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Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, Accelerated Track in Nursing (ATN)

Admission Guide

Catalog Year: 2025-2026

The ATN Nursing Program at Valencia College is Limited-Access. The ATN track is intended for students who have an active Florida license in Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Paramedic, Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT), or Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Technologist. This guide outlines the admissions process, including program course requirements, application requirements, and the next steps after applying. The ATN program equips students with the skills and experience needed to succeed as a Registered Nurse (RN).

Admission Updates

1. **Admission Changes (Effective Spring 2026)**
   At this time, the ATN program will not accept applications for the Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 terms. More details regarding these changes can be found on our website.

2. **Prerequisite Changes (Effective Fall 2025)**
   Beginning Fall 2025, the ATN program prerequisites have been updated. Please review the new requirements carefully before applying.

3. **Updated Admission Rubric**
   The maximum possible admission score has been adjusted from **76 points to 70 points**, reflecting changes to prerequisite courses and ATI TEAS score weighting.

Application Deadlines Per Term

Program Start Term	Application Open	Application Close
Fall 2025	May 15	May 31

Traditional ASN Program Locations

Campus Location
West and Osceola Campus
International students on F-1 status is not eligible to apply for this program because it is offered primarily online

Complete Before Applying

Item	Details
Program Requirements	Confirm you meet all the program requirements outlined in this guide, including prerequisite classes, required minimum GPAs, and ATI TEAS score.
Valencia College General Admission	Complete **ALL** the steps outlined in the **Steps to Enrollment** **Applying to Valencia College:** (This is the General Admission Application and not the secondary Health Sciences Application) **Submit transcripts:** Submit high school and college transcripts from all institutions attended. Transcripts must be posted to your Valencia record before applying. Students using AP/IB/CLEP scores for prerequisites must request official scores from collegeboard.org (AP/CLEP) or ibo.org (IB). * *Transfer students who are not considered "first-time in college" do not need to submit a high school transcript.* **Placement Testing:** Meet Valencia College entry testing requirements **Student Success Coach:** Meet with a Student Success Coach to ensure you've met all requirements.
Confirm Eligibility	You must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. Permanent Resident, or International Student. *International Students*: In addition to the required background check for clinical compliance (post-acceptance), a second background check from your home country is required. For concerns regarding this requirement, contact the Health Sciences Compliance Office. *Individuals with DACA, Temporary Protection Status, Refugee, or Asylee status must complete the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) before applying. Graduates will need a **Social Security Number** for NCLEX-RN licensure.
Age Requirement	Must be 18 or older by the start date of the Nursing Program
Nursing Information Session	Virtual or in-person nursing information sessions are held each term to discuss the program requirements.
Core Performance Standards	Review the Core Performance Standards Requirement
Transfer Courses	Transfer courses may need to be reviewed for potential course substitution or equivalency. This must be completed before submitting the program application. Transfer courses with 'S' or 'P' grades need to be reviewed for eligibility by the Health Sciences Team.

Program Course Requirements

The following points system is used to select eligible students. Student selection is based on the total number of points earned, overall GPA, Prerequisite GPA, and ATI TEAS Scores. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline with a grade of "C" or better. You may not repeat a course for grade forgiveness for which you previously earned a grade of A, B or C.

Minimum Overall GPA Requirement: 2.5

Minimum ATI TEAS Requirement: Composite Score of 65%

If ATI TEAS was taken outside of the Valencia College Assessment Center, you must request official exam scores from ATI TEAS and then complete the ATI Matching Request form

Program Course Prerequisites The following courses are **required** to be eligible for selection.			
Course	**Title**	**CR**	**Points**
BSC 2085C or BSC 2093C	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	A=10, B=8, C=6
BSC 2086C or BSC 2094C	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	A=10, B=8, C=6
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4	A=10, B=8, C=6
HUN 1201 or HUN 2202	Nutrition	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
PSY 2012 or DEP 2004	Psychology	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Mathematics	Core Math	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Humanities	Core Humanities	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
POS 2041, AMH 2020, AMH 2010 (AMH 2010 completed in fall 2024 and beyond)	Civic Literacy	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Additional Points			
Florida Civic Literacy Exam	Passing Score: 60%		1
BSC 1010C *This class is no longer required. Points will be issued if completed before fall 2025. **This is effective until summer 2026**	General Biology I	4	A=3, B=2, C=1
HUN 2015 *This class is no longer required. Points will be issued if completed before summer 2025. **This is effective until summer 2026**	Diet Therapy	1	1
HSC 1004 or SLS 1122	Introduction to Health Professions **or** New Student Experience	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
CHM1025C	Intro. to General Chemistry	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
STA2023	Statistical Methods	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Advance Degree	Completion of a bachelor's degree or higher		5
Required Documentation **All Licenses Must Be Active in The State of Florida**			

Applicants must have <u>one</u> of the following **active licenses** in the State of Florida:
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) *or*
- Paramedic *or*
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) *or*
- Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Technologist (i.e., RCIS, RCES, RCS, RVS).

All students must maintain a valid license, certification, or registry while enrolled in the program.

Official Transcript of completion for LNP, Paramedic, RRT, or CVT programs must be submitted.

All applicants (**except** Paramedic) must submit documentation of satisfactory completion of an intravenous therapy course that meets Florida Board of Nursing Rules as outlined in Chapter 64B9-12.005: Administration of Intravenous Therapy. (Must be 30+ hours from the State of Florida)

Total Possible Points	**70**

How to Apply to the Nursing Program

Steps to Apply	Description
Submit a <u>Secondary</u> Nursing <u>Application</u>.	1. Submit a General Valencia College Application. (This must be completed first. (***Active** students **are not required** to submit a General Admission Application.)* 2. Submit a Nursing Application
Valencia Student Status	Your Valencia College Student Status **must** be "active" before submitting a secondary Nursing Program application
Log In to the Application	Use your MyVC username and password. You must complete the entire application. ***Valencia College Employees** – If you are using a @valenciacollege.edu email to apply, you must contact healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu for support with the application. *If you receive an ***error message*** when applying, please contact healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu for support with the application
Submit the Application	Pay the $15 non-refundable application fee. The application is **NOT** complete until payment is received.

What Happens After You Apply

Application Review Process: The application reviews will occur over 4-6 weeks after the closing deadline. Admissions are based on a competitive points system.

Application Notification: Your application decision will be sent to your MyVC email. You must monitor your email for updates. You will receive one of the following responses below:

Response Type

Response Type	Description
Selected	Accepted into the Program. Must confirm acceptance
Alternate	May be offered a seat if one becomes available
Not Selected	Met program eligibility requirements, but not competitive for selection
Ineligible	Did not meet program eligibility requirements

Requirements If Selected for Admission

Mandatory Nursing Orientation: All accepted students must attend the Mandatory Nursing Orientation, which is held before the program begins.

2025-2026 Orientation Dates

Term	Orientation Date	Start of Term
Fall 2025	Wednesday, July 9, 2025	Monday, August 18, 2025

Clinical Compliance Requirements

Compliance requirements and deadlines will be discussed during Orientation. Students who are accepted into a Health Sciences Program must submit the items listed below:

Item	Description
Background Check	Level II Background Check
Drug Screening	10 Panel Drug Screening
Fingerprints	To ensure students meet clinical requirements
CPR Certification	**American Heart Association** (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Certification
Required Vaccinations	1. **COVID-19** or Exemption Form 2. **Hepatitis B series** or signed Declaration Form 3. **Influenza** (Flu)* 4. **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) 5. **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) 6. **Tuberculosis** (TB) screening* 7. **Varicella** (Chickenpox) or proof of immunity * Required Annually

Contact Information

Questions?	Contact
Application Questions	healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu
Compliance Questions	hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu
Health Sciences Website	https://valenciacollege.edu/health
Nursing Info Session	https://valenciacollege.edu/HealthInfoSessions
Valencia College Application	https://valenciacollege.edu/apply-credit/
Secondary Nursing App	https://valenciacollege.edu/apply-health
Valencia Assessment Center	https://valenciacollege.edu/teas
ATI TEAS Website	https://www.atitesting.com/teas/transcript
ATI TEAS Matching Request Form	https://forms.valenciacollege.edu/assessment-ati-score-matching-request
Equal Opportunity Institution	https://valenciacollege.edu/about/equal-opportunity-title-ix/

Estimated Program Cost

Item	Cost Range
CastleBranch	$192.99
Uniforms	Up to $230
Nursing Lab Kits	Up to $350
Trajecsys	$176.47
Instructional Material	Up to $800
Immunizations	Up to $500

*Disclaimer: Prices are subject to change. This cost does not include tuition

NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements, the following list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity, or activities, that a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Nursing Program. These standards are a part of each Nursing course and of the professional role expectation of a Nurse.

For the Nursing Program, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program. Valencia College: School of Health Sciences makes no preadmission inquiries concerning an applicant's disability status. Information related to an applicant's disabilities is not a part of the information reviewed by the Admission Committee.

These Performance Standards should be used to assist students in identifying the academic and clinical expectations for all students. Students needing reasonable accommodations to fulfill required program outcomes or clinical expectations are encouraged to contact the Office for Students with Disabilities to engage in an interactive process regarding their request. It is the student's responsibility to notify and register with the Office for Students with Disabilities to identify and receive reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are effective only after engaging in this process and are not retroactive. Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether any accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. **Valencia is an Equal Opportunity Institution**.

Core Performance Standards		
Criteria	**Standard**	**Examples Of Required Activities**
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients, significant others, peers, and other members of the healthcare team
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Effectively explain treatments and procedures; initiate health teaching; document and interpret nursing actions and patient responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Move around in patients' rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas; perform CPR; position, transfer, and lift patients without restrictions
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.	Calibrate and use equipment
Hearing	Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess patient needs, and to provide a safe environment.	Hears monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultator sounds, and cries for assistance
Visual	Visual acuity sufficient for the provision of safe patient care. Ability to read and record on printed and electronic records.	Observes patient responses; perform physical examination; perform nursing interventions
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform physical examination and interventions