ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (RN) & PRACTICAL NURSING (PN)
ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE FOR FALL 2016

QUALIFICATION DEADLINE – JANUARY 22, 2016

Students are admitted to the HCC Nursing Programs in accordance with policies approved by the HCC President and Board of Trustees. HCC does not guarantee admission to all students who apply to the nursing programs. Completion of a nursing curriculum does not guarantee success in passing the licensure exam.

Nursing students must be admitted to a nursing program in order to take courses for credit in any nursing (NUR) course. Curriculum courses other than NUR courses may be taken before admission in the program or after admission in the sequence offered.

Admission to the nursing programs is limited. The deadline to complete the application process is January 22, 2016. HCC may contact students by mail, telephone, and/or e-mail during any step of the application process and encourages students to update the admission's department if any of this information changes. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all requirements are met by the established deadline and to ensure accurate information is on file with the admissions office.

Application Process (Must be complete by January 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm)

1. Submit an application for admission to the college indicating Associate Degree Nursing or Practical Nursing after January 23, 2015.

2. Submit official records of high school graduation or equivalency and all post-secondary transcripts. (Currently enrolled high school students are to submit a partial transcript at time of application. A final transcript must be submitted at the time of graduation.)

3. Submit a copy of signed Social Security card to admissions department.

4. Complete requirements for DRE 098, DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050 or the equivalent course(s) with a “Pass”. Students who are enrolled in any of these courses during the Spring semester of the admission year will not be considered for Fall admission to the nursing program.

5. Attend a Nursing Information Session at Halifax Community College and complete the Health Sciences Admission Form. Students are required to attend an information session for Fall 2016 admissions (August 2015 through January 2016), even if a previous information session was attended. Information sessions will begin promptly at 5:00 pm. Applicants arriving late for an information
session will not be admitted, and must return to attend an information session at a later date. Information Session schedule is posted on the HCC Health Sciences webpage at www.halifaxcc.edu/healthsciences

6. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.500 or higher as of the end of Fall 2015 semester. GPA is determined by most recent college transcript with a minimum of 12 hours of non-developmental credit. If student has no transcript with 12 or more credit hours, then high school GPA is used to determine eligibility.

**Nursing Admission Testing**

Once the Application Process (Steps 1-6 above) is complete, students will be placed on a list for the testing coordinator, which qualifies the student to take the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam.

a. The HESI A2 exam may be taken once per admission cycle (test dates are will be posted on the Health Sciences webpage, and will begin after the January 22, 2016 deadline), and must be taken at Halifax Community College.

b. The HESI A2 exam at HCC will consist of the following sections:
   1) Math
   2) Reading Comprehension
   3) Grammar
   4) Vocabulary
   5) Learning Style (non-graded)
   6) Personality Profile (non-graded)
   7) Critical Thinking (non-graded)

c. The fee for the HESI A2 (currently $40, subject to change) must be paid at the HCC cashier’s window and the receipt presented to the Testing Coordinator along with a valid picture ID before the test may be taken.
   1) Students will register for a specific date/time to take the HESI A2 after paying this fee.
   2) Instructions for registration will be provided at time of payment.

d. Other tests (Career Readiness Certification, TEAS) are no longer valid as admission tests for Halifax Community College’s Nursing Programs.

e. The composite score on the HESI A2 will be incorporated into the ranking process for the nursing programs, so higher scores will improve a student's chances of being offered a seat in the nursing class, however, there is no minimum score required.

f. Students must arrive for testing on time, and be seated prior to the test start time. Any student arriving late, or not having all of the required documentation to test will not be allowed into the testing room, and will need to test at a future date. If this occurs on the last testing date for the admission cycle, the student will not be eligible for admission. There will be no make-up test dates.
Ranking/Conditional Acceptance/Alternate List

1. HCC accepts 35-45 students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program and 18 students into the Practical Nursing Program each Fall semester.

Following the application process, should there be more qualified applicants than space available, the following criteria will be used to determine those selected for admission:
   a. Composite score on HESI Admission Assessment (A2)
   b. Quality Points for General Education Courses in Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum
   c. Current certification as NA I, NAII, or successful completion of allied health curriculum, including LPN
   d. Residency in HCC service area (Halifax or Northampton County)
   e. GPA of 3.000 or higher

See the Minimum Admissions Review (MAR) sheet for specific ranking criteria.

2. A letter of conditional acceptance will be sent to students who ranked highest in the process. Letters indicating placement on the alternate list will be sent to all other students who met the ranking qualifications, but were not offered seats in the program at that time.

3. Students who do not enter the nursing program Fall 2016 for any reason will need to reapply to be considered for future admission. HCC does not maintain a waiting list. Students may reapply by attending a nursing information session and completing a Health Sciences Admission form.