

McDowell Technical Community College

Associate Degree Nursing LPN To ADN Track Admission Packet

Spring 2025
Class of 2026

Associate Degree Education

A45110 (Associate Degree)

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 (NCLEXRN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

The LPN to Associate Degree Nursing Track curriculum is designed for students that have already met the requirements to be a Licensed Practical Nurse and wish to further their education to include an Associate Degree. This is a day program, and after successful completion of the first course LPN to ADN transition the students will merge with the traditional Associate Degree Nursing track.

The Associate Degree Nursing program at McDowell Technical Community College (MTCC) located in Marion, North Carolina that is in accordance with the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) and with the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Clinical and classroom experiences represent an integrated approach, with the student moving from simple to complex nursing concepts and skills. The classroom portion of the program is taught during the day. Clinical experiences are designed to match the didactic portion of the course(s) and allow for the student to apply skills obtained. These experiences vary depending on clinical site availability, which includes, days, nights or weekends shifts and anywhere from 6 to 12-hour clinical shifts. Clinical site rotations are assigned to assist the student in gaining a wide variety of educational opportunities.

Students will enroll in the Spring semester. **Students are required to have CPR certification and one-year (1872 hours) Licensed Practical Nurse working experience.** Program graduates are awarded the Associate in Applied Science degree.

Enrollment is limited, and admission is a competitive process. Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee an applicant an offer of admission into the nursing program. MTCC does not use a waiting list. Therefore, applicant records must be updated annually. If a student has applied previously, the student must reinstate the process of applying including TEAS retesting if greater than five years old.

Thank you for your interest in the LPN to Associate Degree Track at McDowell Technical Community College. To enter the LPN to ADN Track, students must have completed BIO 168, BIO 169, PSY 150, ENG 111 and ACA 115 or ACA 122. All nursing courses must be completed in sequence.

Students are encouraged to take the required general education (non-nursing) courses prior to entry into the nursing program:

- BIO 175 General Microbiology or BIO 275 Microbiology (BIO 275 is transferable)
- ENG 112 Writing and Research in the Disciplines (or ENG 113 or ENG 114)
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology
- Humanities Elective (3 credit hours)

In fall 2015, the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) mandated the Practical Nursing (PN) concept-based curriculum (CBC). The PN CBC was developed based on the NCCCS ADN CBC that originated in 2008. Therefore, LPNs who have completed the PN CBC enter the LPN to ADN with a knowledge base regarding the CBC. Thus, upon successful completion of NUR 214, the following will apply:

- LPNs who completed a NCCCS PN CBC will receive credit for NUR 111, NUR 112, and NUR 211.
- LPNs that completed a traditional medical model or systems-based curriculum (prior to the NCCCS PN CBC) will receive credit for NUR 111 and NUR 112 and will be required to take NUR 211 along with NUR 214 in the first semester.

Academic Admissions and Regulations:

In addition to regular college admissions requirements and procedures, individuals interested in the LPN to ADN Track are also subject to the following admissions requirements, procedures, and academic regulations. The LPN to ADN Track is a selective program, admitting only **10** students per year to a day section and may require evening/weekends dependent upon clinical availability. Additional students may be admitted dependent upon seat availability from the generic ADN program.

Admissions Information: For class entering **Spring 2025, graduating Spring 2026.**

- All applications must be updated annually. If you have previously applied to the LPN to ADN Track, you must re-initiate the application process. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) preadmission exam score will be accepted for a period of **five years**. We do not maintain a waiting list.
- McDowell Technical Community College (MTCC) and the Associate Degree Education (ADN) program follow a semester curriculum plan. The MTCC LPN to ADN Track is approved by the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON).
- The application deadline for the LPN to ADN Track is **August 19, 2024**. Items 1-8 on the list of admissions requirements must be completed before this date. **All admission requirements must be met before applicants will be considered for admission to the program.**
- Applicants need to be aware that upon admission to a health science program with a clinical component, the clinical agency may require a criminal background check and/or drug testing prior to participation in clinical practice experiences.

***These are completed through a compliance tracking company.
The cost is approximately \$131.95. This cost is the responsibility of the student.**

McDowell Technical Community College does not guarantee that institutions with student training affiliations will accept any student for training in any clinical program. Furthermore, the inability to complete the clinical portion of the program will result in course failure and dismissal from the program.

In accordance with the NC General Statute 90-171-48 applicants for initial licensure in North Carolina must have a criminal background check. Applicants with criminal convictions may have limited licensure and employment opportunities.

***The clinical agency reserves the right to refuse someone with a criminal record the use of their facility.**

Additionally, admitted students will be **assessed an ATI fee of approximately \$2400.00**. This is a prescriptive learning program to help prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN).

General Admission Requirements (1-7 must be completed by **August 19, 2024)**

- 1.** Complete the North Carolina Residency Determination Service Questionnaire requirement through RDS located on the MTCC website. Assistance is available in the Student Services Office.
- 2.** Applicants must submit a completed MTCC admissions application available on the MTCC website or through CFNC.org. Assistance is available from the Student Services Office.
- 3.** Students are strongly encouraged to apply for Financial Aid at www.studentaid.gov (MTCC School Code: 008085), as well as MTCC Foundation Scholarships on the MTCC webpage. Students can contact the MTCC Financial Aid Office at Finacial.Aid@go.mcdowelltech.edu or 808.652.0602/0624 with additional questions.
- 4.** Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. An official high school transcript or General Education Development (GED) certificate must be sent to the college. **Student copies of these items are not acceptable.**
- 5.** Official transcripts of all previous post-secondary education must be requested by the applicant and sent directly from the forwarding institution to the college. **Student copies are not acceptable.**

The minimum required GPA is 2.5.

- 6.** Each applicant must meet the following 3 requirements before making application to this program:
 - Have a current, unrestricted North Carolina Practical Nurse license; out of state reciprocal licenses are not honored for this program.
 - Be a graduate from a regionally accredited Practical Nurse (PN) program
 - **Students are required to have CPR certification and one-year (1872 hours) Licensed Practical Nurse working experience.**
- 7.** Applicants must meet with the Health Sciences Success Coach/Pre-nursing Advisor to complete a "Program of Intent" application, which places the student in the pool of applicants for **Spring 2025** entry. Mandatory nursing information is addressed during this meeting and every student is required to sign a form at the conclusion of the meeting confirming their information session attendance.

8. Submit three (3) professional references. (1) Employer and (2) character references. References must be no more than 6-months-old at the time of the admission deadline. Emailed references will not be accepted. To proceed, references must be at or above “Recommend” and should be from teachers, employers, supervisors, or guidance counselors.
9. The TEAS exam dates will be provided by the Pre-Nursing Advisor/Success Coach. There is a cost for the TEAS. Applicants must score a **65** or higher to be considered for admission to the LPN - ADN program. **Scores are not rounded and are valid for a period of five years. Students whose scores do not meet the required minimum may schedule an appointment with the Student Enrichment Center or the Pre-Nursing Advisor/Success Coach regarding various career and educational options available to them.**
10. Once all other admission requirements are met, applicants will be ranked using a competitive process, according to the Point Rating Tool. The top **10** ranking applicants will be admitted to the LPN to ADN Track and notified with a letter of acceptance, pending receipt of the **“Student Medical Form.”** The next **5** applicants will be placed on an alternate list in order of ranking and notified accordingly. All admission rankings are confidential information.
11. All accepted applicants for admission to the LPN to ADN Program and alternates must submit a completed Student Medical Form by November 15, 2024. The medical form is available from Deb Monosso, Health Sciences Administrative Assistant. To be considered complete the form must include required immunization records and lab/diagnostic tests. The examination of an applicant’s physical and emotional health is a requirement and the accepted applicant’s status is considered “pending” until this form is turned in to the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant and screened by the nursing faculty. If problematic physical or mental health conditions exist, faculty may require timely medical reports from a physician confirming that the individual is physically and mentally competent to enter the Associate Degree Nursing LPN to ADN program.
12. Accepted applicants for admission must have or obtain an American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider CPR certification to include Adult, Infant, and Child CPR. Courses are routinely offered through MTCC’s Department of Continuing Education. Students admitted to the program will not be allowed to begin classes without current CPR certification. **Proof of current CPR certification must be valid for two years by program orientation day (2024–2026) and must be provided at orientation.**
13. An orientation session is scheduled for all applicants accepted for admission. The orientation date is Friday, November 17, 2024 and will be held at 9:00 am in the Dogwood Building (17) in room 217. (Attendance is mandatory) **

McDowell Technical Community College does not discriminate in its admission policies and procedures on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, age, religion, or handicap. For further information, refer to the MTCC catalog section entitled “Non-Discrimination Policy.”

****Accepted applicants who are unable to attend the orientation session due to extenuating circumstances must notify the Nursing Program Director to complete all orientation requirements before December 8, 2024. An accepted applicant who fails to meet orientation requirements will forfeit his or her place in the LPN to ADN program.**

14. Applicant’s will be provided clinical onboarding information at the orientation session and must complete these requirements prior to the first day of Spring semester in January 2024. Failure to complete these clinical

requirements by the deadline will prevent the student's ability to attend clinical and lead to dismissal from the program.

Required Courses

Students may take these general/related (non-nursing) courses before acceptance into the nursing program or before the specified semester.

- BIO 175 General Microbiology or BIO 275 Microbiology (BIO 275 is transferable to BSN)
- ENG 112 Writing and Research in the Disciplines
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology
- Humanities Elective (3 credit hours)

Completion of these courses will help prepare students for, but not guarantee, admission to the LPN to ADN Program.

Point Rating Tool

The Admission Rating Tool is used by the Nursing Admission Committee to select applicants for the LPN to ADN Program. All general admission requirements must be met, including an acceptable score on the TEAS Exam, to be considered eligible for admission to the program and prior to use of the Point Rating Tool to determine admission rank.

This tool was developed as an objective means of evaluating applicants. The point count criteria are divided into seven distinct areas:

- (1) Most recent cumulative overall GPA - college
- (2) TEAS score
- (3) TEAS Science score
- (4) TEAS Math score
- (5) TEAS English score
- (6) **Quality points will be allotted as listed below:**
 - Quality Points for grade in BIO 175 or 275: A = (4X4) 16 points; B = 12; C = 8
 - Completion of the following courses with a grade "C" or better:
 - ENG 112 = 3 points
 - PSY 241 = 3 points
 - HUM = 3 points
- (7) Resident of McDowell County = 5 points
- (8) Former MTCC PNE Graduate = 5 points

An applicant's admission rating is confidential information. At no time and with no exceptions will an applicant's admission rating be discussed with anyone other than the applicant. When an individual's application is complete, his or her total point count will be calculated. It is this total which will be used in the selection process and ranking of applicants.

Please do not call to inquire about your point count. If you are accepted, you will be notified of your acceptance as outlined in "Selection Process" described on the next page.

In the event of an identical score for ranking, TEAS test scores will be used to differentiate tie scores as described below:

1. First preference will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest TEAS science scores.
2. In the event of a tie in TEAS science scores, preference will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest TEAS math scores.
3. In the event of a tie in TEAS math scores, preference will be given to applicant(s) with the highest TEAS English scores.

*Extra points are given for specified college courses with a “C” or better but are not required.

Admission criteria are reviewed each year and are subject to change from year to year.

Graduates of the ADN Program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) which is required to practice as a Registered Nurse.

Selection Process

1. General admissions requirements (#'s 1-7) must be met.
2. Written notification will be mailed to eligible students regarding dates and times to sit for the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).
3. If notified, eligible applicants will report for the TEAS **(A fee is charged). A valid TEAS score will be accepted for a period of five years at deadline.**
4. Review of qualified applicants and Final selection for admission is based on the Point Rating Tool (see separate section) and acceptable results of the Student Medical Form.
5. Written notification of acceptance will be mailed by the Nursing Program Director and the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant
6. Complete Health Forms must be submitted to the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant.
Note: Dates subject to change

Deadlines

Aug 19, 2024

Sept 5, 2024

Week of Sept 19, 2024

Oct 7, 2024

Nov 15, 2024

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS CONTACT THE, PRE-NURSING ADVISOR/SUCCESS COACH AT 828-659-0495

I WAIVE ALL RIGHTS TO READ/REVIEW ANY CONTENTS OF THIS REFERENCE

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Name of Applicant _____

Please provide information that would assist in the consideration of the person named above for admission to the LPN to ADN Nursing program.

Personal and Performance Characteristics

For each of the following (1-9), please choose the best response and initial in the box with that response.

1. Attitude toward work:	Somewhat negative	Average	Positive
2. Motivation toward work:	Low	Average	High
3. Ability to carry out tasks:	Low	Average	High
4. Resourceful in identifying and carrying out tasks:	Low	Average	High
5. Emotional Control:	Unstable	Usually well balanced	Always well balanced
6. Interpersonal relationships:	Avoided by Peers	Tolerated by Peers	Well-liked by Peers
7. Leadership ability:	Low	Average	High
8. Organizational ability:	Low	Average	High
9. Prompt	Seldom	Usually	Always

10. The applicant works effectively with administrators and/or supervisors. Yes _____ No _____

11. Comments: _____

12. By signing below you verify that the applicant has 1 year or 1872 hours of employment as an LPN

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Health Care Facility or Organization Department: _____

Contact Number: _____ Date: _____

Official reference process:

- The reference must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and given to the applicant.
- The envelope must have a signature of the person completing the reference written over the seal.

*** Applicants must return references to Pre- nursing advisor/success coach with the application packet.

**McDowell Technical Community College
Generic Character Reference Form for LPN to ADN Track
(2 Required)**

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Student Signature

Date

Name of Applicant _____

Please provide information that would assist in the consideration of the person named above for admission to the LPN to ADN Nursing program.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Note: No relatives, friends, or co-workers can be used as references.

Please indicate your opinion of the applicant's characteristics in the following areas by initialing the appropriate space.

Personal Characteristics	Unknown	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Honesty				
Cooperative				
Emotional control				
Judgement				
Assertive				
Ability to relate to people				
Resourceful				
Dependable				
Neat				
Punctual				

List any special interests, talents, strengths, or weaknesses of the applicant that are known to you. (Use the reverse side or an additional sheet, if needed).

Has the applicant demonstrated qualities of leadership in his/her school or community? Yes _____ No _____

What is your opinion regarding the applicant's suitability for a program of studies leading to Registered Nurse? Please initial below.

Do Not Recommend _____ Recommend with Reservation _____

Recommend _____ Recommend Highly _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Student Budget Expenditure

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) *Approximate Cost* for Two Year Program (Rev 05.09.23**b**)

Program Cost 2024-2026

1. Tuition (70 total program hours plus activity fees).....	\$5420.00
<i>(\$76.00/credit hour each semester and \$20.00 student activity fee, and \$5.00 student success fee per semester includes all nursing classes and other required classes).</i>	
2. Books, supplies and miscellaneous fees per year (approx. costs).....	\$1861.00
<i>(Includes student lab kits 317.00, liability insurance \$ 14.50, technology fees \$45.00, parking fees \$15.00, accident insurance \$1.30 and student ID badge \$5.00 per year)</i>	
3. Clinical Uniforms and supplies.....	\$470.00
4. Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Complete Package.....	\$3,150.00
<i>*(\$787.50 in first semester, \$787.50 in second semester, and \$787.50 in third semester and \$787.50 in fourth semester)</i>	
5. Castlebranch-Background check, Drug Screen, and Immunization Tracker.....	\$131.95
Total Program Costs.....	\$11,032.95

GRADUATION and PINNING COST

1. Cap, gown, tassel, and (10) announcements.....	\$28.00
2. Pinning Uniform, shoes, hose/socks.....	\$150.00
3. Pinning Ceremony dues.....	\$117.05
<i>Comprised of the following costs:</i>	
a. Lamp.....	\$21.05
b. Nursing Cap	\$15.00
c. Class photo.....	\$29.00
d. Invitations/Programs.....	\$5.00
e. Nursing Pin	\$32.00
f. Sound, Light, Music, Interpreter.....	\$12.50
g. EMMS Auditorium rental fee.....	\$2.50
4. NCLEX Fees (application to Pearson Vue).....	\$200.00
5. North Carolina Board of Nursing Fees.....	\$113.00
<i>(Application – \$75.00 & Criminal Background Check - \$38.00)</i>	
Total Graduation and Pinning costs.....	\$608.05

TOTAL PROGRAM COST.....\$11,641.00*

*(*All costs are estimated and may not reflect actual fees)*