

**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 four sequential semesters in length.
  - c) will be separate from the existing practical nurse programs in the above colleges.
4. Advanced Placement nursing students enter spring semester. The number of students admitted is determined by the N.C. State Board of Nursing. Applicants must meet specific criteria before entering the nursing program.
5. Isothermal Community College is the administrative unit and the central location of the three colleges.
6. 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.
7. Nursing classes will be held on all three campuses at some period of time during the program.
8. When possible, non-nursing courses will be scheduled on the campus of the student's county of residence.
9. 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.
10. When possible, the majority of clinical experiences will be scheduled in or near the student's county of residence.
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.
12. Admission to the Foothills Nursing Consortium Associate Degree Nursing Program is very competitive. Simply meeting admission criteria does not guarantee an applicant an offer of admission. For example, the GPA of those offered admission is higher than the established minimum requirements. Students are selected on the basis of several factors to include academic records, admission test scores, recent college courses and related grades.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
Associate Degree in Nursing Program (ADN)  
Applicant Information Packet  
SPRING 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 for designated examinations. A waiting list is not maintained. A content outline of the challenge proficiency exam will be provided to eligible examinees.

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 Advanced Placement program. All materials must be sent to the college of application.

1. Submit completed **application** to appropriate college.
2. Provide official transcript of **high school** education **and/or GED scores**.
3. Submit an **official transcript** from all colleges, Practical Nursing Programs, or other nursing programs attended (course syllabi may be required). A college course **must be a grade of "C" or higher to be considered for transfer**. The minimum required college GPA (within last 2 years) is 2.5.
4. Submit **(3) three references**, (not relatives or close friends) one of which must be a work reference, if applicable. Example: teachers, employers, supervisors, 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. **Placement tests** will be administered at the college of application. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the college's testing center to make arrangements for placement testing. The placement test consists of Reading, English/Writing Skills, Numerical Skills and Algebra.
6. Complete all **developmental courses** required as a result of placement tests with grade of "C" or better. See examples below (lower scores may require additional lower level courses):

Improved College Reading	RED 090
Composition Strategies English	ENG 090 & 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 must 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

**In addition to the seven (7) general admission requirements listed above, the Advanced Placement candidates must also:**

8. Have evidence of a current unrestricted license or eligibility of candidacy as a Practical Nurse in the state of North Carolina is required. The unrestricted license must also be current at the time of entry into the program.
9. Have BIO 168 (Anatomy and Physiology I) and PSY 150 (General Psychology in progress if the Anatomy and Physiology series has not been completed.

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

## SELECTION PROCESS & PROCEDURES

**DEADLINE/DATES SPRING 2010**

10. The above criteria **and payment (\$55.00) for the Challenge Exam must be met by:** **August 5, 2009**
11. If notified Report for the Challenge Exam. **Minimum score of 77 is required.** **August 20, 2009**
12. If notified, report for the PSB-Nursing School Aptitude Examination- R.N. (Fee \$16.00). **Minimum weighted score of 45 is required.** **September 14, 2009**
13. Notification to those eligible for a group information session will be mailed. **September 21, 2009**
14. The group information session will be conducted by the nursing advisor and the nursing director/faculty. **Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 2009**
15. **Completed** health form due. **October 6, 2009**
16. Final selection for admission is based on a review of the candidate's academic record, test results, favorable references, and health examination results. Written notification of acceptance will be sent by the admitting college and ADN Director. **October 14, 2009**
17. During spring semester, if not already completed, BIO 169 (Anatomy and Physiology II) must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. **Spring 2010**

**Other Courses:** Students may take these general/related (non-nursing) courses before being accepted into the nursing program.

ACA 115	Success and Study Skills
BIO 175	General Microbiology
ENG 111	Expository Writing
ENG 113	Literature Based Research
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology
3 credit hrs	Humanities Elective

**18. A passing score on the challenge exam gives the accepted advanced placement student credit for the following courses:**

NUR 111  
NUR 112

The student will register for the nursing transition course upon entrance to the nursing program.

**\*Suggested review books for the challenge exam are:** the latest edition of Eyles, Mary O., Mosby's Comprehensive Review of Practical Nursing for NCLEX-PN (a free computer disk is included with the book) or NCLEX PN Review Made Incredibly Easy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Springhouse Corporation, ISBN: 1582559155. Review books may be purchased at the college's bookstore.

**All Associate Degree Nursing students are required to have health insurance coverage.**

**Those admitted to the FNC will be notified of a program of orientation.**

**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 students 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**