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Registered Nursing

Admission Packet

Catonsville and Essex

<http://www.ccbc.md.edu/shp>

<https://ccbc.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>



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REGISTERED NURSING

Program Description

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is designed to prepare students to enter the nursing profession as registered nurses. The curriculum provides theoretical and clinical laboratory study in nursing that will enable students to learn to work as members of a health care team. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination - Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The program is accredited by the Maryland Board of Nursing and by the Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing. (ACEN).

Program Options

- The RN **day program** is offered on the Catonsville and Essex Campuses and starts every fall and spring semester.
- The RN **evening-weekend program** is offered on the Essex Campus and starts only in the fall semester.
- The RN **blended program** is offered on the Catonsville Campus and starts in the fall and spring semester. This nursing program contains didactic content online. Campus labs and seminars are required in a face-to-face format on the Catonsville campus.
- The RN **Associate's to Bachelor's (ATB)** program is available on both the Catonsville and Essex Campuses. Students must first be admitted into the associate degree RN programs before they will be considered for this option. A *separate ATB Admissions Packet can be found on the CCBC Nursing Website www.ccbcmd.edu/shp.*
- The **LPN to RN Transition** program and the **Paramedic to RN Transition program**. Separate Admissions Packet for these options can be found on the CCBC Nursing Website www.ccbcmd.edu/shp.

Admission to the nursing program is a separate process from admission to the college. The process is competitive, selective, and based on established criteria.

Application

The CCBC CAS (Central Application Service) program application costs \$50 (non-refundable) and is available at <https://ccbc.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Application Deadlines

All documents and information must be completed on the CCBC CAS by:

August 31 for Spring (Day and Blended)

January 31st for Fall (Day, Eve/Wknd, Blended)

Official TEAS scores must be submitted to CCBC TEAS by:

August 15th deadline for the August 31st application deadline

January 15th deadline for the January 31st application deadline

Admission Criteria

For all RN admission options:

- GPA of 2.50 or higher, calculated from prerequisite, general education, and nursing program required courses.
- Overall CCBC GPA 2.0 or higher.
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) - must meet the required score level for ATI TEAS by the deadline.
- All courses (prerequisite, general education, and program requirements) required for admission into the nursing program must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- Basic computer literacy

See specific admission information for each admission option (listed below).

Admission Exam

The ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) is a general knowledge exam used as part of the admissions process by Nursing and Allied Health schools nationwide. This is a standardized exam created by a company called Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI). The TEAS covers general content in Reading, Mathematics, Science, English, and language usage.

Students must register for the ATI TEAS test, complete the test, and submit official scores to CCBC TEAS by the deadlines listed below:

- August 15th deadline for the August 31st application deadline
- January 15th deadline for the January 31st application deadline

The minimum scores for admission to CCBC Nursing are listed below. If you do not participate in the ATI TEAS, your application will not be evaluated. Students who do not meet these minimum scores may not be reviewed for admission.

- Overall – PROFICIENT (58.7%) or higher

- o Reading – 69.0% or higher

Additional information for the ATI TEAS can be found at:

<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Programs-and-Courses/Schools-and-Academic-Departments/School-of-Health-Professions/School-of-Health-Professions-Admissions-Office/TEAS-Testing.aspx>

Program Options

The following section outlines prerequisite courses used for admission into the RN program. There are three sets of prerequisite course listings:

1. the minimum courses that are required for admission to the **day option**,
2. the courses that are **recommended** to be completed for admission to the day option, and
3. the courses required for admission to the evening/weekend and blended options.

OPTION 1

Recommended course sequence for admission to the **Day Option only**

Due to the rigor and time requirements of nursing courses, it is highly recommended that **all non-nursing courses** (nursing prerequisites, general education requirements, and program requirements) be completed before application to the nursing program or be in progress during the time of application. Courses in progress must be successfully completed prior to the start of the program. Of the courses listed below, **the more courses that a student completes with grades showing mastery, the better the student's chances of admission into the RN program.**

Required Prerequisite Courses (for admission consideration – may be completed or enrolled in):

- ✓ BIOL 110 Biology I: Molecular and Cells* (4 credits)
- ✓ BIOL 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- ✓ ENGL 101 College Composition I (3 credits)
- ✓ General Education Math Requirements (3-4 credits)
 - o Recommended: MATH 125 or MATH 153

Additional Courses – For **best consideration** complete before admission deadline:

- ✓ BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
- ✓ BIOL 230 Microbiology (4 credits)
- ✓ CMNS 101 Fundamentals of Communication (3 credits)
- ✓ General Education Arts & Humanities Elective (3 credits)

- Recommended: PHIL 240 Ethics
- ✓ PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
- ✓ PSYC 103 Principles of Human Growth and Development (3 credits)

*Applicants who are transferring to CCBC should meet with a Pathways Health Professions Academic Advisor to determine what coursework is required for both admission and graduation for the CCBC RN program.

OPTION 2

Required Prerequisites for evening/weekend and blended.

Evening/Weekend and fall blended cohorts:

- Students for these options must have completed or be enrolled in the following required courses at the time the application is submitted
 - Summer and fall courses that are in progress will not be considered for admission.
- Courses in progress must be successfully completed prior to the start of the program.

Spring blended cohort:

- Students for these options must have completed or be enrolled in the following required courses at the time the application is submitted
 - Winter and spring courses that are in progress will not be considered for admission.
- Courses in progress must be successfully completed prior to the start of the program.

The following courses are **required** for admission:

REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

✓ BIOL 110 Biology I:Molecular and Cells* (4 credits)	✓ PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
✓ BIOL 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)	✓ PSYC 103 Principles of Human Growth and Development (3 credits)
✓ BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)	✓ ENGL 101 (3 credits)
✓ BIOL 230 Microbiology (4 credits)	✓ CMNS 101 Fundamentals of Communication (3 credits)
✓ General Education Arts & Humanities Elective (3 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended: PHIL 240 Ethics 	✓ General Education Math Requirements (3-4 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended: MATH 125 or MATH 153

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OPTION 3- THE 5 SEMESTER PLAN

Minimum required Prerequisites for admission to the Day Option only

The 5 semester plan is only recommended for students with very strong academic history. It is the intent that college-ready students would have the required courses complete at the time of application and would continue to take the remaining general education program courses as co-requisites while in the nursing program. Student enrolled in this program are expected to attend full-time and complete all missing non-nursing coursework while completing the nursing course load. Eligible students will not have more than 2 previous semesters in college.

This program would require extreme rigor, long study hours and incredible time dedication on the part of the student. Students considering this program should first consider and discuss associated risks with an academic advisor.

Applicants for this option must complete or be enrolled in the REQUIRED prerequisite courses listed below by the admissions deadline for consideration. It is strongly suggested that students complete all non-nursing courses prior to admission into the clinical nursing program as this is the most difficult course option. Courses in progress must be successfully completed prior to the start of the program.

5 semester plan students are not eligible to participate in the ATB program. **This admission option is only suggested for non-working, college-ready students.**

Required Courses (for admission consideration – may be completed or enrolled in):

- ✓ BIOL 110 Biology I: Molecules and Cells* (4 credits)
- ✓ BIOL 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- ✓ ENGL 101 College Composition I (3 credits)
- ✓ General Education Math Requirements (3-4 credits)
 - Recommended: MATH 125 or MATH 153

If admitted, students will be required to complete the following additional courses along with clinical nursing courses:

Additional Courses (complete before program start or along with Nursing coursework):

- ✓ BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
- ✓ BIOL 230 Microbiology (4 credits)

- ✓ CMNS 101 Fundamentals of Communication (3 credits)
- ✓ General Education Arts & Humanities Elective (3 credits)
 - Recommended: PHIL 240 Ethics
- ✓ PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
- ✓ PSYC 103 Principles of Human Growth and Development (3 credits)

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Important Information

- The nursing program highly recommends that students complete all required non-nursing courses before entering the program.
- In order to progress through and graduate from the nursing program, applicants must successfully complete all courses with a grade of "C" or better.
- If an applicant earned a D or F grade as the last grade in a course, even if the student is currently enrolled in the repeat, the applicant is not eligible to apply for the nursing program. The applicant must first replace the D or F grade with a passing grade. Once the new grade has been posted on the student's transcript, then the applicant will be eligible to apply during the following admission cycle.
- Applicants who have failed out of a nursing program or have earned two failing grades in another nursing program are not eligible to apply for admission to the CCBC RN program for a period of 5 years, counting from the semester of the failure.
 - Students who have a D or F in a Nursing course taken within 5 years of the program start **MUST submit a letter or email** directly from that programs Director stating that they are in good standing within the program and are currently admissible if they wish to be considered for a CCBC RN program.
- Applicants who have failed out of a nursing program (including CCBC) **are** eligible to apply for admission to the practical nursing program at the Dundalk campus.
- **Applicants may apply to only one RN program per semester start.** An applicant may not, for example, apply to both RN Blended at Catonsville and RN Days at Essex for the same start.

Where to Apply

CCBC Centralized Application Service (CAS) is a full service, web-based application system that allows applicants to use a single online application and one set of materials to apply to the nursing program.

Applications for this program are found in the CCBC CAS at <https://ccbc.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.

Additional application instructions are found at www.ccbcmd.edu/cas.

This program requires that **all** official college transcripts (**including the transcript from CCBC**) must be submitted to the CCBC CAS preferably 4-6 weeks prior to the admission deadline.

Admission Response

Admissions decisions are emailed to students approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the application deadline.

Applicants who are offered a seat in the program and choose to accept that seat, are required to pay a non-refundable \$200 seat fee to accept their offer of admission and reserve their space in the RN programs. The fee will be applied to the student account after the first several weeks of class. Students who accept a seat and then do not attend the program will not be eligible for a refund of the fee.

Post Admission

Once admitted into the program, students will receive further instructional information from the program director. Topics such as uniforms, textbooks, CPR, medical information (physicals, immunization, and health insurance requirements), criminal background checks, drug screening, registration and required software and/or other materials are covered.

- Completion of the Student Health Profile (CCBC Nursing Physical Examination form)
- Documentation of current CPR from the American Heart Association Health Care Provider or other approved equivalent. The CCBC RN program does not accept online CPR Courses.
- Proof of Health insurance coverage, which must be maintained throughout the clinical program
- Completion of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and modules required by clinical agencies (The college will make provision for all clinical students to meet this requirement.)
- Completion of criminal background checks and drug screening

- Access to a computer and the Internet (*A high speed connection is recommended.*)

Who to Contact

Academic Advising – Advising is available at all campuses and extension centers. Be sure to ask for the **SCIENCE and HEALTH Pathways Advisor only**. For the Catonsville campus call 443-840-4382 or visit the Student Services Center room 102. For the Essex campus call 443-840-1973 or visit the Student Services Center room 120A. The hours, addresses and phone numbers for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Resources-for-Students/Academic-Advisement/Contact-an-Academic-Advisor.aspx>.

Program Director –

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School of Health Professions Office of Admissions at 443-840-1989 or email shpseat@ccbcmd.edu