

Frequently Asked Questions – RN Program

1. What are the courses that are required for admission into the nursing program?

- BIOL 110 may be a prerequisite for BIOL 220 and BIOL 230. The option to challenge or receive a waiver from the biology department is available.
- ENGL101, PSYC101 and BIOL220 must be finished before the application deadline.
- All science courses must be completed prior to beginning the nursing program courses. This means that BIOL 221 and 230 must be either completed or in progress at the time of the application deadline. Courses taken during the summer will not be considered for fall admittance.

Also see the current CCBC College Catalog:

http://www.ccbcmd.edu/catalog/programs/nurs_degree.html

2. What are the criteria for admission into the nursing program?

See Admissions Process for Nursing Program, Application Deadlines and Admission Criteria:

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- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS): <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/selectiveadmiss/TEAS.html>
- Instructions for online nursing application: <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/media/selectiveadmiss/nursapp.pdf>
- A grade of D or F in BIOL 221 (A&PII) or BIOL 230 (Microbiology) must be replaced before applying to the nursing program, i.e., applications will not be considered if the repeats are still in progress at the time of application.

3. Will I be eligible for admission to the RN program at CCBC if I have “failed out” of the CCBC RN program or another RN program?

Yes. Students who have been unsuccessful in an RN program or have earned two failing grades in another RN program are eligible to apply for admission to the CCBC RN program if it has been five or more years since they were last enrolled. Students who were unsuccessful in a nursing program (including CCBC) are eligible to apply for admission to the practical nursing program on the Dundalk campus at any time.

4. What type of degree will I receive after completing the CCBC nursing program?

Students earn an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). CCBC’s Nursing program prepares its graduates for Registered Nurse (RN) licensure. Credits for both nursing and general education courses may be transferred from CCBC to BSN programs offered in Maryland state colleges and universities and some private institutions. Students who are interested in earning a baccalaureate degree in nursing should consult an

academic advisor or case manager in the Advising Center and an advisor from the four-year institution of their choice to determine the best course sequence.

5. What is the selection process?

Selection is based upon the following items:

- The overall CCBC GPA must be at least 2.00.
- Grades on the five prerequisite courses that have already been completed. The minimum acceptable GPA is 2.50.
- GPA on the ten courses required for the nursing program (general education requirements and nursing program requirements) that have been completed. It must be at least 2.50.
- Score on the TEAS preadmission examination.
- Courses completed at CCBC. Applicants who have completed at least 16 credits of nursing program general education requirements or pre-clinical program requirements at CCBC will be given additional consideration in the selection process.

AP and CLEP Scores: Students who elect to get credit for a CLEP exam or an AP course will be assigned a letter grade based on that score.

- ⇒ The SHP Admissions Office staff reviews all applications, and each student is designated as “provisional acceptance,” “not accepted,” or “placed on a wait list.” Students will be sent a letter of notification regarding their status approximately six to eight weeks after the application deadline. Students on the wait list will be contacted only if a seat becomes available. The list is maintained only until all seats are full.
 - Students who are not accepted and wish to re-apply must repeat the application process. Applications are not “rolled over.”
- ⇒ Students who are accepted into the RN program are required to reserve their seats by paying a non-refundable \$200.00 “seat fee.” This fee will be submitted as part of the seat acceptance process and will be reapplied to the student account during the first semester of nursing courses when the student is actively attending courses. Students who accept their seats and pay the fee, and then change their plans and do not attend the RN program at CCBC, will not be eligible for a refund.

6. Do I need health insurance while I am enrolled in the nursing program? My health insurer requires that I be enrolled in school full-time. Is the nursing program full-time?

Yes, all students must have health insurance coverage. Although the nursing program is not 12 credits each semester, students are required to be in attendance for far more than twelve hours per week. The nursing program will provide a letter stating a student’s credit load. Most insurance companies will accept this letter.

7. What is the estimated cost for books, uniforms, and other requirements? Is it necessary for nursing students to have access to a vehicle/car?

Nursing Program Costs: <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/nursing/Costs.html>

All students in the School of Health Professions are required to participate in a criminal background check through a specified vendor. Detailed information is available at orientation and in the SHP Student Policy & Procedure Manual. Students accepted into programs in the School of Health Professions may also be required to submit to random urine drug testing after admission and at any time during the program. Students will be responsible for testing fees.

Students are required to provide their own transportation to all clinical sites. Clinical days and hours may vary from course to course. Student preferences for placement in the clinical area should not be expected based on parking fees, car pool requests, etc. Parking fees that are incurred during the clinical rotation are the responsibility of the students.

8. What is the average number of credits a student carries each semester?

Prospective students often ask how many credits they will be taking each semester. This information is often requested so that a student can devise a financial plan or to submit information to an employer for tuition reimbursement. Due to the sequence of nursing classes, the number of credits per semester can vary per individual. Prospective students can expect to carry the following approximate number of credits per semester:

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Number of Credits</u>
First	8
Second	8
Third	10
Fourth	10

Information is subject to change without notice.