

Nursing Program Applicant Checklist

All applicants are responsible for knowing the information presented in the [BRCC Catalog](#) and on the [Nursing Program website](#).

- ☐ **Apply** to BRCC through [the VCCS application](#).
- ☐ **Submit** the [Transcript Evaluation Request Form \(Google doc\)](#) to have any of your previous coursework reviewed and transferred for credit. Additional information regarding transfer credit can be found [here](#).
- ☐ **Meet with an Advisor**. An Advisor can create a success plan for you including which pre-requisites to take and when, and how to strengthen your nursing program application.
- ☐ **Complete Required Coursework**
 - There are 9 prerequisite/general education courses that are considered when admissions decisions are made.
 - You must earn a curricular GPA of at least 2.50 in all prerequisite/general education courses taken prior to, or concurrent with, application to the clinical component.
 - BIO 141 and BIO 142 must have been successfully completed within 7 years of enrollment in the clinical component of the program to count towards admissions.
 - **A grade of “C” or higher is required in all prerequisite/general education courses, but having mostly A’s and B’s in the 9 courses make your application more competitive.**

You must be in progress or have completed the following courses in order to be considered for the program:

- ☐ *BIO 141- A& P I (See important note below) ☐ ENG 111- College Comp I ☐ ENG 112- College Comp II
- ☐ PSY 230- Dev. Psych ☐ SDV 100/101 (SDV 101- Intro to Nursing preferred)

Preference is given to those who are in progress or have completed these additional courses, it is strongly recommended that you complete as many as your schedule allows as the clinical component of the nursing program is 32-36 hours a week of coursework:

- ☐ BIO 142- A & P II ☐ PHI 220-Ethics ☐ SOC 215-Soc. of the Family
- ☐ BIO 150 - Microbiology for Health Sciences

*To enroll in BIO 141 (Anatomy and Physiology I) students will need to either:

- Pass the Anatomy Placement Test (APT) with a 70% or higher
 - Use this link for testing information, study modules, and registration: <https://learn.vccs.edu/enroll/PAGAHG>
 - Review modules and then take practice exam without notes
 - Take APT at [Testing Center](#) or [Waynesboro Outpost](#)
 - The APT may be taken twice a month.
- Pass NAS 2 – Foundations of Life Sciences
- Take (or have already taken) BIO 101 with a C or higher
- Have already taken BIO 141 with a C or higher
- Have earned a Bachelor’s degree

Please watch this video that reviews the above options: [BIO 141 Pre Rec Information](#)

☐ **Submit an application to the Nursing program**

- Students are not “in” the clinical component of the Nursing program until they have applied to the program and have been officially admitted by the Nursing department.
- This application is separate from the general BRCC application and can be found [on the BRCC Nursing Clinical page](#).
- The traditional program admits one time a year, in the Fall. The LPN-RN Bridge Program admits one time a year, in the Summer.
- You may submit an application to the Nursing program prior to completing the Kaplan Nursing Entrance Exam.
- The application cycle is November 1st – February 1st each year.

☐ **Send high school transcripts to BRCC. High school transcripts or equivalent are required for program admission. Official High School Transcripts (Required for all applicants, including those with previous college degree).**

☐ **Nursing Entrance Test (Kaplan Exam).**

- Students will take [Kaplan’s Admission Test](#). The test is paid for by the college and can be taken **only once** per application period.
- Students need to score 45% or higher on each component: Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Critical Thinking.
- **You may submit an application to the Nursing program prior to completing the Kaplan Nursing Entrance Exam. Please refer to the timeline table on [the BRCC Nursing Clinical page](#) for application and Kaplan testing dates, as the LPN-RN Bridge and early admissions decision Kaplan test due date is earlier than the traditional decision.**

☐ **Additional Preference given for:**

- Previous paid work experience in a certified health care setting within the past year
- EMT/Rescue Squad Volunteer with at least 50 documented hours within the past year
- Paid experience as a medic
- Current or prior experience in the Armed Forces or Department of Defense (Veteran Status)
- Bachelor’s degree
- Associate’s Degree
- Residence within the BRCC service region
 - Cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro; Counties of Augusta, Highland, or Rockingham.

☐ **If you already have your CNA certificate or LPN license, please submit copy to registrar@brcc.edu**

☐ **Criminal Records:** For students with criminal records, please note that certain convictions will prevent you from participating in clinical rotations resulting in the inability to successfully complete the nursing program. If you have a questionable criminal record, please reach out to the nursing program director for guidance. The director can NOT provide guidance on if you will be able to sit for your NCLEX after graduation.