



FALL 2025

# PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA

## Application Period

Jan 23, 2025 - Apr 22, 2025



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*The fall 2025 selection process is subject to change when extenuating circumstances arise. If any changes arise involving CFCC's ability to adhere to the information below, CFCC will reserve the right to make adjustments and will make every effort to communicate these to the applicants in a timely manner.*

The Practical Nursing (PN) curriculum prepares individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN), which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Employment opportunities include a wide variety of health care settings such as hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physician's offices, industry, and community health agencies.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

**It is the nursing applicants' responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline. Nursing deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions.**

The Practical Nursing Program faculty provide helpful information sessions that cover the application process and delivery of the program throughout the year. Please refer to the PN website for dates and times. Attendance is not required to apply to the program; however, if proper documentation is provided, points will be awarded on the applicant's point count sheet.

Admission to any and all educational programs offered by Cape Fear Community College is made without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status or other irrelevant factors.

**The Practical Nursing program at CFCC requires a separate, program specific application, as it is selective admission. Students must complete an "Intent to Apply" during the application period. This is done electronically and can be accessed at the program website: [www.cfcc.edu/practical-nursing/](http://www.cfcc.edu/practical-nursing/).**

Prior to completing the "Intent to Apply", prospective students must first be accepted for general admission to Cape Fear Community College. Below are the steps for acceptance to CFCC:

Note: If you are interested in this program, but are not sure about meeting all requirements, you are encouraged to contact the staff of the HSEC: [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu) or complete the form on the [application website](#) for further support.

**To participate in the application process (file an “Intent to Apply”) students must:**

1. Complete the CFCC General Admissions Application, which includes the Residency Determination Application. For students that have applied to or have taken classes at CFCC previously: the application has to be active. If the prospective student has not attended classes at CFCC for one year (12 months) or longer, they must reapply and be accepted prior to filing an “Intent”.
2. Request official transcripts from a regionally accredited High School/High School Equivalency agency. High School/High School Equivalency transcripts must indicate the date graduated. Official transcripts are those received either electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery to CFCC in the original, sealed envelope from the awarding institution or agency. If the prospective student graduated from a North Carolina public high school within the past three years, they may request that an official high school transcript be sent electronically to the Admissions Office via the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) website at [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org). The official school administrator for home schooled students must submit a copy of the home school’s approved registration from the state in which they are registered (if applicable), and a home school transcript with graduation date. All students selected to the program must have graduated from high school at the start of the program or have earned the equivalent credentials.
3. Request official transcripts from **all** colleges and/or universities attended (if applicable; must come from institution where classes were taken) be mailed or electronically sent to the Admissions and/or Records Office. These will be reviewed for possible transfer credit. Note: transcripts from Masters or Ph.D. programs are not required. Transcripts from colleges that are not regionally accredited may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Once accepted to CFCC, students must meet the minimum requirements listed below and then need to file an “Intent to Apply” electronically during the application period:

1. **Applicants must meet minimum English and Math requirements.** Any parts of the criteria below can be combined to meet the requirements. ***Official transcripts and/or test scores are required.***
  - An Associate’s Degree or higher **OR**
  - An unweighted U.S. High School GPA of 2.8 or higher regardless of graduation year or NC Community College Adult High School (AHS) unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher **OR**
    - High School Career and College Ready Graduate (CCRG) Enhanced English IV score of 80 or higher on Tiers I and II **AND**
    - High School CCRG Math score of 80 or higher on Tiers I, II, and III **OR** Math 3 End of Course (EOC) score of 4 or higher **OR**
  - Completion of **English Composition I or higher** (or its equivalent; i.e., ENG-111 in the North Carolina Community College common course library) **and College Algebra or higher** (or its equivalent; MAT-121 or MAT-171 in the North Carolina Community College common course library) with a grade of “C” or better at a regionally accredited college (Note: if both requirements are met via CFCC transfer credit, then skip to bullet no. 2) **OR**
  - Successful completion of developmental or transitional English and Math classes at a North Carolina Community College (only) that would allow direct placement into ENG-111 and MAT-

171 **without concurrent pre- or co-requisites** (if taken at a four-year college/university or out of state, please contact the CFCC Health Science Enrollment Center at [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu) if you have questions) **OR**

- Completion of an NCDAP, Accuplacer (Classic, not Next Gen.), RISE, or COMPASS Placement Test with English and Math placement into ENG-111 and MAT-171 **without pre- or co-requisites**, regardless of completion date. Please contact the CFCC Health Science Enrollment Center at [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu) if you have questions about the use of test scores to meet Math and English requirements.

2. **Students must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in all post-secondary coursework completed at Cape Fear Community College** (If the applicant has never attended CFCC this requirement may be disregarded). However, after an “Intent to Apply” has been filed, the student must consistently maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 for each semester enrolled at CFCC in order to enter the program in the fall. If the student’s CFCC cumulative GPA is below 2.5 at the time of filing an “Intent to Apply” and they have not been enrolled in CFCC for one year (12 months) or longer, they may be eligible for *Academic Forgiveness* (see 2024 – 2025 catalog for more information).

3. **Completion of the TEAS Test (by ATI; versions 6 and 7 only) and meet the cut off score requirement (have scored a minimum of 50 in EACH of the four sections).**

4. **Filing an “Intent to Apply”**

An “Intent to Apply” for the Practical Nursing Program is completed **ONLINE** during the application period of January 23, 2025 through April 22, 2025. Students must visit the program’s website ([www.cfcc.edu/practical-nursing/](http://www.cfcc.edu/practical-nursing/)), click on the “File My Intent” button, and study the instructions to proceed. Students must make sure to complete all required fields/areas all the way to the end and then submit the form. If the “Intent” is approved, i.e., all eligibility requirements are met, the student will receive information in their CFCC e-mail account explaining the next steps. Students who file an “Intent to Apply” and do not meet the minimum requirements will receive an e-mail addressing the missing items. Once eligible, they may re-file their “Intent” as long as it is prior to the end of the application period. Note: If technical difficulties are encountered, students may contact the CFCC Helpdesk at 910-362-4357. All interested applicants must file the “Intent to Apply” prior to the end of the application period.

**Note:** Students requesting to transfer from another nursing program may contact the Health Science Enrollment Center at 910-362-7139 or [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu) for details.

**“Intent to Apply” Checklist for the Practical Nursing Program:**

- Acceptance to CFCC (via general college admissions) or active application status
- Official high school transcript on file at CFCC
- Official college/university transcripts (if applicable) on file at CFCC
- Overall GPA at CFCC of 2.5 or higher (if the applicant has never attended CFCC this requirement may be disregarded. After an “Intent to Apply” has been filed, the student must consistently maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 for each semester enrolled at CFCC in order to enter the program in the fall.)
- English and Math eligibility (see pages 2-3)
- Completion of the TEAS exam and have scored a minimum of 50 in each section **PRIOR** to filing an “Intent to Apply”

Note I: Having an active registry of NA I or NA II is not part of meeting minimum requirements to apply; it does count for points (see page 6 for details).

Note II: Having completed all general education courses that are part of the PN program is not required in order to complete the selective admissions application to PN.

Note III: Completion of general education courses prior to the start of the program does not decrease the number of semesters required to graduate. The program duration is three semesters.

## TESTING INFORMATION

**Students who wish to be considered for admission to CFCC's PN program must first ensure they meet the minimum application requirements.** They should schedule and complete the TEAS exam (by ATI) prior to filing an "Intent to Apply". This is done independently from the CFCC nursing application process. There is no set limit to the number of times an applicant may take the TEAS test, however, if using CFCC as a testing site, a student may test only two times per academic year; additional tests may be taken offsite. Those who have taken the TEAS test in previous years should be aware that tests are only valid for five years from the time they file an "Intent to Apply". Once the TEAS test is taken and **only if the cut off score requirement is met (see below)**, the applicant should request that an official score report be made available to CFCC. If the TEAS test was taken at CFCC, the staff of the HSEC will have access to the results. Applicants who tested should include the date the test was taken.

Note: **Applicants who test more than once are responsible for selecting the TEAS test with the highest score potential in all four areas.** In addition, we will not create a new score using the highest points in each test category among several tests. (i.e., we do not "superscore").

**THE "INTENT TO APPLY", AS WELL AS ALL TESTING, MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 22, 2025 and must be on file in the Health Science Enrollment Center at CFCC in order to be considered for the Practical Nursing program. "Intents to Apply" and results from tests completed after April 22, 2025 will not be accepted.**

**Flexible Testing Options:** Applicants may take the TEAS exam at any available PSI Test Center (see ATI website for a list of locations: <https://www.atitesting.com/TEAS>), remotely with ATI, **or on campus with limited availability at the CFCC Union Station Testing Center (maximum of two times at CFCC per academic year). There are no set limits if testing off campus.**

**Testing Locations:** All available on campus test sessions for the PN application period will be scheduled using the ATI Testing company. More information is available at the testing site <https://cfcc.edu/testingservices>. An option to test at any available PSI Test Center will also be available as a choice. It may provide a greater number of testing dates, times, and locations. Applicants who meet minimum requirements to apply to the PN program may use this option but must be aware of the testing "Intent" deadline of **April 22, 2025**.

**Testing with Accommodations:** Students who need accommodations for the TEAS test should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at [sas@cfcc.edu](mailto:sas@cfcc.edu). The scheduling of the accommodated test must be coordinated by the staff of SAS and CFCC Testing Services, who will guide the student through the process. Note: Testing at a PSI Test Center may not guarantee appropriate accommodations.

**Cost:** The cost of the TEAS test may vary by each provider. If testing at CFCC the cost will be approximately \$90.00 per test. For cost information on remote testing via ATI, as well as testing at a PSI Testing Center, please refer to the ATI website. Also, if applicants do not select CFCC as the receiving college upon testing, an additional fee will be charged to make the test accessible to CFCC (please refer to ATI website for details).

**Test Preparation:** It is recommended that students utilize TEAS study guides which are available for purchase online and in some book stores. In addition, the staff in the CFCC Learning Lab (910-362-7496) may be able to provide resource materials to help prepare for the TEAS exam, including the following: <https://libguides.cfcc.edu/TEAS>.

**After the Test:** Students will have access to test results immediately after they complete the TEAS exam. **In order to be considered for the PN program, a student must meet the minimum score requirements on the TEAS of 50 in each of the four areas of the test: Reading, Math, Science, and English & Language Usage.** Students whose test scores meet the minimum score requirements and are on file at the HSEC by the testing deadline may file an “Intent to Apply” during the application period. No additional application forms are required.

For further details regarding the TEAS test, students are encouraged to visit the Health Sciences Admissions page and refer to the FAQ link to TEAS related information; <https://cfcc.edu/admissions/health-sciences-enrollment/>

**Applying to Multiple Programs:** If accepted into multiple health science programs at CFCC, students are required to commit to the program of choice by the deadline stated in their program decision email sent by the Health Science Enrollment Center. Failure to do so in writing (i.e., via response form) will result in the loss of the seat. Once a student attends the orientation, they finalize their commitment to the PN program and will no longer be considered for seats in other programs. Exceptions may be granted by the staff of the HSEC. Please direct any questions or concerns to the staff members of the HSEC: [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu).

**Note:** Depending of the Health Science program, neither federal law nor North Carolina law permits undocumented individuals or those with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) classification to receive professional licenses. See 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a) and (c)(1)(A). This does not prevent a DACA student from enrolling in a Health Science program, but may prohibit the student from receiving a professional license. If students have any questions about eligibility for professional licensure, please contact the professional organization’s website.

## PRACTICAL NURSING SELECTION PROCESS

**The Point System was implemented as an objective means for evaluating Nursing applicants.**

ALL documents (including official, up to date transcripts and NA certifications) needed for points must be on file at CFCC prior to the application deadline (April 22, 2025). **Eligible courses need to be completed prior to the application deadline to receive points. No points will be awarded for documentation received after the application deadline.** If students are currently, or were previously enrolled in another college, it is their responsibility to ensure that the final transcript is received by CFCC prior to the application deadline.

Practical Nursing applicants will be ranked based upon points earned, and the students with the highest number of points will be selected. If two or more students have identical point count totals, the date and time that the “Intent to Apply” form was successfully submitted (i.e., eligibility criteria were met) will be the determining factor.

**Section A: Non-Coursework (Note: not a minimum requirement- only used for point count):**

**Nurse Aide**

To gain points, proof of current Nurse Aide I **OR** Nurse Aide II Certification must be on file at the Health Science Enrollment Center prior to the application deadline. Students may obtain a copy of their Nurse Aide I certification at <http://ncnar.ncdhhs.gov/> or a copy of their Nurse Aide II certification at [www.ncbon.com](http://www.ncbon.com). **Successfully completing a NA I or NA II course (including at CFCC) does not satisfy this requirement; certification must be sent to HSEC by the student.**

**Points for Information Session**

Three (3) points will be awarded for attending one (1) of the information sessions (see the Practical Nursing website for specifics). No points will be awarded for sessions attended in previous years or for attending more than one session during an application cycle.

**High School GPA**

Students must currently be a senior in high school and have an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher. If they graduated prior to the end of the application period, points will not be awarded.

**Section B: College Coursework (Note: not a minimum requirement- used for point count and to satisfy program general education coursework)**

**College Level Classes**

College courses completed prior to the application deadline with a grade of “C” or better will earn the applicant points. Points will also be awarded for credit earned based on AP (Advanced Placement; see *CollegeBoard* website for [score/grade look-up chart](#)) and/or CLEP examinations (50-59 = “C”; 60-69 = “B”; ≥70 = “A”).

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

BIO 163 or BIO 168, and BIO 169 must have been taken in the last five (5) years prior to the start date of the Practical Nursing Program. Only the first attempt of BIO 163 or BIO 168/169 with a letter grade of “C” or better will be considered for the point count (for fall 2025 applicants: only valid for points and towards graduation if taken fall 2020 or after).

If students plan to take BIO 168 and 169 during the Practical Nursing program in lieu of BIO 163, both BIO 168 (with at least a grade of “C”) and BIO 169 (with at least a grade of “C”) *must be completed* by the end of the fall semester of the program.

Note: Students who have questions or concerns regarding transfer credits from other colleges and/or universities must address and resolve their concerns prior to the end of the application period (please contact a staff member at the CFCC Health Science Enrollment Center).

Note: Courses completed in the spring semester (after application deadline) will not earn points.

## **Section C: TEAS Scores (to be taken prior to filing “Intent to Apply”; cut off score requirements must be met)**

Points are awarded for scores on the TEAS exam in the four following areas: Math, Science, Reading, and English & Language Usage for a maximum of 400 points. TEAS tests are valid for five years from the date the “Intent to Apply” is filed. Applicants may test more than one time as there are no set limits. **Note: Applicants are only permitted to take the test twice per academic year on campus at the CFCC Testing Center. Attempting to take the test more than twice at the CFCC Testing Center is not permitted.** If an applicant wants to take the test additional times, they may use the ATI remote option, the PSI Testing Center option, or by testing at another college testing center other than CFCC. If the applicant indicates that they are testing for Cape Fear Community College as their primary school when scheduling the test, then the test results will be automatically available for CFCC staff to access. **Applicants should select the test with the highest score when filing their “Intent to Apply” during the application period.** Applicants should file an “Intent to Apply” when they have completed the TEAS test and meet cut off score requirements during the application period. If they choose to retest, they need to make sure that official score reports of all tests are on file at CFCC. Please contact the staff of the HSEC at [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu) if you have any questions.

### **Calculation of Total Points**

The applicant’s total points are calculated using points for Nurse Aide Certification, HS GPA, attendance of an information session, academics, and the scores in each area of the TEAS test. Qualified applicants will be invited to review their point count electronically **after the application deadline and after all point counts are completed.** A copy of the point count will be emailed in late April 2025 including instructions on how to agree or recheck the total point count. **APPLICANTS WHO FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST TO REVIEW THEIR POINT COUNT WILL WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO CONTEST THEIR POINT TOTAL.** *Applicant’s point counts are confidential; to protect the student’s privacy, point count totals can only be discussed with the applicant.*

Students who register for practical nursing classes after acceptance to the program and then withdraw before classes begin or exit during the first semester will be given the opportunity to apply only one additional time.

### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

**Up to sixty (60)** new students may be conditionally admitted to the Practical Nursing Program each fall semester. Students whose status is “alternate” are admitted to the program **only** if someone who was originally accepted declines the offer of admission, or if someone who was originally accepted becomes disqualified (refer to disqualifying factors). If a student did not meet minimum requirements, was not accepted, or declined admission, they must re-apply the following year.

**The selected students will be notified when to complete the following information:**

#### **1. Medical Reports**

All completed health/medical reports must be received by the specified date noted in the materials provided at the program orientation. **Note: only the approved form may be used.**



## 2. Drug Screen

**A urine drug screen is mandatory.** Testing positive on the drug screen, or evidence of tampering with a specimen, will disqualify a student from participation in the clinical assignment, thus resulting in dismissal from the PN program. **Information on obtaining a drug screen will be provided in the student’s acceptance email. The student must schedule and submit a urine sample at the testing site within 5 days of conditional acceptance in the program. Failure to submit a sample as directed may lead to forfeiture of the seat.** For further information, students should refer to the “**Drug and Alcohol Policy**” in the **CFCC Student Handbook**.

## 3. CPR

Students must also submit documentation of current two-year CPR certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (infant, child and adult). No online courses accepted. Details will be provided at the orientation.

## 4. Criminal Background Check

Clinical sites require a criminal background check prior to allowing students into the clinical setting. In addition, certain criminal activity, as evident by a criminal background check, may also disqualify a student from entry into a clinical facility. **The request for the background check must be made within 5 days of conditional acceptance in the program. Information on how to do this will be included in the student’s acceptance email.**

## 5. Please be aware that failure to gain entry to participate in a clinical assignment based on either the drug screening or criminal background check will result in immediate dismissal from the Practical Nursing Program. Information on obtaining a drug screen and a criminal background check will be provided in the student’s acceptance email.

Note: Associated fees for the urine drug screen, background check, medical exam, immunizations, **My Clinical Exchange (mCE)** and CPR class will be the responsibility of the student. They are encouraged to apply to scholarships in advance and save personal funding for these expenses (see cost sheet on page 14 for details). **Students are encouraged to plan ahead regarding the required expenses as these are time sensitive and non-negotiable.**

## PROGRESSION POLICY

Starting in the fall of 2024, CFCC will use a ten-point grading scale. However, all health science programs may use a grading scale that ensures success in the profession for future graduates and abides by accreditation guidelines. For the Practical Nursing diploma, an eight-point grading scale remains in place for the program courses. **For general education courses, however, the CFCC ten-point scale will apply (A 90-100; B 80-89; C 70-79; D and below are not acceptable).**

### Grading Policy for Nursing Program Courses (prefix NUR)

A	Excellent	92-100
B	Good	84-91
C	Average	76-83
D	Poor	68-75

Students admitted to the Practical Nursing Program must achieve a “C” in each course as noted above in the nursing program courses in order to progress semester by semester.

Credits in the PN Program are determined as follows:

Class 1 hour credit for each hour class

Lab 1 hour credit for three hours lab

Clinical 1 hour credit for three hours clinical

Note: A semester credit hour is equivalent to 16 hours of classroom instruction or 48 hours of laboratory or clinical instruction.

## PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE EXPECTATIONS OF A STUDENT NURSE

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. For purposes of nursing program compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, a qualified individual is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

If a student believes that they cannot meet practical nursing program requirements without accommodations, the Student Accessibility Services Office will determine on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. Further information regarding the physical and cognitive expectations of a student nurse and the Technical Standards may be found in the student policy below.

CFCC provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified students with disabilities, as long as such disabilities, as determined on a case-by-case basis, do not preclude the student from meeting the qualifications considered essential to the program. The essential functions (Technical Standards) are listed below.

### REQUIRED TECHNICAL STANDARDS

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Examples of Necessary Activities (Not all Inclusive)</b>
Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small places	Moves around in patients' rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administers cardiopulmonary procedures
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Detects monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries

		for help. Responds to patients in need.
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	Observes patient/client responses (i.e., detects change in skin color). Draws correct quantity of medicine in syringe
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination, and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertions of a catheter

Students who feel they need accommodations should contact the staff of the Student Accessibility Services Office in the Union Station Building (Room U-218) on the Downtown Campus or call 910-362-7017.

### DISQUALIFYING FACTORS

Students may be denied admission to or continuation in the nursing programs for any of the following reasons:

- A. Physical or emotional health, which indicates impairment in ability to provide safe nursing care to the public.
- B. Conduct not in accordance with the standards of a licensed practical nurse:
  1. has given false information or has withheld material information;
  2. has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to any crime which indicated that the individual is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing or that the individual has deceived or defrauded the public;
  3. has used any drug to a degree that interferes with his or her fitness to practice nursing;
  4. has engaged in conduct which endangers the public health.

Accepted applicants will be required to take a **drug screen and submit a criminal background check within 5 days of receiving their conditional acceptance email**. The college follows agency protocol regarding drug screening and criminal background checks. Without access to the clinical facilities, students will be unable to satisfactorily complete the nursing courses.

### LEGAL LIMITATIONS OF LICENSURE

Students who enroll in the PN Program should be aware that their application for licensure at the completion of the program may be denied or restricted by the North Carolina Board of Nursing for the following reasons including but not limited to:

- The student practiced fraud or deceit in attempting to procure a license to practice nursing.
- The student has been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony (excluding a minor traffic violation).
- The student is mentally or physically incompetent or uses any drug to a degree that interferes with fitness to practice nursing.
- The student engages in conduct which endangers the public health.

## **RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE**

If there are questions or concerns regarding the selective admissions process and other available resources, please contact a staff member at the Health Science Enrollment Center in the Union Station Building (second floor) at the Wilmington Campus; [healthsciences@cfcc.edu](mailto:healthsciences@cfcc.edu); 910-362-7139.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

The Financial Aid office monitors a policy that is based on federal regulations that establishes a maximum time frame for completion of a program of 150 percent of the published length of an educational program. This means that as a student majoring in Pre- Practical Nursing or a Pre-Health Science program, the student will need to pay careful attention to the number of hours attempted prior to actual admission into the program of choice. Depending on the number of hours attempted prior to admission into Practical Nursing or a Health Science program, a student may not be eligible for enough financial aid to complete the program after they have been admitted.

To make sure students understand this policy and plan ahead in order to use their financial benefits in a wise and timely manner, students are encouraged to consult with the Financial Aid office located in the Union Station Building (Room U-138) on the Wilmington Campus or in the McKeithan Center (Room NA-100) on the North Campus.

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation supports student education opportunities through program support and scholarships. All students are encouraged to apply to scholarships if eligible. For more information, please visit the Foundation website: <https://cfcc.edu/foundation/>.

**CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TUITION & FEES**

Payment methods: cash, check, money order, VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, financial aid, payment plan or third (3<sup>rd</sup>) party sponsorship. All forms of payment must be received by the Business Office to be officially registered.

**Tuition is established by the North Carolina State Legislature and is subject to change without prior notification**

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>In-State Tuition</b>	<b>Out-Of-State Tuition</b>	<b>Student Activity Fees</b>	<b>Parking &amp; Security Fee</b>	<b>Technology Fees</b>
1	76.00	268.00	35.00	40.00	3.00
2	152.00	536.00	35.00	40.00	6.00
3	228.00	804.00	35.00	40.00	9.00
4	304.00	1072.00	35.00	40.00	12.00
5	380.00	1340.00	35.00	40.00	15.00
6	456.00	1608.00	35.00	40.00	18.00
7	532.00	1876.00	35.00	75.00	21.00
8	608.00	2144.00	35.00	75.00	24.00
9	684.00	2412.00	35.00	75.00	27.00
10	760.00	2680.00	35.00	75.00	30.00
11	836.00	2948.00	35.00	75.00	33.00
12	912.00	3216.00	35.00	75.00	36.00
13	988.00	3484.00	35.00	75.00	39.00
14	1064.00	3752.00	35.00	75.00	42.00
15	1140.00	4020.00	35.00	75.00	45.00
16 or more	1216.00	4288.00	35.00	75.00	48.00

Professional liability insurance: \$15.00 per school year (nursing and health science students)

## PN CURRICULUM IN SEMESTERS

FALL	PREFIX	PN CURRICULUM COURSE TITLE	CLASS	LAB	CLIN	SEM.HOURS CREDIT
	BIO 163*	BASIC ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY	4	2	0	5
	<b>Or</b> BIO 169	<b>OR</b> ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	3	3		4
	NUR 101	NURSING I	7	6	6	11
	PSY 150*	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	0	0	3
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SPRING	PREFIX	PN CURRICULUM COURSE TITLE	CLASS	LAB	CLIN	SEM.HOURS CREDIT
	ENG 111*	WRITING & INQUIRY	3	0	0	3
	NUR 102	NURSING II	7	0	9	10
	PSY 241*	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	0	0	3
						16

SUMMER	PREFIX	PN CURRICULUM COURSE TITLE	CLASS	LAB	CLIN	SEM.HOURS CREDIT
	NUR 103	NURSING III	6	0	9	9
						9

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS: 44**

\*May be taken prior to the acceptance to the program; only BIO-163 or BIO-168 and 169 expire after five years (for 2025: only valid for points and towards graduation if taken fall 2020 or after). The other General Education classes do not expire. If General Education courses are completed prior to acceptance in the program, this will not reduce the length of the 3-semester program.

A credit hour equals:

- 1 hour of class
- 3 hours of lab
- 3 hours of clinical

A semester credit hour is equal to 16 hours of classroom instruction or 48 hours of laboratory or clinical instruction

**Cape Fear Community College  
Estimated Expenses  
Practical Nursing Program  
2025**

<b><u>First Semester (Fall)</u></b>	\$	<b>Third Semester (Summer)</b>	\$
Tuition/Fees (IN-STATE)	1375.00	Tuition/Fees (IN-STATE)	821.00
<i>Tuition/Fees (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>4446.00</i>	<i>Tuition/Fees (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>2549.00</i>
Books	1200.00	Pin	50.00
Uniform (bought by student)	200.00	Lamp	30.00
Stethoscope	55.00	Cap	30.00
Scissors	15.00	Uniform (Pinning)	100.00
Shoes (bought by student)	100.00	Graduation Fee	50.00
Lab Kit	200.00	NCLEX-PN Fee	200.00
Physical	150.00	Application for licensure	75.00
Complio	130.00	Criminal Background Check	38.00
Liability Insurance	15.00	Misc. Fees	200.00
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My Clinical Exchange	40.00		
<b>Total (IN-STATE)</b>	<b>3680.00</b>	<b>Total (IN-STATE)</b>	<b>1594.00</b>
<i>Total (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>6749.00</i>	<i>Total (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>3322.00</i>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>		<b>Total Program (IN-STATE)</b>	<b>6850.00</b>
Tuition/Fees (IN-STATE)	1375.00	<i>Total Program (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>14719.00</i>
<i>Tuition/Fees (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>4446.00</i>		
Misc. Fees	200.00		
<b>Total (IN-STATE)</b>	<b>1575.00</b>		
<i>Total (OUT-OF-STATE)</i>	<i>4646.00</i>		

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (must be completed in order to apply to the program)

- Interested applicants must study information packet (see website)
- Admission to CFCC (by Admissions) or active application status
- Official high school transcript on file at CFCC
- Official college/university transcripts (if applicable) on file at CFCC
- English and Math eligibility
- Overall GPA at CFCC of 2.5 or higher (criteria waived if students do not have an established GPA at CFCC)
- Completion of TEAS exam (minimum score of 50 in all four areas). Should submit highest scoring test with intent if testing multiple times

## POINT COUNT WORKSHEET | System used for selective admission ranking

### SECTION A: NON-COURSEWORK

Current Nurse Aide I Certification	(5pts)	_____
<b>OR</b>		
Current Nurse Aide II Certification	(10pts)	_____
Attended Program Information Session (must attend during current application period to be awarded points)	(3pts)	_____
Current high school senior with an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher	(15pts)	_____

### SECTION B: COLLEGE COURSEWORK

Courses required prior to or during the program as outlined in the college catalog and using the CFCC 10-point grading scale. Points apply if taken prior to the application deadline.

*BIO 163 Basic Anatomy & Physiology (5 sem hrs)	A (30pts)	_____
	B (20pts)	_____
	C (10pts)	_____
<b>OR</b>		
*BIO 169 Anatomy/Physiology II (4 sem hrs)	A (30pts)	_____
<b>*must have also completed BIO-168, as this is a prerequisite course</b>	B (20pts)	_____
	C (10pts)	_____

\*Only the first attempt with a letter grade of "C" or better in A&P classes **within the last five years** will be considered for the point count. Courses expire if older than five years prior to the start of the program (i.e. must have been taken the fall of 2020); therefore, points will not be awarded AND cannot be used towards graduation.

PSY 150 General Psychology (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____
PSY 241 Developmental Psych (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____

ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry (Expository Writing) (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____

**Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum total for sections A and B = 103)

### SECTION C: TEAS (VERSIONS 6 AND 7)

	Score
Reading	_____
Math	_____
Science	_____
English and Language Usage	_____

**Score Total** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum total for section C is 400)

The minimum cutoff score is 50% in each section on the TEAS.

### SUMMATION OF POINT TOTALS

Section A	_____
Section B	_____
Section C	_____
<b>Grand Total</b>	_____

**NOTE 1:** If students have the same point count total, the date and time that the Intent to Apply was submitted will be the deciding factor.

**NOTE 2:** In order to receive points in any of the areas above, all documentation must be on file at CFCC as outlined in the information packet (by the deadline and in the required format).

**NOTE 3:** Completion of A&P courses and PSY-150 prior to starting the second semester in the PN program is required.

