MISSION STATEMENT
The nursing faculty of Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC), in support of the philosophy, purpose and objectives of the College, believes the purpose of this program is to produce advanced beginning practitioners (Benner, 2001) for entry-level practice in the practical nurse role. Practical Nursing education prepares graduates to assume the roles of provider of care and member within the discipline of nursing. Graduates of this program meet the education requirements to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN®).

ADMISSION PROCEDURES
Students are admitted to the Practical Nursing program (D45660) in accordance with policies set by VGCC. Each applicant is required to meet the minimum admission eligibility requirements as set by the College. Meeting minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission into the program, only an opportunity for consideration. Completion of the VGCC Practical Nursing program does not guarantee success in passing the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX®).

The selection process for this program includes: PROGRAM APPLICATION Completion (must be completed for consideration for the Practical Nursing Program), Points Allocation, and Acceptance Status. Regulations, procedures, and course requirements are subject to change as necessary and without prior notice.

NOTE: This program is offered at the Main Campus in Henderson.

STEPS FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. Apply to VGCC. Designate Practical Nursing as the desired program of study. Deadline for application to VGCC for the Fall Admission to the Practical Nursing Program is 3 p.m. in person or 11:59 p.m. online on the last business day in January. If the last business day in January is a holiday, the deadline will be the business day before the holiday. Applicants will be placed into a Pre-Health Curriculum (Associate in General Education-General Science A10300S), until selected into the program. Submit official transcripts. Students must be eligible to enroll in ENG 111 and MAT 143 without a pre-requisite or co-requisite course in order to be eligible for admission into the desired Nursing program.

Test scores and/or developmental coursework must be completed within 10 years of the PROGRAM APPLICATION deadline.

2. Meet with an Academic and Career Coach. Please see the specific nursing program website for contact information.

The following items are required as part of the PROGRAM APPLICATION:

- A. Current listing on the North Carolina Certified Nursing Assistant I (CNA) Registry with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a Nursing Facility. A Waiver Request Form may be completed if the student has an equivalent certification or a minimum number of hours of experience.

- B. Work experience of a minimum of 640 hours (full or part-time) employment in an acute care, long term care, or equivalent setting as a CNA I or waiver requested occupation. The student must complete a WORK EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM as posted on the ADN website. If the student is finishing a CNA I state-approved course by the PROGRAM APPLICATION deadline and therefore does not have enough time to obtain 6 months of working experience, a letter of recommendation may be provided by the CNA I instructor if the CNA I course was completed within one year of the PROGRAM APPLICATION date (also completed on the WORK EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM).

- C. A program-specific GPA of 2.5 or higher if the student has completed general education courses for the program. A grade of "C" or better is required.

- D. Completion of the ATI TEAS assessment with a minimum score of 58.7% (Total Score). The ATI TEAS assessment may be taken at VGCC or official scores from other schools will be accepted. The ATI
TEAS assessment must be taken within 5 years of the PROGRAM APPLICATION deadline and only two attempts on the ATI TEAS are permitted per program application.

3. Complete the PROGRAM APPLICATION by 3 p.m. on the last business day in March. If the last business day in March is a holiday, the deadline will be the business day before the holiday.

ADMISSION POINTS ALLOCATION

A points allocation formula will be used to rank students for admission utilizing the highest adjusted individual total score on the ATI TEAS assessment, residence in the four-county service area, completion of one approved additional healthcare certification, and general education course grades. The students with the highest ranking will be eligible for admission. If there is a tie in total points, students will be accepted based on highest TEAS score, then by total points earned on general education course completion, then by date of student's VGCC application.

The following items will be utilized to calculate points toward selection into the program:

- **ATI TEAS assessment** analysis — Total Score (minimum 58.7%)

- County of residence – (Franklin, Granville, Vance, or Warren) .................................................................10 points
  
  Students in the four-county service area with Post Office Box addresses **MUST** provide proof of county residence by the PROGRAM APPLICATION deadline. Students who complete valid change of address forms into the four-county service area by the PROGRAM APPLICATION deadline will receive county of residence points.

  **OR**

  Students not receiving the 10 points for county of residence may take at least 75% of the general education requirements (8 credits) for PN at VGCC before selection ................................................................. 5 points

- Working SMART Certificate of Completion ........................................................................................................5 points

- Documentation of completion of one approved additional healthcare certification...........................................5 points
  
  **NOTE:** NA I and CNA I Registry or approved waiver program is required and will not count as one additional healthcare program. Additional healthcare certifications include the following: NA II Current Registry listing, Medication Aide Current Registry Listing, Geriatric Nurse Aide Current Registry listing, or Home Care Nurse Aide Current Registry listing.

- Points earned for course performance/completion will be awarded as follows:

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  **BIO 163** (The completed series of BIO 168 and BIO 169 will be accepted and an average of the points for the two classes will be used. BIO course(s) required for the program must be completed within 10 years of the PROGRAM APPLICATION deadline.)

- ENG 111
- PSY 150 (**PSY 110 may be accepted**)

  All related general education courses not completed before acceptance into the PN program must be completed before or during the semester in which they are listed in the semester course sequence.

Students will be notified of acceptance or selection as an alternate beginning in May.

Health insurance is required for this program. Failure to demonstrate proof of health insurance by the start of the program will result in loss of enrollment.

Questions? Please contact:

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