

# **NORTHEAST STATE NURSING PROGRAM**



## **TRADITIONAL OPTION NURSING INFORMATION SESSION**

# Registered Nurses Are?

- The Nation's Largest Health Care Profession
  - More than 5 million registered nurses practice nationwide.
  - Employment for registered nurses is projected to grow faster than most other occupations through 2030.
  - Nursing students make up over half of all health professions students.
  - Wherever health care is delivered, a nurse is part of the process!
  - Nursing remains the most trusted profession in the U.S. (Gallup, 2024)

# Where Can Nurses Work?

- Hospitals
- Private practices
- Public health agencies
- Primary care clinics
- Home health care
- Outpatient surgical centers
- Health maintenance organizations
- Nursing school-operated nursing centers
- Scientists
- Insurance and managed care companies
- Nursing homes
- Schools
- Mental health agencies
- Hospices
- Military
- Industry
- Careers as college and university educators

# Options for Nursing School

- **Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AAS)**
  - Also called an Associate of Degree in Nursing (ADN)
  - Two-year degree
  - Northeast State
- **Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)**
  - Four-year degree
  - Universities
  - ETSU, Milligan, King

# Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

- An ADN program prepares nurses to provide direct patient care and perform a wide range of professional nursing responsibilities within the healthcare field.
- This two-year degree offers a solid foundation for advanced nursing education, such as a Bachelor's (BSN) or Master's (MSN) degree in nursing.
- It's a fast, affordable pathway to enter the nursing profession and begin earning income—making the ADN an excellent choice for many aspiring nurses.

- Available at:

*Northeast State Community College*

[www.northeaststate.edu/nursing](http://www.northeaststate.edu/nursing)

# Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)

- A BSN program prepares nurses to work effectively in a wide variety of healthcare settings.
- While RNs with BSN and ADN degrees often share similar job environments, BSN graduates receive additional education and training that open doors to expanded clinical and leadership opportunities.
- These may include roles in management, administration, budgeting, personnel scheduling, leadership, and research.
- BSN Pathways:
  - ETSU Dual Degree Program
  - King University
  - Milligan University



# After Degree Completion

- To earn the title of Registered Nurse (RN), graduates must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN licensing exam and obtain approval from the State Board of Nursing.
- Both ADN and BSN graduates are eligible to take the same licensing exam.
- Success on the NCLEX-RN + State Board of Nursing Approval = Registered Nurse License

# No matter where you go.....

- Investigate tuition costs
- Investigate program costs
- Make sure school of nursing is accredited

## NCLEX-RN pass rates

2022 Class - 71 %

2023 Class – 95.6%

2024 Class – 96.5%

2025 Class– In Progress

## Program completion rates

2022 Class - 51.7%

2023 Class – 33.9%

2024 Class – 49.5%

2025 Class – In Progress

## Job Placement Rates

2022 Class - 100%

2023 Class - 100%

2024 Class – 100%

2025 Class—100%



# Beginning my nursing education journey at Northeast State

## PLEASE NOTE

- Health care agencies require nursing students must be at least 17 years of age to participate in clinical rotations and provide patient care. Per the Northeast State Community College Nursing Student Handbook policy, “All nursing students must comply with the health care agencies’ requirements.”
- The Nursing program has specific admission criteria. Admission to Northeast State does not guarantee admission to the Nursing program.
  - There are two different applications required before a student can take NRSG courses:

NESCC GENERAL APPLICATION

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NURSING SPECIFIC APPLICATION

- All NRSG lecture classes are held at the Kingsport campus.

# Beginning my nursing education journey at Northeast State

- Meet the general admission requirements as noted in the [Admissions Requirements \(General\)](#).
- Submit an application to Northeast State Community College.
  - Be accepted by Northeast State Community College.
- Indicate the associate of applied science degree in Nursing (Traditional option or LPN to RN option) as the desired major on the Northeast State application form.
- Seek advisement from the student's assigned nursing advisor to establish a program plan of study.
  1. [www.northeaststate.edu/nursing](http://www.northeaststate.edu/nursing)
  2. Select Advisement and follow the instructions.

# Applying to the Nursing Program

- Once ready to apply to the program, the student must:
  - Possess a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 after completing a minimum of 12 credit hours of college coursework required for the associate of applied science degree nursing program
  - May use ACT scores instead of College GPA with minimum score requirements-minimum score of 23 in math, reading, science, English
  - Complete all required learning support courses prior to applying to the associate of applied science degree nursing program.

# Applying to the Nursing Program continued...

- Once ready to apply to the program, the student must:
  - Achieve a grade of “C” or better in all courses required for the associate of applied science degree nursing program.  
*If a “D” or “F” is assigned for a co-requisite nursing course, this course must be retaken with a “C” or better before the student can apply to the Nursing program.*
  - Assure all BIOL courses contain lecture and laboratory components and are obtained within ten years of first semester of NRSG coursework.

# Applying to the Nursing Program continued...

- Once ready to apply to the program, the student must:
  - Complete the required entrance test\* noting your score in each of the following areas:
    1. English Language Comprehensive Score
    2. Science Comprehensive Score
    3. Math
  - A score higher than 80% raises ranking score for the applicant.
  - Completion date within one year of applying to the program.
  - The required entrance test must be taken at Northeast State.

*\*Required entrance exam is the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam.*

# Nursing Program Application

- The application can be found at: [www.northeaststate.edu/nursing](http://www.northeaststate.edu/nursing)
  - Applications for Fall semester start or Spring semester start:
    - For the Fall semester start, the application will open in March and is due beginning of June.
    - For the Spring semester start, the application will open in September and is due beginning of December.
- Nursing Program applicants will create and process an online application in a system called *Dynamic Forms*.
- Applicants will be asked to create an account in *Dynamic Forms* for first time users. Then the applicant will create an account and proceed.
- Complete all forms on the Nursing Application.
- Provide a copy of the required entrance test scores with the nursing application reflecting English Language Comprehensive Score, Science Comprehensive Score, and Math Score.
- For applicants with less than 12 credit hours of coursework required for the associate of applied science degree nursing program:
  - provide copy of ACT scores with  $\geq 23$  in Math, Reading, Science, and English.



# Nursing Program Application continued...

- Submit a Transcript from Northeast State Community College
  - All transfer/other college coursework from outside colleges must go through the NeSCC Admissions Office before apply to Nursing.
  - The only transcript needed with the application is the NeSCC Transcript.
  - Applicants can request an official electronic transcript from [northeaststate.edu/transcripts](http://northeaststate.edu/transcripts).
  - The applicants transcript will be emailed to the email address they provided and can be downloaded to their device then uploaded and attached to their online application.

# Nursing Program Application continued...

- Clinical Healthcare Requirements
  - The following documentation must be submitted with the Nursing Application:
    - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
    - Varicella (Chickenpox)
    - Hepatitis B
    - 2-Step TB Screening
    - LPN License (*if applicable*)
- Details about meeting these requirements will be discussed further during the session.

# Nursing Program Application continued...

- Applications must be submitted as a complete application with all copies and forms submitted at the same time.
- All applications must be received by the Nursing Program by the specified deadline date and time.  
Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
  - Submit online at [www.northeaststate.edu/nursing](http://www.northeaststate.edu/nursing).
- Once an applicant submits their application through Dynamic Forms they will receive an email stating it was successfully submitted. If you do not receive the receipt of submission email, please log back into Dynamic Forms to resolve the issue.

# Virginia Resident?

- Virginia Board of Nursing requires a minimum of 500 hours of direct client care supervised by qualified faculty. [§18VAC90-20-120.E.]
- Traditional Option = 450 clock hours of clinical.
- If traditional student is a VA resident, he/she will need to take NRSNG 1210 (2 clinical credit hours) =  $2 \times 3 \times 15 = 90$  clock hrs
- 450 clock hours + 90 clock hours = 540 clock hrs

# Clinical Health Care Requirements

- All accepted nursing students must comply with the health care agencies' clinical requirements.
- Clinical requirements are enforced by clinical affiliates and OSHA regulations.
- Please be aware that clinical affiliates may refuse clinical rotation access to students who fail to obtain the required immunizations, therefore, negatively impacting a student's ability to successfully progress in the curriculum/program.
- Clinical requirements may be added or changed based on current information regarding communicable diseases and/or revisions/additions of new College, Board of Regents, and/or health care agency requirements.
- Students will be informed of new requirements and deadlines for new requirements.

# Clinical Health Care Requirements

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- All Nursing Applicants are required to provide
  - proof of all immunizations/vaccinations, OR
  - positive/reactive/immune titer results, OR
  - documentation supporting one or more of the exemptions listed on the nursing application packet.
- Noncompliance with deadlines (incomplete clinical health care requirements) leads to the student's inability to be assigned to a clinical facility, thus leading to the inability to enter and/or complete the clinical component of the nursing course.
- Exemptions are Medical or Religious Exemptions – Read instructions in the application for documentation needed.



# Clinical Health Care Requirements

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- Students are to submit documentation of immunizations, titers, or medical/religious exemptions to the Nursing Program with their nursing application.
- **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.**
- The applicant's name is required to be on the proof of documentation. If a health care provider's statement is used, the applicant's name and the health care provider's signature are required on the documentation.
- **Clinical Health Care Requirements:**
  - Hepatitis B
  - Varicella
  - Measles, Mumps, Rubella
  - 2 Step Tuberculosis Screening

# Hepatitis B Vaccination

- Any student enrolled in a higher education institution who is a health science student expected to have patient contact shall present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact begins. For purposes of this paragraph adequate immunization is defined as:
  - A complete hepatitis B vaccination series (attach a copy of immunization record showing completed series or a statement of immunization dates on prescription pad with physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant's signature, date, and DEA number in the box provided)
  - OR
  - Laboratory evidence of immunity via a HB Titer (attach a copy of blood test results showing immunity in the box provided).

# Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR)

- 2 doses of measles, mumps, & rubella (No earlier than 4 days before 1<sup>st</sup> birthday,  $\geq 28$  days apart) OR
- Born in or before 1957 and have positive titer for measles, mumps, & rubella
- Please note: This immunization is for measles, mumps, and rubella. Healthcare personnel and students are required by our clinical sites to get two doses of MMR vaccine or show immunity by titer levels. Students who do not get two doses of MMR vaccine and have no immunity by titer levels to measles, mumps, or rubella are not able to attend necessary clinical sites in pediatrics, women's health/obstetrics, neonatal, or emergency departments. When a student cannot attend essential clinical sites, they cannot pass the associated nursing course.

# Varicella Vaccination

- Born before 1980, therefore presumed immune through past illness (Must provide proof of year of birth); OR
- Healthcare provider believes you have had the chickenpox. (Must supply signed documentation); OR
- Proof of two doses of varicella vaccine (No earlier than 4 days before 1<sup>st</sup> birthday,  $\geq 28$  days apart); OR
- Positive titer for Varicella with IgG positive or immune.

# Tuberculosis Screening

- Option #1 - 2-step screen
  - Must be a 2-step screen, not a 1 step
- *Option #2 Chest X-ray* - If you have ever had a positive skin test, do not repeat the skin test. A chest x-ray is required. Attach Results of chest x-ray to the application.
- Please note: TB skin testing – this is not an immunization. TB skin testing (PPD) is a skin testing for tuberculosis infection. There is no “exemption” for this screening. Healthcare personnel and students are required by our clinical sites to be screened for tuberculosis. There are two types of testing for tuberculosis – TB skin test or TB blood test (quantiferon-tb gold plus). Since the TB testing is not an immunization, all healthcare personnel and students must have TB testing completed before they can attend any clinical site. When a student cannot attend required clinical sites, they cannot pass the associated nursing course.

# Other Requirements AFTER accepted

- Once Accepted
  - Student Health Insurance
  - Background Check
  - CPR – BLS healthcare providers
  - Influenza Immunization(during flu season)
- Note- A conviction identified on the Background Check could prevent a student from attending any clinical. This would require the student to withdraw from the nursing program.



# Traditional Program of Study

## Semester 1

- BIOL 2010 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Credits: 4
- ENGL 1010 - English Composition I Credits: 3
- **NRSB 1710 - Fundamentals of Nursing Credits: 7**
- **NRSB 1360 – Pharmacology in Nursing Credits: 3**

## Semester 2

- BIOL 2020 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Credits: 4
- MATH 1530 - Introductory Statistics Credits: 3
- **NRSB 1340 - Mental Health Nursing Credits: 3**
- **NRSB 1620 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I Credits: 6**

## Semester 3

- BIOL 2230 - Introduction to Microbiology Credits: 4
- PSYC 1030 – Introduction to Psychology Credits: 3
- **NRSB 1330 - Pediatric Nursing Credits: 3**
- **NRSB 2630 - Medical-Surgical Nursing II Credits: 6**

## Semester 4

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective - Select one approved course Credits: 3

COMM 2025 - Fundamentals of Communication Credits: 3

**NRSB 1320 - Women's Health and the Childbearing Family Credits: 3**

**NRSB 2240 - Professional Practice in Nursing Credits: 2**

**NRSB 2640 - Medical-Surgical Nursing III Credits: 6**

Total Credit Hours: 66

Total Clinical Hours: 450

# Important Nursing Program Information

- Clinical Locations include but are not limited to HVMC, IPMC, BRMC, JCMC, FWCH, SSH, Christian Care Centers, etc....
- Nursing Classes are held during daytime hours, face to face and are offered Monday-Friday.
- Consistent with nursing education research, the nursing program faculty recommend students not to exceed 16 hours per week at their place of employment.
- Students are expected to arrive on time and remain until dismissed by the instructor. Students who fail to meet the established academic standards in the nursing program due to employment, will not receive special consideration.

# International Students

- If you're an F-1 international student graduating with a nursing degree in Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Nursing requires that you have employment authorization to take the NCLEX and become licensed.
- What this means:
  - You must apply for *Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT)* in order to take the NCLEX.
  - The *Tennessee Board of Nursing requires proof of employment authorization*—such as an approved OPT status—before you can sit for the exam.
  - Without OPT, you will not be eligible to take the NCLEX in Tennessee after graduation.
- When to apply for Post-Completion OPT:
  - Apply for OPT up to *90 days before graduation*, and no later than *60 days after*.
  - You do *not need a job offer* to apply.
  - Once approved, OPT gives you *12 months* to take the NCLEX and begin working in the field.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your OPT application, please reach out to the Designated School Official, Michelle Stanley, at [cmstanley@northeaststate.edu](mailto:cmstanley@northeaststate.edu). For documentation and planning purposes, email communication is preferred.

# Minimum Graduation and Degree Requirements

- “To obtain a degree, students must complete the general requirements established by the college and specific requirements of each program of study.” 2024 - 2025 NeSCC Catalog
- Students seeking degree must “earn at least a GPA of 2.0” to graduate or be awarded a certificate.

# Estimated expenses beyond tuition

Textbooks	\$2,000 (Required) \$200 (Recommended)
Incidental Fee (\$25/credit hour)	\$975.00 – Traditional \$800.00 – LPN to RN
Student Health Insurance	Varies
Uniforms & Shoes	\$200.00
Supplies (Clinical)	\$50.00
Physical Exam (estimated cost first semester only)**	\$150.00
Hepatitis B (3 injections)	\$300.00
Other Immunizations and/or Titters	\$500.00
Background Checks	\$25.00
Graduate Nurse Pin	\$60.00
Pictures for State Board Licensing Exam	\$20.00
NCLEX-RN fee (Pearson Vue)	\$200.00
Background Check for NCLEX-RN	\$35.00
CPR	\$80.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4795</b>

# A Nurse is....

Nurses Change Lives

Nurses are...





# Conclusion of Nursing Information Session

## Questions and Answers

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