

## Associate in Science Nursing Degree FAQ

### **How do I apply to the nursing program if I am transferring from another college?**

1. Complete the Chipola College Application, declaring nursing as your major. This application is the general college application- you will still need to complete the supplemental Nursing program application, found on the Health Science page.
2. Request official transcript(s) from your high school and all colleges you have attended.
3. Complete the FASFA (Free Federal Student Aid) and seek out available grants, loans, and scholarships to assist with funding your education.
4. Make an appointment to meet with a Chipola College advisor and register for any non-nursing course(s) you still need to take.
5. After you have been accepted as a Chipola College student and all transcripts have been evaluated, you can begin the nursing application process; see question 2.

### **How do I apply and get accepted into the nursing program if I am a current Chipola College student?**

1. Complete all the requirements for Phase One.
2. Complete Phase Two by submitting the required nursing application and all supplemental forms by the deadline. This includes a physical exam by your medical provider.
3. Complete all the requirements for Phase Three.

### **Can another math course be used in place of MAC 1105 – College Algebra?**

Yes, as long as it is a higher-level MAC, MAP, or STA course such as MAP 2302 – Differential Equations, or STA 2023 – Introduction to Statistics. Courses with an MGF prefix cannot be used to replace MAC 1105 because they are not equivalent, such as MGF 1106 – Mathematics for Liberal Arts I or MGF 1107 – Mathematics for Liberal Arts II.

### **Can another science be used in place of BSC 2085 – Anatomy & Physiology I?**

Because Nursing courses involve the human body and its anatomy so heavily, Anatomy & Physiology is required in order to be accepted to the program. BSC 2010 and BSC 2011 cannot replace BSC 2085.

### **What GPA is required for acceptance into the ADN program and how is the GPA calculated?**

The prerequisite GPA must be a 2.75 in the required prerequisite courses.

The prerequisite GPA is calculated using the pre-requisite courses that are required prior to applying to the program: BSC 2085 – Anatomy and Physiology I, BSC 2085L – Anatomy and Physiology I Lab, ENC 1101 – Communication Skills I, PSY 2012 – General Psychology, and MAC 1105 – College Algebra and Civics - either AMH2020 or POS2041.

### **What score is required for the TEAS test?**

Priority is given to students with a TEAS score  $\geq 75$ .

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### **Do I have to take all general education courses prior to acceptance and entrance into the ADN program?**

It is not required; it is recommended. The nursing program is comprised of lecture class, skills lab, and clinicals along with the recommended 3 hours of study time per contact hour. See question 18 for the number of hours per week for each class each semester.

### **When will I find out if I've been accepted into the ADN program?**

This is mostly dependent upon the number of applications received, but typically between two and three weeks after the deadline. You will be notified both by Chipola email and physical mail. You will receive the email faster than the physical letter in the mail. Please be sure to check your Chipola email for official communication.

### **Do I receive notification through Canvas webmail or personal email?**

No. You will be notified via Chipola Outlook email. This can be accessed by going to myChipola and clicking the link that says "College Webmail". You will never be contacted through Canvas email or personal email.

### **What can I do if I am not accepted into the nursing program?**

1. Make an appointment with an advisor to review your transcript.
2. If you have not taken all of the optional corequisite courses, take those courses with the goal to make a grade of A or B, and reapply to the nursing program during the next application cycle.
3. If you have taken all required prerequisite courses, talk to the advisor to see if there is anything else you can do to increase your likelihood of admission such as taking and making a grade of A on a higher-level math course.
4. Study and retake the TEAS to increase the number of points you can earn for that test.
5. Discuss other career options with the advisor.

### **After I receive my letter stating I am eligible to proceed to Phase Three, what is the next step?**

1. Register and pay for CastleBranch document management system.
2. Complete and have a cleared criminal background screening through Chipola Public Safety. We do not accept background screen results from other vendors.
3. Complete and have a negative alcohol and drug screening, ordered through CastleBranch.
4. Upload completed physical exam, immunizations, and PPD to CastleBranch.

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### **Do I have to have health insurance to enter the program?**

Yes. Health insurance is required in order to attend clinicals. If you do not have active health insurance, you will not be allowed to attend clinicals and will not be able to complete the program. Health insurance **must be** active at the start of the program.

### **How do I attain final acceptance?**

An Admissions Committee will meet after completion of Phase Three to review each potential applicant's completed application packet. Members will review the following in determining admission to the program:

1. Phase Two documentation
2. Phase Three required items uploaded to CastleBranch, including the criminal background check and drug and alcohol tests.
3. Transcripts

### **What type of schedule will I have once I start the ADN program?**

Nursing school is like a full-time job, see explanation of study time in question 7. Lecture classes are Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Skills lab will be Tuesday and/or Thursday for 8 to 9 hours. Clinical schedule varies; see number 16 below.

### **What is a clinical?**

The clinical portion is where you take what you have learned in skills lab and apply it by taking care of patients in an acute care setting, such as a hospital, or a long term setting, such as Health and Rehabilitation Centers.

### **Where is clinical?**

The main clinical facilities Chipola College uses are Jackson Hospital in Marianna, FL, Northwest Florida Community Hospital in Chipley, FL, and Southeast Health in Dothan, AL. We have limited use of additional clinical facilities.

### **Do I have a choice of the day and location of clinical?**

No, the day and location can vary each semester depending on the availability of the unit we request.

### **When is clinical?**

Clinical day and time can vary due to the availability of the clinical facility and clinical instructors. Clinical can be scheduled as 8-hour, 10-hour- or 12-hour days. Clinical can be scheduled Monday through Saturday starting as early as 6 a.m. and ending as late as 11 p.m. The final semester includes a preceptor clinical during the second half of the semester. You will be paired with an RN preceptor at the hospital. You go to clinical when your RN preceptor is working. Your clinical schedule can be any day (Sunday through Saturday) during the day, evening, or night shift.

### **How soon can I apply for the RN to BSN program once completing the ADN program?**

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If you have completed all the general education requirements, you can apply to enter the RN to BSN the day you pass the NCLEX for your RN licensure.

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### What does it take to be successful in nursing school?

First and most important, you must read the textbook. Second, you must put in two to three hours of study per contact hour. Review the table below for the required lecture, skills lab, clinical, and study time per semester.

The table below displays the weekly lecture and clinical contact hours for a 15-week semester. The summer semester will have more contact hours per week since it is a 10-week semester.

Semester - Course	Total credit hours (hr)	Weekly contact hr	lecture	Weekly skills lab & clinical hr	Weekly Study hr (3 hr/contact hr)	Total hr/week (class, clinical & study time)
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>						
<b>Fundamentals in Nursing</b>	8		4	8	36 hr/week	48 hr/week
<b>Geriatrics</b>	1		0.5	0.5	3 hr/week	4 hr/week
<b>Pharmacology I</b>	2		2	0	12 hr/week	14 hr/week
<b>Total hours per week of class, clinical, and study time for semester one</b>						<b>66 hr/week</b>
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>						
<b>Adult Nursing I</b>	9		4.5	9	40.5 hr/week	54 hr/week
<b>Pharmacology II</b>	2		2	0	6 hr/week	9 hr/week
<b>Total hours per week of class, clinical, and study time for semester two</b>						<b>63 hr/week</b>
<b>SEMESTER THREE</b>						
<b>Maternal-child Nursing</b>	6		3	6	27 hr/week	36 hr/week
<b>Mental Health</b>	3		1.5	3	13.5 hr/week	18 hr/week
<b>Total hours per week of class, clinical, and study time for semester three</b>						<b>54 hr/week</b>
<b>SEMESTER FOUR</b>						
<b>Adult Nursing II</b>	11		2.5	11	49.5 hr/week	66 hr/week
<b>Capstone</b>	2		2	0	6 hr/week	8 hr/week

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**Total hours per week of class, clinical, and study time for semester four 74  
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