



Dear Nursing Bridge Program Applicant:

The faculty members of the Nursing program at Athens Technical College (ATC) are pleased you have expressed interest in pursuing the Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing-Bridge Program!

Enclosed you will find an application checklist and some general information about the program. What you specifically will need to submit by the **February 1st deadline** depends upon your student status at ATC (see the “Nursing Program Application Checklist” included in this packet).

All **Application Materials** must be submitted by February 1st to:

Admissions Coordinator for Nursing
Athens Technical College
800 US Hwy 29N
Athens, GA 30601

The nursing program will conduct two day and two evening information sessions per semester. Documented attendance is **required** by all nursing program applicants. All applicants must present a government-issued driver’s license at the orientation session attended. Applicants must attend one of the information sessions prior to the February 1st deadline of the year that application is being submitted. Attendance to a mandatory information session for a previous year’s application does **NOT** carry over to the next year’s application process.

Official transcripts must be sent directly to Athens Technical College from the institution from which you earned course credit, and TEAS scores must be sent directly to Athens Technical College by the test administrator. The TEAS pre-admission test must be completed at an approved testing site.

All transcripts from colleges you attended previously must be official and it is your responsibility to request that they be sent to Athens Technical College such that they will arrive well before the application deadline. Once you have been accepted into the college, the Director of Registration and Records will evaluate your transcripts to determine if credit will be granted for previous coursework and will inform you by letter or ATC student email address of the credit awarded for previous college-level study. Applicants transferring from other colleges must have official transcripts sent directly to the ATC Office of Admissions. It is the student’s responsibility to confirm transferability of equivalent coursework with the ATC Director of Registration and Records *before the February 1st* application deadline.

Students who seek financial aid to help fund their college education should contact the Athens Technical College Financial Aid Office at (706) 355-5009 to speak to a financial aid counselor.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to visit the college website at www.athenstech.edu to learn more about the college, the nursing program, the admission process, and financial aid. You may also contact the program instructors, Dr. Andraa’ Perrin (706) 583-2529 aperrin@athenstech.edu; Lisa Allgood (706) 583-2755 lallgood@athenstech.edu; or Elizabeth Heath (706) 355-5079 eh Heath@athenstech.edu; if you have additional specific questions about the program.

We wish you success in the application process.

Sincerely,

Andraa’ Perrin EdD., MSN, BSN, RN
Program Chair, Nursing

PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS:



The Program Chair, Andraa' Perrin received her Doctorate degree in Instructional Leadership with Nurse Educator Specialization from The University of Alabama in 2016. She received her MSN in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner emphasis from Georgia State University in 1998 and a BSN from Medical College of Georgia (Augusta University) in 1994. Dr. Perrin worked full time as a staff Registered Nurse at Piedmont Athens Regional primarily as a Medical Surgical nurse. She joined the faculty at ATC as a Practical Nursing instructor in 2001. She has held numerous positions at the college including Practical Nursing Program Chair and Bridge Program Coordinator prior to her current position as ASN Program Chair. Dr. Perrin is originally from Georgia and currently resides in Franklin County.



Elizabeth Heath (Beth) is the Walton Campus Clinical Coordinator for the Nursing Program. She is a 1999 graduate of Athens Technical College's ADN program and received her MSN with a focus in Nursing Education in 2014. Her work experience includes hospital, community health nursing, and nursing leadership. She joined Athens Technical College as a full-time nursing instructor in 2018 and is currently the Clinical Coordinator of the nursing program on the Walton Campus. She teaches Foundations of Nursing and Mental Health Nursing. Mrs. Heath is originally from Kentucky and currently resides in Madison County.



Lisa Allgood is the Bridge Program Coordinator for the Nursing Program. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1987 from Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia. She received her Master of Science in Nursing in 2011 from South University in Savannah, Georgia. Prior to joining the faculty at Athens Technical College full time in 2018, Ms. Allgood served as an adjunct clinical instructor for seven years with Athens Technical College. She also worked full time for 30 years at Piedmont Athens Regional, where she held a few different positions including bedside nurse, IV Team nurse, and Staff Development nurse. Her primary background is Medical-Surgical nursing. Ms. Allgood is originally from Walton County, where she currently resides.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The Bridge Program cannot admit all qualified applicants. The Bridge Program is conducted only on the Athens campus. The Bridge Program enrollment is limited to 10 students on the Athens campus. Only students meeting the minimum requirements will be presented to the admissions committee. Final selection will be made by the admission committee and the 10 applicants with the highest total score will be admitted to the program. Candidates will be scored using selection points in the following courses, English (ENGL 1101), Mathematical Modeling (MATH 1101), College Algebra (MATH 1111) OR Precalculus (MATH 1113) or any higher math course except Statistics, in addition to Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/ lab (BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L), Microbiology w/lab (BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L); and TEAS score (see the "Nursing Program Application Checklist" included in this packet). The minimum GPA from these courses is 2.75.

Applicants must complete (PSYC 1101 and PSYC 2103) prior to the start of summer semester of the first nursing courses. Completion of these two courses is not required by the February 1st deadline of the year seeking admission. It is strongly suggested and preferred that SOCI 1101 and a course from the Humanities section be completed prior to the start of the summer semester. Applicants transferring from other colleges must confirm the transferability of credit for these courses with the college's Director of Registration and Records prior to the Fall semester of the first nursing courses. Applicants must complete all general education classes prior to the start of the Final Fall Semester of the Nursing Curriculum.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM:

After the pre-application courses have been successfully completed and a student has been accepted into the program, the curriculum can be completed in three consecutive semesters. Most students complete most if not all of the general education courses prior to enrolling in program-specific courses. Program-specific courses are taught in a strict sequence that begins each summer. Students are awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree upon program completion.

ACADEMIC RIGOR:

Each course in the curriculum is offered only once per year in a very strict course sequence. Even when students have completed most or all of the general education courses in the curriculum, many students find that to be successful in the program academically they must make a full-time commitment to the program. Students are expected to be *ACTIVE* participants in the learning process. Successful completion requires dedicated, hard-working students who can conduct themselves in a professional manner during the learning process.

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The program combines general liberal arts courses with science and technical courses to prepare students to be employed as registered nurses in a variety of settings. Throughout the duration of the program, didactic and laboratory instruction are used to form a foundation upon which students can rely during the clinical phase of the program.

HANDS-ON and CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

In the ATC Nursing Program, initial training often utilizes models and alternative learning methods to allow students the opportunity to become proficient in technical skills prior to performing those skills in the clinical setting. The program schedules learning laboratories in which students can fine-tune their skills. Clinical externships are scheduled at hospitals and clinics in the greater Athens areas.

Clinical education plays a very significant role in your development as a professional registered nurse. Attendance in clinical rotations is not optional. This means that you will need to plan carefully to avoid clinical absences. Your clinical rotations will occur at a variety of locations and will include some day, night, and weekend rotations. Unlike traditional college courses, clinical rotations will usually consist of 8-hour and/or 12-hour shifts.

Some questions you should ask yourself include:

- Do I have dependable transportation?
- Do I have enough money to cover my gas expense to get to and from clinical and school?
- Will my employer be flexible with my clinical education schedule?
- How reliable is your support structure outside of school?
- What alternatives do you have for unexpected personal schedule changes?
- There may be times when you will miss a clinical rotation because of illness, you will may be required to make that time up, repeat the course; if 20% of the clinical time is missed, you will be unable to progress in the program.

STUDENT HEALTH:

After admission to the Nursing Program, the following are required by our clinic sites and copies of immunization records must show:

- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** Series of 2 vaccines required **or** must have a positive antibody titer to demonstrate immunity.
- **TB:** Quantiferon Gold blood test or PPD test.
- **Hepatitis B:** Requires a series of 3 or 2 vaccines depending on series choice, with a subsequent titer to document immunity AND signed Declination form if titer shows negative immunity.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Positive Varicella antibody titer **or** 2 doses of vaccine **required**; documented history of chicken pox is no longer accepted as proof of immunity.
- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis):** Required to be within the last 10 years.

Also Required:

- **Current Health and History Exam:** This exam should be administered by a qualified health care professional and reflect the student's competence in all areas of our Technical Performance standards (Located in the Nursing Program Addendum to the Student Handbook).
- Background check and Drug screen through Advantage Students.
- Current Healthcare Provider CPR certification from the American Heart Association. Option to complete the course will be provided prior to the start of Fall Semester of year seeking admission.
- Malpractice insurance coverage (paid for in tuition/fees).

Semester 1

Pre-Application Course Requirements				Summer Semester	
Courses	Hr	Courses	Hr	Courses	Hr
BIOL 2113 & L: A&P I	4	PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology*	3	RNSG 1925: Adult Health Nursing I	7
BIOL 2114 & L: A&P II	4	PSYC 2103 Human Development*	3	RNSG 1935: Mental Health Nursing	3
MATH 1101: Math Modeling MATH 1111: College Algebra OR MATH: 1113 Precalculus	3	FSSE 1000: Freshman Seminar **	3		
BIOL 2117 & L: Microbiology	4	Humanities and Fine Arts Elective **	3		
ENGL 1101: Composition & Rhetoric	3	SOCI 1101: Introduction Sociology**	3		
Total Credit Hours			33	Total Credit Hours	10

Semesters 2 and 3

Fall Semester Courses	Hr	Spring Semester Courses	Hr
RNSG 2910: Adult Health Nursing II	5	RNSG 2930: Adult Health Nursing III/Transition to Practice	7
RNSG 2920: Maternal-Child Nursing	5	RNSG 2940: Trends and Issues in Nursing and Healthcare	2
Total Credit Hours	10	Total Credit Hours	9

- Anatomy & Physiology I and II with lab, Microbiology with lab, Mathematical Modeling, College Algebra OR Precalculus, AND English are required courses that must be completed prior to application to the program.
- * These are general education courses that must be completed prior to attempting the first RNSG course but are not required by the February 1st deadline.
- ** These are general education courses. It is highly recommended that these courses be completed prior to entering the program.
- All general education and Nursing core courses must be completed with a C or better.
- Application materials for entry into the Nursing Program are due each year on February 1st. Students are admitted, typically by early July, to begin program specific (RNSG) coursework the following semester. Application materials are not retained by the program after the selection process has been completed each year; students not selected must reapply for program admission in subsequent years.
- All courses are subject to change. Please refer the current ATC College Catalog for any updates / changes.

All Applicants – submit all items in the following list plus Option A, B or C depending upon your status:

- _____ Verification of Lawful Presence in the United States and applicant age (submit a photocopy of your passport, driver’s license or state-issued photo identification card).
- _____ Submit to the Admissions Office a photocopy of your Practical Nursing or Paramedic state issued license.
- _____ Submit to the Admissions Office the Employer Verification form completed by your employer.
- _____ ***Nursing Program Intent Form*** - this form is to be submitted electronically at [ASN Nursing \(RN\) Bridge Intent Form](#). Select *Nursing, Course Catalog, Program Requirements, Intent Form*.
- _____ Documented attendance at one **REQUIRED** nursing program information session. Times and dates are available online at [Information Sessions](#) –Select *Admissions, Competitive Health, Information Sessions*.
- _____ Valid (less than 5 years old) official TEAS Test Results (ATC regularly offers the TEAS examination; registration forms are available online at [TEAS](#)) – Select *Current Students, Student Resources, Testing Services*. TEAS exam must be completed at an approved testing site.
- _____ Documentation of valid completion of Mathematical Modeling (MATH 1101), College Algebra (MATH 1111) OR Precalculus (MATH 1113), AND Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/ Lab (BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L), Microbiology w/ Lab (BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L). and English (ENGL 1101) or equivalent courses with final course grades of C or better.
- _____ Applicants transferring from other colleges must have official transcripts sent directly to the ATC Office of Admissions. It is the student’s responsibility to confirm transferability of equivalent coursework with the ATC Director of Registration and Records *before the February 1st* application deadline.

Option A - New students (not currently or previously enrolled at Athens Technical College):

- _____ Completed and signed Application for Admission to Athens Technical College (available on-line at [ATC Application](#) - Select *Admissions, Apply Now*) and the required application fee.
 - Indicate “Nursing” on the application form as your intended program of study.
- _____ Official transcripts from every college attended previously (if applicable) **OR** Official transcripts from the high school from which the applicant graduated (or GED documentation) if no prior college-level coursework has been completed. (College and University Transcript Request forms are available online at [Transcript Request](#) – Select *Current Student, Registration & Records, Transcript Requests*).

Option B - Currently enrolled ATC students:

- _____ Completed and signed Program Change Form (available on-line [Program Change Form](#) - Select *Current Students, Academic Resources, Student Services Forms, Program Change Form*) indicating “Nursing” as your intended program of study.

Option C - Former Students (not enrolled at ATC within the last two consecutive semesters of application):

- _____ Completed and signed Readmission Request Form (available on-line [Readmission Form](#) - Select *Current Students, Academic Resources, Student Services Forms, Readmission Form*) indicating “Nursing” as your intended program of study.
- _____ Placement Test Results (required if your scores on file at Athens Technical College are more than FIVE years old).

Candidates will be ranked using selection points in the following: Mathematical Modeling (MATH 1101), College Algebra (MATH 1111) OR Precalculus (MATH 1113), English (ENGL 1101), Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/ lab (BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L), and Microbiology w/Lab (BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L); and TEAS score. Students can typically expect to receive written notification regarding their standing by mid/late June.

Nursing Program Fee Schedule

Prior to Program Entry	In-District (\$107/hr)	Out of State (\$214/hr)	
Nursing Program Application Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	
TEAS Exam	\$90.00	\$90.00	
Total	\$115.00	\$115.00	
First Semester (Summer)			Program Cr Hrs p/semester
10 credit hours	\$1070.00	\$2140.00	10
Accident Insurance Fee - \$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	
Instruction Fee - \$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Parking Fee - \$ 45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Registration Fee - \$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Student Activity Fee - \$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Technology Fee - \$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	
Public Safety Fee - \$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Supply Fee - \$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Total for First Semester	\$1471.00	\$2541.00	
Second Semester (Fall)			10
10 credit hours	\$1070.00	\$2140.00	
Accident Insurance Fee - \$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	
Instruction Fee - \$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Parking Fee - \$ 45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Registration Fee - \$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Student Activity Fee - \$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Technology Fee - \$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	
Public Safety Fee - \$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Supply Fee- \$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Total for Second Semester	\$1471.00	\$2541.00	
Third Semester (Fall)			Program Cr Hrs p/semester
9 credit hours	\$963.00	\$1926.00	9
Accident Insurance Fee - \$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	
Instruction Fee - \$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Parking Fee - \$ 45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Registration Fee - \$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Student Activity Fee - \$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Technology Fee - \$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	
Public Safety Fee - \$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Supply Fee - \$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Total for Third Semester	\$1364.00	\$2327.00	
ENTIRE PROGRAM FEES	\$4421.00	\$7524.00	

**Subject to change without notice.*

Estimated Additional Expenses

Many expenses will be incurred in addition to class tuition and fees. While we have tried to be as thorough as possible, expenses may vary from the estimates listed.

Semester 1		
	Books**	\$1000.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	Uniforms	\$250.00
	Criminal Background Check & Drug Testing	\$100.00
	Immunizations (if needed)	\$400.00
	Physical Exam	\$200.00
	CPR	\$60.00
	Malpractice Insurance	\$11.00
	ACEMAPP (Annual Fee)	\$50.00
	Laptop (if needed)	\$2500.00
	Stethoscope (if needed)	\$150.00
	Skills Packet	\$100.00
	ATI Technology	\$587.50
Semester 2		
	Books**	\$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	Malpractice Insurance	\$11.00
	ATI Technology	\$756.25
Semester 3		
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$40.00
	ATI Technology	\$756.25
	Georgia Board of Nursing Application Fee	\$45.00
	IdentoGO Finger Printing and Background Check	\$60.00
	National Council of State Boards of Nursing Application Fee (NCLEX Exam)	\$200.00
	Graduation Application	\$40.00
	Cap & Gown	\$71.00
	Nursing Pin	\$100.00
Total		\$7788.00

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***Student is responsible for purchasing required textbooks for each course.*

Athens Technical College
Nursing Bridge Program
 Admission Criteria Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____ Student ID: _____ **Total Score (Max of 200 Points)** _____

Mandatory Nursing Orientation Session: Y or N

Nursing Program Core Courses

Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points	Quality Points
BIOL 2113	3			
BIOL 2113L	1			
BIOL 2114	3			
BIOL 2114L	1			
BIOL 2117	3			
BIOL 2117L	1			
MATH 1101, 1111 OR 1113	3			
ENGL 1101	3			

GPA = Total Quality Points / 18

I. Grade Point Average of Nursing Bridge Program Core Courses
 (BIOL 2113/2113L, 2114/2114, BIOL 2117/2117L, MATH 1101, 1111 OR 1113 & ENGL 1101)
 (Maximum of 100 points):

3.75 - 4.00	100	
3.50 - 3.74	80	
3.00 - 3.49	60	
2.75 - 2.99	40	
2.00 - 2.74	0	

II. TEAS Test Adjusted Individual Score (Maximum of 100 points):

- *Minimum score of 65% required*
- *Below 65% = 0 points*

Tie Breakers:

1. Nursing Bridge Program Admission Criteria Evaluation Sheet Score
2. Overall Nursing Bridge Program Science Core Courses GPA
 - BIOL 2113
 - BIOL 2113L
 - BIOL 2114
 - BIOL 2114L
 - BIOL 2117
 - BIOL 2117L
3. TEAS Exam Score

**Athens Technical College
Associate of Science in Nursing**

**Employer Verification of Hours of Practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Paramedic
Permission to Release information**

I, _____, am seeking admission to the Athens Technical College Associate of Science in Nursing program that requires two (2) years of employer documented practice hours (minimum of 1000 hours) as part of the admission criteria. I give permission for you to release this information to the Athens Technical College Associate of Science in Nursing program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Please complete the following and return to the prospective student.

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____

Please check and/or complete the following:

_____ The applicant has been employed as a licensed practical nurse/paramedic (please circle applicable licensure) at the site identified above for a minimum of 1,000 hours within the past two (2) years.

_____ The applicant has been employed as a licensed practical nurse nurse/paramedic (please circle applicable licensure) at the site identified above for _____ hours within the past two (2) years.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number and/or Email Address for Verification Purposes: _____