

**FOOTHILLS NURSING CONSORTIUM**  
**General Information**

1. The Foothills Nursing Consortium includes:
  - Cleveland Community College, Shelby
  - Isothermal Community College, Spindale and
  - McDowell Technical Community College, Marion
2. The Foothills Nursing Consortium, Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is approved by the N.C. Community College System Office and the N.C. Board of Nursing.
3. Characteristics of the ADN program:
  - a) will prepare students for licensure as a Registered Nurse.
  - b) is designed for five sequential semesters in length.
  - c) will be separate from the existing practical nurse programs in the above colleges.
4. Isothermal Community College is the administrative unit and the central location of the three colleges.
5. The commuting time to the administrative unit from the other two colleges is approximately thirty minutes or twenty miles. This means the greatest distance between the consortium colleges is approximately one hour or forty miles.
6. Nursing classes will be held on all three campuses at some period of time during the program.
7. When possible, non-nursing courses will be scheduled on the campus of the student's county of residence.
8. Application must be made to the college of the student's county of residence. An out of county applicant may apply to his/her school of convenience.
9. When possible, the majority of clinical experiences will be scheduled in or near the student's county of residence.
10. Current listing on the NAI Registry is required for entry into the nursing program.
11. Students should be aware that upon admission to a program with a clinical component, a criminal background check and/or drug testing will be required by the clinical site prior to participation in the clinical component. Furthermore, students should be aware that their graduation progress will be limited by an inability to complete the clinical portion of the program at any clinical site. The cost of any background check will be the responsibility of the student.

**Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program  
Applicant Information Packet  
FALL 2010**

The Foothills Nursing Consortium includes:

Cleveland Community College 137 South Post Road Shelby, NC 28152	(704) 484-4073	Cleveland County
Isothermal Community College Post Office Box 804 Spindale, NC 28160	(828) 286-3636, Ext. 441	Rutherford and Polk Counties
McDowell Technical Community College 54 College Drive Marion, NC 28752	(828) 652-0611	McDowell County

Prospective nursing candidates residing in the counties listed above must apply to the college serving their county. Other applicants may apply to the college of their convenience. Priority will be given to service area applicants first, then other North Carolina residents, then out-of-state residents.

All applications must be updated annually. If a student has applied previously, the student must re-initiate the process including retesting on designated examinations. A waiting list is not maintained.

A semester curriculum plan is in effect. Previous quarter courses will be considered for credit; however, courses must be evaluated for appropriate credit hours.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

The following requirements must be met before a student will be considered for admission to the ADN program. All materials must be sent to the college of application.

1. Complete and submit **application** for admission to appropriate college.
2. Provide official transcript of **high school** education **and/or GED** scores.
3. Submit an **official transcript** from all colleges attended (course syllabi may be required). **A college course must be a “C” or higher to be considered for transfer.** The minimum required college **GPA** (within the last 2 years) is **2.5**.
4. Submit three **(3) references** (not relatives or close friends). Example: registered nurses, teachers, employers, supervisors, guidance counselors. References that are more than two years old at the time of the general admission requirement deadline will not be acceptable. **References must be received by the college in envelopes sealed by the reference person on forms provided.**

5. Take **placement tests** which will be administered by the college of application. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the college's testing center and make arrangements for placement testing. The placement testing consists of Reading, English/Writing Skills, Numerical Skills and Algebra.
6. Complete all **developmental courses** required as a result of placement tests with a grade of "C" or better by the specified deadline. See examples below (lower scores may require additional lower level courses):

Improved College Reading	RED 090
Composition Strategies English	ENG 090 & ENG 90A
Essential Mathematics	MAT 060
Introductory Algebra	MAT 070

7. **Prerequisite courses:** Before consideration into the program, students must either have (1) completed courses in high school biology and chemistry (complete high school unit) with a grade of "B" or above or (2) completed courses in \*biology and \*\*chemistry in college with a grade of "C" or above. **Prerequisite courses are not accepted from the Adult High School Diploma Program unless the student is a graduate of the program.**

\*Students who have completed college level Anatomy & Physiology with a grade of "C" or above will be exempt from the prerequisite biology course.

\*\*Students can apply for ADN admissions while they are in the process of taking chemistry 131 and Chemistry 131A for the chemistry prerequisite. Chemistry 131 and Chemistry 131A will have to be successfully completed prior to entry into the program.

#### **Consortium College Pre-requisite Courses**

Introductory Algebra	MAT 070 or satisfactory placement test score
*General Biology I	BIO 111
**Introduction to Chemistry	CHM 131

**Students are responsible for making sure these requirements have been met and that all materials have been received by the Admission Office. Admission requirements currently in effect must be completed.**

Admission to the Foothills Nursing Consortium Associate Degree Program is very competitive. Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee an applicant an offer of admission. For example, the GPA and PSB score of those offered admission is considerably higher than the established minimum requirements.

Students are selected on the basis of several factors to include high school and college academic records, admission test scores, favorable references, recent college courses and related biology grades.

## **SELECTION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES**

## **DEADLINE/DATES FALL 2010**

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| <b>8.</b>  | The above criteria must be met by:  | <b>January 27, 2010</b>  |
| <b>9.</b>  | If notified by the Admission Office, eligible applicants report for the PSB Nursing School Aptitude Examination-RN (FEE \$16.00). Health forms will be provided.<br><b>Minimum weighted score of 45 is required.</b>  | <b>February 10, 2010</b> |
| <b>10.</b> | Notifications will be mailed to those eligible for a group information session.   | <b>February 18, 2010</b> |
| <b>11.</b> | A group information session will be scheduled with the nursing advisor and the nursing director/faculty.  | <b>March 1-5, 2010</b>   |
| <b>12.</b> | <b><u>Completed</u> health forms are due.</b>   | <b>March 9, 2010</b>     |
| <b>13.</b> | Final selection for admission is based on a review of the candidate's academic record, test results, favorable references and results of the health examination. Written notification of acceptance will be mailed by the admitting college and the ADN Director. | <b>March 15, 2010</b>    |

**All ADN students are required to have health insurance coverage.**

**All students must provide proof of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification on the first day of class.**

**If there are any questions contact the admissions office at the college of application.**

**Required Courses:** Students are encouraged to take these general/related (non-nursing) courses prior to entry into the nursing program.

General Education/Related Courses

BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 175	General Microbiology
ENG 111	Expository Writing
ENG 113	Literature Based Research
PSY 150	General Psychology
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology
Elective	3 hours Humanities Elective
ACA 115	Success and Study Skills

\*BIO 111 General Biology is highly recommended prior to BIO 168, 169 and 175.

**Completion of these courses will help prepare for, but not guarantee, admission into the program.**

**Those admitted to the ADN program must attend an orientation program prior to the first day of class. Students will be notified of orientation dates.**

**Students admitted will be assessed a one time program fee of \$353.00 the first semester. The charge covers a prescriptive learning program to help prepare for the NCLEX-RN.**

**Graduates of the ADN program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), which is required to practice as a registered nurse.**

**Enrollment in the ADN Program is limited. Applicants are advised to apply early.**

**QUESTIONS! Contact Susan V. Hendrick @ 828-286-3636, ext. 441**