Thank you for your interest in the Concept-Based Fast Track Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Foothills Nursing Consortium (FNC). Please read the entire packet thoroughly. We want to make sure you have the best possible chance of being selected by completing all processes and submitting all necessary application documents completely, correctly, and by the deadline. Please note, prospective nursing candidates residing in the four-county service area of Foothills Nursing Consortium should apply to the home college within the student’s service area. Other applicants may apply to the college of their convenience. If there are any questions, contact the pre-nursing coordinator at your college of application:

- Cleveland Community College: Audrea Brown, 704-669-4073, or browna822@clevelandcc.edu
- Isothermal Community College: Tina Porter, 828-395-1621, or tporter@isothermal.edu
- McDowell Technical Community College: Belinda Foster, 828-652-0611, or bfoster@mcdowelltech.edu

This application is for the Concept-Based Fast Track program that begins **summer semester 2019**. All deadlines and requirements in this document must be met to be eligible to apply.

Enrollment is limited, and admission is a competitive process. Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee an applicant an offer of admission into the nursing program. FNC does not use a waiting list. Therefore, applicant records must be updated annually.

Students are encouraged to take the required general education (non-nursing) courses prior to entry into the nursing program. PSY 150, 241 and/or ACA can be taken along with nursing courses if the student desires to be registered for “full-time” (12 hour) status. BIO 168 and BIO 169 or BIO 165 and BIO 166 must be completed in correct sequence. BIO 111 General Biology is highly recommended prior to BIO 168, 169 and 175 or 275. The General Education (non-nursing) required courses for the ADN are:

- ACA 115 Success and Study Skills or ACA 122 College Transfer Success (recommended in first semester if taken with nursing courses)
- BIO 168 or BIO 165 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 169 or BIO 166 Anatomy & Physiology II (must take BIO 168 or 165 prior to taking this)
- BIO 175 General Microbiology or BIO 275 Microbiology (BIO 275 is transferrable)
- ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry
- ENG 112 Writing & Research in the Disciplines (or ENG 113 or ENG 114)
- PSY 150 General Psychology
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology (must take PSY 150 prior to taking this)
- Humanities Elective (3 credit hours from AGE-N UGETC are suggested if considering obtaining BSN)
STEP 1: Apply for admission to your COLLEGE (CCC; ICC; or MTCC) - Complete any college specific requirements such as placement testing and/or orientation and Complete this application for admission to Foothills Nursing Consortium. Submit to your pre-nursing advisor by: February 21, 2019.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

College ID# _______________ Last 4 digits SSN# __________ Date of birth __________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State __________ Zip Code _______________

Phone(s): _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Student Email Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Personal Email Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Student must complete the following:

☐ Current application for admissions to your college (CCC; ICC; or MTCC)
☐ Official college transcript(s) from all colleges, including PN or other nursing programs attended.
☐ Current unrestricted LPN licensure listing on NC Board of Nursing (NCBON) without reprimands against license.
☐ Minimum required college GPA is 2.5 or bachelor’s degree. To sit for the TEAS, the GPA is based on a minimum of 12 hours of college credit calculated as follows:
  ☐ Most recent college cumulative GPA if there is a minimum of 12 hours of college credit, or
  ☐ If there are multiple transcripts with courses taken in the same most recent time period, then at least one transcript has a 2.5 cumulative GPA calculated using a minimum of 12 college credit hours.
☐ Attendance at an Allied Health/Health Sciences Information Session.
☐ Submit three (3) professional references (Example: teachers, employers, supervisors, guidance counselors.) References must be no more than one-year-old at the time of the general admission requirement deadline. References must be received by the admitting college in envelopes sealed by the reference persons on forms provided. To proceed to step two (2), the three (3) references must be at or above “recommend.”
☐ Satisfactory completion or exemption of developmental courses as required by placement test results:
  DMA 025-045 or equivalent _________ and DRE 096 – 098 or equivalent _________
STEP 2: TAKE the TEAS to Determine Points / Ranking

The ATI TEAS test will be given at the following campuses:

- Isothermal Community College – March 21, 2019
- Cleveland Community College – (dates to be determined)
- McDowell Technical Community College – March 21, 2019

The estimated cost for the test is $65.00. The pre-nursing coordinator will instruct you how to register and pay. The TEAS includes Reading, Math (including Algebra) Science, and English sections. The TEAS composite (total adjusted) score will be used to rank applicants for the program and a minimum score of 65 is required to be considered for the program. A composite score can only be attained through testing on all four areas at one sitting. Students will receive a score immediately upon completion of the TEAS.

Information on TEAS as well as exam preparation may be found at: www.atitesting.com. Study guides maybe available for review in the admitting college library or for purchase in the admitting college bookstore. Study guides may also be purchased online from ATI. Online practice assessments are also available at the vendor website: www.atitesting.com.

You must schedule and take the TEAS by March 21, 2019 to be considered as an applicant for the summer 2019 nursing program. Applicants should not schedule the TEAS until after receiving notification from the pre-nursing coordinator at the college of application.

Students may use TEAS scores five (5) years old or newer from a college or from an approved location within the United States following ATI guidelines. If taken at a test center other than your college of application, the TEAS score submitted must be official / from ATI, and must be received by the pre-nursing coordinator by March 21, 2019.

The ATI may be taken every 30 days up until March 21, 2019, (no scores will be accepted after 3/21/19). The TEAS scores and rankings will be sent to the Director who will identify the top 20 scorers from the three colleges. The highest score will be ranked in first place. Scores will be ranked to include one decimal place. The FNC Director will notify the top 20 applicants by email or US Postal Service by April 15, 2019.

TEAS Score __________Rank for Admission __________

Pre-Nursing Advisor Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date]
STEP 3: POST ACCEPTANCE - COMPLETE / SUBMIT the following to the FNC Director by April 22, 2019: Health Form; BLS Healthcare Provider (CPR); signed Essential Functions documentation (located on your college’s FNC website) post acceptance.

Applicants not eligible for step 3 will be notified by the pre-nursing advisor. The Student Medical Form and Essential Functions will be distributed to students who make at least 65 on the ATI TEAS. As part of the completed medical form, the healthcare provider must indicate the applicant has “physical and emotional health” as specified in the Essential Functions that have been articulated for the program. Throughout the nursing program, students must be able to meet the Essential Functions, with or without, reasonable accommodations. To view the Essential Functions, go to https://www.isothermal.edu/fnc/essential-functions.html.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by email and/or U.S. Postal Service by April 15, 2019. Upon acceptance, applicants are advised to begin working on the medical form early. Minimally, a student should schedule an appointment with a health care provider within 1 week of receiving the acceptance letter and begin collection of immunization records. Students are advised to begin the process of health requirements (e.g. PPD, Hepatitis series, varicella titer or series) but evidence of these is not required until after program acceptance. Completed Health Forms and immunization information are to be returned to the FNC Director by April 22, 2019.

- Admitted students are required to pay an Immunizations tracking fee (approximately $15.00 per year) due to the FNC Director by April 22, 2019.
- Criminal background checks and drug screenings will be required by clinical sites for students admitted to the ADN program at the student’s expense (approximately $65.00) by a professional vendor. Failure to achieve acceptable standards will result in the denial of clinical privileges.
- Students admitted will be assessed a one-time testing fee of $485.00 plus tax, which covers ATI Testing services, a prescriptive learning program to help prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN).
- Personal health insurance is the responsibility of the student. Neither the college of application nor clinical agencies provide health coverage for the student.
- All students must provide proof of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (American Heart Association Certification Basic Life Support is preferred) which should be good for two years by the program orientation day.
- Students admitted to the nursing program must attend the program orientation prior to the first day of class. Students will be notified of orientation dates.
- All courses in the program are prerequisites for courses in subsequent semesters. Classes will be held at each campus and clinical rotations will vary among surrounding counties—travel is required and may be more than one hour from campus. Class/clinical may be conducted during day, evening, and/or weekend hours. Students are responsible for arranging their transportation.

For more information, contact: Kim Amos, PhD, MS(N), RN, CNE, Director of Foothills Nursing Consortium, at 828-395-1741 or kamos@isothermal.edu or your pre-nursing coordinator at your campus of application.