

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR RANC - FALL 2027

Region A Nursing Consortium: Admission Criteria and Points Scale

For students wishing to enter Fall 2027.

Applications will only be accepted October 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

Students seeking admission to the associate degree nursing program must meet competitive criteria. The student must also meet specific requirements of the clinical agencies. These requirements may include but are not limited to, a criminal background check, drug screen, CPR and proof of immunizations. Furthermore, a criminal background check will be required before taking the NCLEX-RN Examination leading to a licensure as a Registered Nurse. The North Carolina Board of Nursing may not issue a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a criminal offense.

Requirements for Phase I:

- Submit Application for Region A Nursing Consortium.
- Submit Official High School Transcripts or Official Scores for the High School Equivalency Diploma.
- Evidence of a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or greater on a 4-point scale. The most recent transcript with at least six (6) college-level credit hours will be used for those students attending more than one college.
- Completion of BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I and ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry with a grade of "C" or better, or currently enrolled during the Spring 2026 semester and will complete with a grade of "C" or better by January 31, 2026.

The above minimum requirements must be satisfied by January 31, 2027, to be considered for the Fall 2027 nursing class. Once the application deadline has passed, all qualified applicants will progress to Phase II.

Requirements for Phase II:

- Hold a documented, current, unrestricted credential as an Emergency Medical Technician with a Basic or Advanced certification, Medical Assistant certification, Paramedic certification, or Nurse Aide I (NAI). A copy of the current listing is required by May 16, 2027.
- Completion of the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills VI) test with a minimum allowable TEAS score of 60 for admission into the Nursing Program.
- Completion of BIO-169 Anatomy & Physiology II and MAT-143 Quantitative Literacy or higher mathematics course with a grade of "C" or better or currently enrolled during Spring 2024 semester and will complete with a grade of "C" or better by May 16, 2024.
- If all requirements for Phase II are not completed by May 16, 2027, the student's slot may be offered to another student.

The TEAS test may be administered to students who have met all the requirements of Phase I. Students may purchase the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills VI) test at the campus of scheduled testing and will be administered during the first week of March 2026. The cost of the TEAS test will be made public to the students when scheduling the TEAS test. Specific requirements for the TEAS test may be obtained from the Office of Enrollment Management. A TEAS score is valid for three years from the date taken. The highest Total Score in the three-year period will be used in the ranking system. Students may use the TEAS score if previously taken at another higher institution. Official score must be requested, purchased, and sent to the Office of Enrollment Management. These scores must be submitted by April 1, 2027.

Scoring Criteria:

At the completion of Phase I and Phase II, students will be awarded points based on the following scoring criteria, and the top 38 applicants will be accepted into the program for Fall 2026. Upon acceptance, students must submit documentation of drug screen, criminal background check, physical, and state health and immunizations before the first day of fall semester.

1. Score from the TEAS test
2. Points for grade point average:
 - 2.8-2.99 = 10 points
 - 3.00-3.50 = 12 points
 - 3.51-3.99 = 14 points
 - 4.00 = 16 points
3. Points for other:
 - Health Occupations I or Allied Health Science I = 1 point
 - Health Occupations II or Allied Health Science II = 1 point
 - High School Fundamentals of Nursing = 2 points
 - Diploma level degree = 3 points
 - Associate level degree = 4 points
 - Bachelor level degree = 5 points
 - Masters level degree or higher = 6 points

Please note, students will only receive points for the highest coursework or degree completed.

4. Additional Points will be awarded for successful completion of BIO-168 Anatomy & Physiology I. Points will be assigned to the letter grade on the student's transcript. A = 5 points ; B = 3 points ; C = 1 point

Provisional acceptance to the nursing program will be offered to the top 38 point earners from Phase II at each campus. A student that is provisionally accepted will need to complete state health and immunization forms.

Enrollment in NUR prefix courses is not allowed until students are accepted into the nursing program. Admission to the nursing program is based on a competitive process, see above for complete information. It is strongly recommended that students seeking to enter the ADN nursing program complete all their required general education courses before enrolling in the nursing program.