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.

The nursing program will conduct two day, two evening, and one virtual information sessions per semester. Documented attendance is **required** by all nursing program applicants. 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 proctored testing site. TEAS scores must be less than five years old, and TEAS attempts must be at least 90 days apart.

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, Mrs. Elizabeth Heath (706) 355-5079 eheath@athenstech.edu; Lisa Allgood (706) 583-2755 lallgood@athenstech.edu; or Rebecca Duhon (706) 355-5083 rduhon@athenstech.edu; if you have additional specific questions about the program.

We wish you success in the application process!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Heath, MSN, RN
ASN Program Chair

PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS:



Elizabeth (Beth) Heath serves as the Nursing Program Chair for the ASN program. A 1999 graduate of Athens Technical College's ASN program, she earned her Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nursing Education in 2014. Mrs. Heath's nursing career encompasses a broad range of experiences, including medical-surgical nursing, emergency department nursing, public and community health nursing, and nursing leadership. She joined Athens Technical College as a full-time nursing instructor in 2018 and served as the Walton Campus Clinical Coordinator from 2022 to 2026 before being appointed program chair. In addition to her leadership responsibilities, she enjoys teaching in the Foundations of Nursing and Mental Health nursing courses. Originally from Kentucky, Mrs. Heath now resides in Madison County.



Lisa Allgood is the Clinical Coordinator for the Walton Campus. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Brenau University in 1987 and later completed her Master of Science in Nursing at South University in Savannah in 2011. Prior to becoming a full-time faculty member at Athens Technical College in 2018, Ms. Allgood served as an adjunct clinical instructor with Athens Tech for seven years. In 2024, she assumed the role of ASN Bridge Coordinator. She also dedicated 30 years to Piedmont Athens Regional, where she held a variety of positions, including bedside nurse, IV Team nurse, and Staff Development nurse. Her primary area of expertise is Medical-Surgical nursing. A native of Walton County, Ms. Allgood continues to call the area home today.



Rebecca Duhon is the Bridge Coordinator of the ASN Program. She is a 2020 graduate of Athens Technical College's ASN program. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing with an emphasis in Nursing Education from Grand Canyon University in 2023. Ms. Duhon has served as an adjunct nursing instructor at Athens Technical College for two years and was appointed Bridge Program Coordinator in 2026. Her experience includes three years in critical care nursing and three years in hospice nursing, providing her with a diverse background in both acute and end-of-life patient care. Born in Japan, Ms. Duhon spent part of her childhood in Massachusetts before relocating to Georgia at the age of five, where she has lived since. Ms. Duhon is dedicated to preparing future nurses for success in the healthcare profession.

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. An applicant cannot be on academic probation at the time of application, either at Athens Technical College or from the last institution attended.

Applicants must complete (PSYC 1101 and PSYC 2103) prior to the February 1st application deadline. 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 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. Occasionally, learning laboratories and clinical experiences may occur at or near the Walton nursing campus.

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 2 PPD tests.
- **Hepatitis B**: Requires a series of 3 or 2 vaccines depending on series choice, with a subsequent titer to document immunity or 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.
- **Flu and/or Covid-** Sometimes required; clinical facility guidelines followed

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 (included with tuition/fees).

NURSING
Associate Degree Course Sequence (62 Semester Hours)

Pre-Application Course Requirements

These 7 courses must be completed before a student can apply to the AASN program

*Application GPA is calculated from the (*) courses. Application GPA is not calculated from PSYC courses.

Course	*Credit Hours*
*ENGL 1101: Composition and Rhetoric	***3***
*MATH 1101: Math Modeling *OR* MATH 1111: College Algebra *OR* MATH 1113: Precalculus	***3***
*BIOL 2113 with lab: Anatomy & Physiology 1	***4***
*BIOL 2114 with lab: Anatomy & Physiology 2	***4***
*BIOL 2117 with Lab: Microbiology	***4***
PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology	***3***
PSYC 2103 Human Development	***3***

Total Pre-Application Course Requirement Credit Hours: 24

General Education Course Requirements

It is preferred that students complete all general education courses before entering the nursing program. These 3 courses must be taken prior to the start of the Fall semester of the nursing program.

Course	*Credit Hours*
FSSE 1000: Freshman Seminar	***3***
Humanities and Final Arts Elective	***3***
SOCI 1101: Introduction to Sociology	***3***

Total General Education Course Requirements Credit Hours: 9

Nursing Program Courses

Semester 1- Summer	Semester 2- Fall	Semester 3- Spring
RNSG 1925- Adult Health Nursing- 7 Credit Hours RNSG 1935- Mental Health Nursing- 3 Credit Hours	RNSG 2910: Adult Health Nursing II- 5 Credit Hours RNSG 2920: Maternal-Child Nursing – 5 Credit Hours	RNSG 2930: Adult Health Nursing III/Transition to Practice- 7 Credit Hours RNSG 2940: Trends and Issues in Nursing and Healthcare- 2 Credit Hours
Total: 10 Credit Hours	**Total: 10 Credit Hours**	**Total: 9 Credit Hours**

Total Nursing Program Course Credit Hours: 29

- Application materials for entry into the Nursing Program are due each year on February 1st. Students are admitted, typically by early March, 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 general education and Nursing core courses must be completed with a C or better.
- All courses are subject to change. Please refer the current ATC College Catalog for any updates / changes.

Bridge Program Application Checklist

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 valid Georgia Practical Nursing or Paramedic 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 *Programs, Nursing, Additional Information, 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 *Admissions, Testing, ATI-TEAS*. TEAS exam must be completed at an approved proctored testing site. Test attempts must be greater than 90 days apart.

_____ 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), English (ENGL 1101), Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 1101), and Human Development (PSYC 2303) 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 *Admissions, Registration & Records, Transcript Requests*). Transcripts can also be sent via Parchment.

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 three consecutive semesters of application):

_____ Completed and signed Readmission Request Form (available on-line Readmission Form - Select *Admissions, Apply Now, Returning Students*) 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 April.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the nursing program full time or part time?
The ASN program is full time. There is no part time option.

When are nursing classes and clinicals held?
During the summer semester AASN program session, classes and clinical are M-F 9am-3pm. Fall and spring semester, classes generally start at 9am and end by 1, and clinicals generally start at 0630 and end by 2:30pm. Some semesters include a lab component, and on lab days, class lasts longer into the afternoon. Nursing students should plan to be in class, lab, or clinical most days of the week. Specific course schedules are discussed during the program information sessions.

Is there an online option?
There is no online option, and classes are face-to-face.

Is there a night or evening option?
There is no night or evening option**.**

Is it possible to work while in the program?
Due to the rigor and schedule, it is difficult to work while in the program. However, many students work part time while they are enrolled.

Can I apply to the program if I am still taking my application courses (ENGL, MATH, PSYC, and sciences?)
ENGL, MATH, the three science courses (BIOL 2113, BIOL 2114, and BIOL 2117), and the two PSYC courses must be completed when you submit your application. They cannot be in process when your application is submitted.

Do you consider clinical and/or life experience with admission criteria?
Admission to the program is based on GPA and TEAS score *only*. Clinical and/or life experience are not considered.

What is a strong TEAS and/or GPA when applying to the program?
While the minimum TEAS score is 65 and GPA is 2.75 for application, stronger scores are needed to be a competitive applicant. Entrants in the Fall 2026 cohort had average TEAS scores in the mid 80s with GPA averages well above 3.0.

Is there an expiration date for pre-requisite courses?
No.

Will my courses transfer to Athens Tech? Do you accept courses transferred from _____?
Only the Registrar can determine if coursework will transfer to Athens Tech. The nursing faculty cannot make that determination. You will need to apply to the college and have your transcripts evaluated by the Registrar. It is advisable to start this process early.

Can I apply for admission to Athens Tech while I am still enrolled at another college?
Yes, you can apply for admission while you are enrolled at another college.

How can I confirm that my application was received?
Contact Admissions (Admissions@athenstech.edu) to ensure that all your applications materials were received. Nursing faculty do not have access to application materials that were submitted and so are unable to verify if your application was received.

Is it okay if some of my application items (such as transcripts or TEAS scores) are received after the February 1 deadline if my intent form is submitted by the February 1 deadline?
All application items must be received by Admissions by the February 1 deadline. Applications that are incomplete by the application deadline will not be considered.

Nursing Program Fee Schedule

Prior to Program Entry	In-District ($107/hr)	Out of State ($214/hr)
ATC College Application Fee	$25.00	$25.00
TEAS Exam	$95.00	$95.00
Total	$120.00	$120.00
First Semester (Summer)		
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 - $40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Supply Fee - $40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Total for First Semester	$1481.00	$2551.00
Second Semester (Fall)		
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 - $40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Supply Fee- $40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Total for Second Semester	$1481.00	$2551.00

Third Semester (Fall)	In-District ($107/hr)	Out of State ($214/hr)
9 credit hours	$963.00	$1926.00
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 - $40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Supply Fee - $40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Total for Third Semester	$1374.00	$2337.00
ENTIRE PROGRAM FEES	**$4456.00**	**$7559.00**

**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	$65.00
	Malpractice Insurance	$11.00
	ACEMAPP (Annual Fee)	$50.00
	Laptop (if needed)	$2500.00
	Stethoscope (if needed)	$150.00
	Skills Packet	$130.00
	ATI Technology	$920.00
Semester 2		
	Books**	$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	$50.00
	Malpractice Insurance	$11.00
	ATI Technology	$920.00
Semester 3		
	Notebooks and other supplies	$40.00
	ATI Technology	$920.00
	Georgia Board of Nursing Application Fee	$50.00
	IdentoGO Finger Printing and Background Check	$60.00
	National Council of State Boards of Nursing Application Fee (NCLEX Exam)	$350.00
	Graduation Application	$40.00
	Cap & Gown	$71.00
	Nursing Pin	$100.00
Total		**$8638.00**

**Subject to change without notice.*
***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: _____