

**McDowell Technical Community College  
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)**

**Application to Enter Fall 2025  
(Class of 2027)**



**DEADLINE TO APPLY: January 17, 2025**

Thank you for your interest in the McDowell Technical Community College (MTCC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program!

The ADN curriculum is designed for Certified Nursing Assistants or License Practical Nurses who wish to further their education to include an Associate Degree. Graduates of the ADN 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.

### **Associate Degree Education (A45110) Information**

In accordance with the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON). The MTCC ADN program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

The ADN 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.

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.

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 reinitiate the process of applying.

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum prepares individuals with the knowledge and skills to provide nursing care to children and adults. Students will participate in assessment, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care.

### **Admission Requirements:**

1. Complete the North Carolina Residency Determination Service Questionnaire requirement through RDS located at <https://mcdowelltech.edu/>. Assistance is available in the Student Services Office.
2. Applicants must submit a completed admissions application available on the MTCC website or through <https://www.cfnc.org/>. Assistance is available from the Student Services Office.
3. Complete a Financial Aid Application (FAFSA form). For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 828.652.0602, or [financial.aid@go.mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:financial.aid@go.mcdowelltech.edu).

4. Submit an official high school transcript or equivalent transcript to the admissions department at [admissions@go.mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:admissions@go.mcdowelltech.edu). Student copies of these items are not acceptable.
5. Submit official transcripts of all previous post-secondary education (college) course work to the admissions department at [admissions@go.mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:admissions@go.mcdowelltech.edu). Student copies are not acceptable. **The required, minimum GPA is 2.5 to be considered.**
6. Applicants must have completed a unit of high school Biology with a grade of “C” or above. College substitutions for this requirement are one semester of BIO 111 or a higher-level college biology course, with a grade of “C” or above. In addition, high school or college level chemistry and math are strongly recommended. Pre-requisite courses are not accepted from the Adult High School Diploma unless the student is a graduate of the program.
7. Admission to the ADN program requires the applicant be eligible to take ENG 111 and MAT 110 without a co-requisite. Students that require a corequisite for ENG 111 or MAT 110 are not eligible for admission to the program.
8. 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 Fall 2025 entry. Mandatory nursing information is addressed during this meeting and every student is required to sign an attestation form at the conclusion of the meeting confirming their information session attendance. Contact Mrs. Heather Buchanan via phone at 828-659-0495 or email at [hmbuchanan55@go.mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:hmbuchanan55@go.mcdowelltech.edu).
9. Verification of completion of a North Carolina state approved Nurse Aide I training program is required. Current NA I listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registry, without substantiated findings, is required for all applicants by August 4, 2025 and must be current throughout fall semester 2025.
10. The TEAS exam dates will be provided by Heather Buchanan, Health Science Advisor/Success Coach. The cost for the TEAS is approximately \$75.00. **Applicants must score a 60 or higher to be considered for admission to the ADN program.** Scores are not rounded and are valid for a period of five years.
11. In accordance with the NC General Statute 90-171-48, applicants for initial licensure must have a criminal background check (CBC). The CBCs are completed through a compliance tracking company and costs approximately \$135.00. Applicants with a history of criminal convictions may have limited licensure and employment opportunities. Clinical agencies receive CBC results and may deny a student clinical access for any reason. A student who is unable to complete clinical will be unable to continue in the program.
12. All accepted applicants and alternates must submit a completed Student Medical Form by August 4, 2025. The medical form is available from the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant. To be considered complete the form must include required immunization records and lab/diagnostic tests. If problematic physical or mental health conditions exist, timely medical reports from a provider confirming that the individual is physically and mentally competent to enter the ADN program may be required.

13. Accepted applicants must have or obtain an American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare 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 (2025–2027) and proof must be provided at orientation.
  
14. Accepted applicants must attend mandatory orientation scheduled for June 16, 2025 at 8:30 am in the Dogwood Building (17) in room 104. Accepted applicants who are unable to attend the orientation session must notify the Director of Nursing to schedule a make-up orientation before July 10, 2025. Any accepted applicant who fails to meet orientation requirements will forfeit his or her place in the ADN program.

### **Point Rating Tool**

Once all admission requirements are met, applicants will be ranked using a Point Rating Tool. The Point Rating Tool is used by the ADN Admission Committee to select applicants for the ADN program. All general admission requirements must be met, including an acceptable score on the TEAS Exam, prior to use of the Point Rating Tool. The 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 or high school/GED
- (2) TEAS score
- (3) TEAS Science score
- (4) TEAS Math score
- (5) TEAS English score
- (6) Specified college courses completed with a "C" or better (BIO 168, BIO 169, BIO 175 or 275, MED 121 & MED 122, CHM 131 & CHM 131A, CIS 110)
- (7) Current Nursing Assistant II listing with the NC Board of Nursing

An applicant's admission rating is confidential. 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. Please do not call to inquire about your point count. If you are accepted, you will be notified of your acceptance as outlined on the next page. In the event of an identical score for ranking, TEAS test scores will be used to differentiate tie scores:

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

**Admission criteria are subject to change.**

## **Required General Education Courses**

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

PSY 150	BIO 168	Humanities Elective
PSY 241	BIO 169	
ENG 111	BIO 175 or 275	
ENG 112	ACA 122	

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

## **Selection Process**

## **Dates to Remember**

1. General admissions requirements (#1-8) must be met. **January 17, 2025**
2. Written notification will be mailed to eligible students regarding dates and times to sit for the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).  
**The TEAS test dates are February 18-20, 2025.** **January 27, 2025**
3. Final selection for admission will be based on the Point Rating Tool and submission of required materials. Written notification of acceptance will be mailed/emailed by the Nursing Program Director and the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant. **March 3, 2025**
4. Accepted applicants will be required to attend a mandatory New Nursing Student Orientation meeting. **June 16, 2025**
5. Completed Health Forms must be submitted to the Health Sciences Administrative Assistant. **August 4, 2025**

### ***Note: Dates subject to change***

- *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."*

**For more information, contact Heather Buchanan,  
Health Sciences Advisor/Success Coach at 828-659-0495 or email  
[hmbuchanan55@go.mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:hmbuchanan55@go.mcdowelltech.edu)**

**McDowell Technical Community College**  
**Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Student Budget Expenditure**  
**Approximate Cost for Five Semester Program**

**Estimated Program Cost 2024-2026\***

<b>1.</b>	<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b> .....	<b>\$9355.50</b>
	Tuition (instate, five semesters) = 70 credit hours X \$76/hr.....	\$5320.00
	ATI Testing Fees (9/24 \$787.50; 12/24 \$787.50; 9/25 \$787.50; 12/25 \$787.50).....	\$3150.00
	Lab/Sim Supply fee: \$50/nursing course X 7.....	\$350.00
	Student Activity Fee = \$25/semester X 5 semesters.....	\$125.00
	Student Insurance Fee = \$1.30/semester X 5 semesters.....	\$6.50
	Liability Insurance = \$14.50/year X 2.....	\$29.00
	Technology Fee = \$25 per semester.....	\$125.00
	Student Success Fee=\$25 per semester.....	\$125.00
	Campus Access Parking & Security Fee = \$25/semester X 5 semesters.....	\$125.00
<b>2.</b>	<b>Books, Supplies and Miscellaneous fees per year</b> .....	<b>\$1260.00</b>
	Textbooks.....	\$1250.00
	MTCC Identification Badge = \$5/year X 2 years.....	\$10.00
<b>3.</b>	<b>Clinical Supplies</b> .....	<b>\$643.00</b>
	Uniforms.....	\$475.00
	CastleBranch Immunization Tracking = \$35/year X 2.....	\$70.00
	Criminal Background Check.....	\$38.00
	Drug Tests.....	\$50.00
	Clinical Agency Identification Badge.....	\$10.00
<b>4.</b>	<b>Pinning &amp; Graduation Costs</b> .....	<b>\$325.00</b>
	Pinning Uniform, shoes, hose/socks.....	\$150.00
	Pinning Ceremony dues.....	\$125.00
	Pinning Ceremony dues include:	
	a. Lamp.....	\$22.00
	b. Nursing Cap .....	\$18.00
	c. Class photo.....	\$30.00
	d. Invitations/Programs.....	\$5.00
	e. Nursing Pin .....	\$30.00
	f. Sound, Light, Music, Interpreter.....	\$15.00
	g. EMMS Auditorium rental fee.....	\$5.00
	Graduation Cap, gown, tassel, and (10) announcements.....	\$50.00
<b>5.</b>	<b>Licensure Fees Post Graduation</b> .....	<b>\$340.00</b>
	NCLEX-RN Fees (application to Pearson Vue).....	\$200.00
	North Carolina Board of Nursing Fees.....	\$140.00
	(Application – \$75.00, Criminal Background Check - \$50.00, fingerprinting --\$15.00)	

**ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COST.....\$11923.50\***

*(\*All costs are estimated at beginning of program and may not reflect actual fees at program completion, and are subject to change.)*