR review appointment date, your appointment will be cancelled, and you will be required to reschedule.

REMEMBER TO KEEP CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT!

Notify the Student Services Office immediately if you change your mailing address, home/cell phone number, etc.

WCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice. Although the Student Services Office makes every effort to keep the information current, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain the most current admissions information for the program and term for which he/she has applied.

PART II: RANKING/SELECTION PROCESS

Completed during the MAR review

1. **GPA:** Grades from the following *most recently completed courses* (Section A and Section B) are used to determine a Grade Point Average (GPA) and the GPA is then converted into a point value (based on an educational record point table).

Section A – Required high school or community college courses:

High school biology <i>or</i> college BIO 110 <i>or</i> BIO 111 <i>and</i> BIO 112
High school chemistry <i>or</i> college CHM 130 <i>and</i> CHM 130A <i>or</i> CHM 151 <i>and</i> CHM 152

Section B – General education courses in nursing curriculum: Grades from any of the below general education courses that have been completed by the MAR review deadline date will be included in the GPA calculation.

BIO 168 – A&P I (within 5 years)
BIO 169 – A&P II (within 5 years)
ENG 111 – Writing and Inquiry
ENG 112 – Writing/Research
PSY 150 – General Psychology
PSY 241 – Developmental Psychology
HUM 115 – Critical Thinking

If BIO 168/169 (or an equivalent course) has been completed prior to entry into the nursing program, it must have been completed *within five years from the first day of the fall semester of entering the program*. Otherwise, the credits will be considered to have expired and will not count towards fulfilling nursing degree requirements and will not count in the nursing admission point system.

- A nursing applicant must successfully complete either the BIO 165/166 sequence or the BIO 168/169 sequence. These sequences cannot be combined or altered.

Program GPA Calculation:

- a) When calculating your program GPA, the required courses (Section A) and the general education courses completed by the MAR review date (Section B) are calculated.
- b) Grade points are awarded based upon the following scale:

A	4 Grade Points
B	3 Grade Points
C	2 Grade Points
D	1 Grade Point
F	0 Grade Points

- c) The grade points earned for the 2 required courses (Section A), and any general education classes completed (Section B) are tallied and divided by the total number of courses completed.

PLEASE NOTE: If an applicant has a “D” or “F” in any course within Section B, then the course will count in the point system, but will not fulfill nursing degree requirements, as a grade of “C” or higher is required.

2. **BIO 168/169:** Points are awarded for completion with a grade of “A”, “B”, or “C”. A maximum of ten (10) points can be earned from this factor, if the course meets the five-year requirement.

	Points	Points	Points
BIO 168	Grade of “A”– 5 points	Grade of “B” – 3 points	Grade of “C” – 1 point
BIO 169	Grade of “A”– 5 points	Grade of “B” – 3 points	Grade of “C” – 1 point

3. **TEAS Score:** Points are awarded based upon the TEAS test score. The applicant’s Adjusted Individual TEAS Score (AITS) will be calculated for the ranking/selection process. The applicant must score at level: **Proficient, Advanced or Exemplary** to qualify for ranking/selection.

- Please see the ATI testing website www.atitesting.org for Preparedness Categories and Score Ranges.

4. **Alternate Status:** One (1) point per year is awarded based upon having been an alternate for the WCC nursing program during the two previous years. A maximum of two (2) points can be earned from this factor.

5. **CNA:** Five (5) points are awarded based on whether the student is currently listed as a Nursing Assistant I (CNA I) in the State of North Carolina with the Division of Health Services Regulation. An official transcript that reflects successful completion of an approved CNA program must also be submitted. Applicants holding an active, unencumbered LPN license will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Director of Nursing. **This factor will only be taken into consideration if completed and documentation submitted by the applicant’s MAR review date.**

PLEASE NOTE: The CNA requirement for entry into the ADN program must be completed by **July 18, 2021 for all accepted applicants.** Only applicants that complete the CNA requirements by their MAR review date will receive additional points in the ranking/selection process.

6. **TEAS Test Preparation Course:** One (1) point is awarded based upon completion of the Wilkes Community College TEAS Test Preparation Course hosted by Workforce Development and Community Education. Students must attend **ALL** sessions in order to be awarded an additional point and must provide a certificate of completion awarded by Workforce Development and Community Education. To pre-register for a course, contact Jeff Shore at wjshore321@wilkescc.edu or 336-838-6206.

Total Points for Ranking

Students with the highest points will be accepted. The exact number of students accepted depends on the available spaces in the program. In case of applicants with the same number of earned points, the applicant with the earlier MAR review date will be ranked higher. If a tie still exists, the applicant with the earlier application date will be ranked higher.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Accepted applicants will be notified by phone. These applicants will be required to attend a mandatory meeting to accept their position in the ADN program. **Notification letters will be mailed to all alternates.** Applicants who did not meet the minimum requirements, were not accepted, or declined admission and wish to be considered for the next available class must:

1. Submit a new application
2. Attend another information session
3. Complete all admissions requirements for that application year

FOR ACCEPTED APPLICANTS ONLY

CPR/Medical Form/Vaccinations/CNA

Applicants who are selected for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program must submit documentation of the following steps to Emily Orr, Director of Nursing. Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the withdrawal of the offer for a space in the nursing program.

1. CPR – Due May 15, 2021

- Evidence of current CPR certification (must be Basic Life Support [BLS] – American Heart Association Healthcare Provider).

2. Medical Form – Due May 15, 2021

- Submission of the Wilkes Community College Student Medical Form which must be completed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. This form is given to you at the acceptance meeting.

3. Vaccinations – Due May 15, 2021

- Submission of up to date immunizations required by the nursing program. For information regarding required vaccinations contact Emily Orr.

4. CNA – Due July 18, 2021

- Evidence of current listing as a Nursing Assistant 1 (CNA 1) in the State of North Carolina with the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) (formerly known as the Division of Facility Services) that is free of any substantiated charges. An official transcript that reflects successful completion of an approved CNA program must also be submitted. The CNA program must be approved by the DHSR during your enrollment. Only CNA programs that have a clinical component with hands on experience will be accepted for fulfilling this requirement. Applicants may be asked to submit documentation that confirms dates of employment as a CNA in order to assist with verification of the clinical component requirement.

At the acceptance meeting you will begin the setup of your Castle Branch account. This account allows you to upload the documentation listed above for WCC and our clinical facilities. There is a fee to set up this account in which you will be responsible for. Be prepared to set up this account and pay the fee at the acceptance meeting. Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the withdrawal of the offer for a space in the nursing program.

PLEASE NOTE: To maintain enrollment in the ADN program, a student must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the degree. The first “D” or “F” earned will result in a student being withdrawn from the program. Please refer to the readmission/transfer policy if interested in reapplying for the ADN program.

Notice of Criminal Background Check

Students admitted to the program will be required to submit criminal background checks and drug screenings as directed by affiliated clinical agencies. A criminal background check and drug screen is required before clinical placements which are necessary to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program. Students who are unable to complete required clinical placements will be dismissed from the program for failure to make satisfactory progress. Individuals completing the Associate Degree Nursing program are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN, which they must pass in order to receive a license to practice. The North Carolina Board of Nursing does require information regarding conviction of a felony and/or misdemeanor and/or current charges on the application for licensure and ***MAY DECIDE NOT TO LICENSE*** an individual based on the result of an investigation of those charges.

Be advised: When considering whether to admit an undocumented immigrant into a specific program of study, community colleges shall take into account that federal law prohibits states from granting professional licenses to undocumented immigrants. Students lawfully present in the United States shall have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when capacity limitations exist. ***PLEASE NOTE***, these procedures comply with numbered memo CC10-26, which was published by the North Carolina Community College System on July 12, 2010.

For any questions concerning the process or requirements please contact:

Callie McCraw Health Sciences Admissions Advisor (336) 838-6459 cnmccraw850@wilkescc.edu	Emily Orr Director of Nursing (336) 838-6573 edorr738@wilkescc.edu
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Associate Degree Nursing General Education Courses and Course Substitutions

<i>Related Course in Curriculum</i>	<i>Course Approved for Substitution for the Nursing Program</i>
ACA 122	ACA 115 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
BIO 168	BIO 165 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
BIO 169	BIO 166 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
ENG 112	ENG 113 or ENG 114 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
HUM 115	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (One 3 credit hour course; cannot be a Foreign Language) (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)

PLEASE NOTE: If BIO 168/169 (or an equivalent course) has been completed prior to entry into the nursing program, it must have been completed *within five years from the first day of the fall semester of entering the program*. Otherwise, the credits will be considered to have expired and will not count towards fulfilling nursing degree requirements and will not count in the nursing admission point system.

Your faculty advisor must request that the substitution be made, and it must be approved by the Health Sciences Dean, Billy Woods. *You should always consult with your advisor before taking a course other than the course required in the nursing program plan. You may be required to provide a course syllabus for courses other than the one required by your program.*