

Application Criteria ADN Advanced Placement Option Spring 2022

September 13, 2021 through October 20, 2021

You must have an Unrestricted LPN license in North Carolina to apply.

Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing Advanced Placement Option at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Please read this information thoroughly. We want to make sure you have the best possible chance of being selected by completing all processes and submitting all necessary application documents completely, correctly and by the deadline. Please email admissions@abtech.edu if you have questions about enrolling at A-B Tech or email advising@abtech.edu if you have questions about applying for the Nursing program.

You must be a high school graduate, or have an Adult High School or High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma to be eligible to enter any selective allied health program and have self-certified this requirement on your A-B Tech College application.

THE APPLICATION PERIOD

We will begin accepting applications September 13, 2021, for the Associate Degree Nursing Advanced Placement Option. *All deadlines and requirements in this document must be met to be eligible to apply.*

All applicants must review the Pre-Limited/Pre-Selective Information Session (Information Session) and complete the ‘survey’ *before meeting with a Student Advisor* to discuss their program of interest. You are encouraged to view the Information Session early and often to ensure you fully understand the application process and deadlines. To access the Information Session visit <https://abtech.edu/future-students/admissions-overview/selective-and-limited-programs> . The Pre-Limited/Pre-Selective Information Session can be found at the bottom of the webpage.

Please note: Alternates will be accepted after the application deadline of October 20, 2021 if deemed necessary to fill the class. Notification of this will be posted on <https://www.abtech.edu/selective-limited-programs> after the application deadline.

MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENT FOR ATI TEAS EXAM

Applicants will be required to score a *minimum composite/total adjusted TEAS score of 65*. Applicants may use the new ATI TEAS scores, provided the scores are 10 years old or newer.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

To be eligible for admission to the spring 2022 class, all qualified ADN Advanced Placement applicants will be required to take the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) exam. The ATI TEAS exam may only be completed at a location within the United States of America per ATI guidelines.

The ATI TEAS exam will be paid for by the applicant at the time of online registration on the ATI website. Information on the ATI TEAS exam and associated costs can be found at www.atitesting.com. Applicants should NOT schedule the ATI TEAS until **after** meeting with a Student Advisor and being approved as eligible to apply.

The ATI TEAS composite (total adjusted) score will be used to rank applicants for the ADN Advanced Placement program and a minimum score of 65 is required to be considered for the program. You may use your ATI TEAS composite score from a previous test session if the score is ten years or newer **and already on file at the College**. Individuals wishing to submit a TEAS score in lieu of testing during the application period must request authorization **at the time of completion of the Verification/Selection Form**.

Applicants may select only ONE of the following at the time of completion of the Verification/Selection Form:

- 1) Testing during the application period at the Testing Center on A-B Tech's main campus on Victoria Road in Asheville, NC. This option may not be available if COVID protocols are still in place. More information will be available during the application period.
- 2) Testing at an approved testing facility in another location. ***The location of the testing facility must be known at the time of application.***
- 3) Use an existing score **already on file at the College** provided the score is ten years or newer.
- 4) Request to submit only one score from a testing session prior to the application period at another testing facility. If multiple test scores are received on a single report (regardless of the reason for or source of the error), the earliest composite score will be used.

PLEASE NOTE: Test scores will not be accepted and applicants may not schedule the ATI TEAS until **after an applicant has completed the Verification/Selection Form** with a Student Advisor and only the TEAS option selected on that form will be permitted. Applicants who wish to change their ATI TEAS option must meet with a Student Advisor before October 20, 2021, to complete a new Verification/Selection Form.

If an applicant does not follow through and take the ATI TEAS exam, they are disqualified from moving forward in the admission process.

Applicants in need of testing accommodations should contact Support Services at supportservices@abtech.edu at least three weeks prior to testing.

Notice to non-U.S. Citizens

A-B Tech welcomes non-citizens with work authorization through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to our Selective Allied Health programs. Clinical site eligibility is determined by the sites themselves and can be impacted by immigration status. Non-citizens should discuss their non-citizenship status with their Selective program advisor as soon as they are accepted so that accommodations can be made for non-citizens.

Please note: Non-citizens who are eligible for the Selective programs may not be eligible for certain clinical sites. Successful completion of clinical rotations is required for program completion. If a student drops the program after being denied clinical site privileges due to non-U.S. Citizen status, the college refund policy will apply. Non-citizens are encouraged to contact the appropriate licensing/certifying agency to determine if they are eligible for licensure /certification upon graduation – decisions regarding licensure/certification are solely the responsibility of the licensing/certifying agency.

Questions regarding program admission for non-citizens may be made to advising@abtech.edu.

Please note that the Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) may only be completed at a location within the United States of America per ATI guidelines.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete and submit a general College application online at www.abtech.edu. (This is NOT an application to an allied health program. That will be done separately after you meet with a Student Advisor and are approved as eligible to apply.)
2. Applicants must certify on their College application that they are a high school graduate from a valid institution, an adult high school graduate from a valid institution, or have a valid HSE diploma. High school graduation or the equivalent from a regionally accredited, valid institution is generally required for Financial Aid purposes. You must have this high school equivalency by the first day of classes for the Spring 2022 start date to enter the selective allied health program.
3. Applicants must complete New Student Orientation prior to meeting with an advisor to complete the Verification/Selection Form. Registration for NSO is available at www.abtech.edu/nso. Waivers may apply.
4. Applicants must document college readiness in English and math. Visit www.abtech.edu/placement for detailed information or contact a Student Advisor located in the Bailey building on the Victoria Rd. campus to learn about the acceptable options. Documentation of college placement must be completed or on file by October 20, 2021.
5. A current, unrestricted license to practice as an LPN in the state of North Carolina is a prerequisite to apply as verified at <http://www.ncbon.com>.
6. Complete and have official documentation of successful completion of all general education courses required in the generic Associate Degree Nursing program before October 20, 2021. These courses include: BIO 168, BIO 169, BIO 175, ENG 111, ENG 114, PSY 150, PSY 241, and HUM 115. **(A grade of “C” or higher must have been earned in NUR and BIO courses.)**

Once you meet the minimum placement requirements, you will be given permission and instructions to schedule the ATI TEAS exam by a Student Advisor. **You must complete this step and the Verification/Selection form by October 20, 2021.** You must schedule and take the ATI TEAS exam by October 22, 2021, to be considered an applicant.

You may use your ATI TEAS composite/total adjusted score from previous test sessions if the score is ten years or newer and **already on file at the college**. Individuals wishing to submit a TEAS score in lieu of testing during the application period must request authorization **at the time of completion of the Verification/Selection Form**. TEAS test date must be prior to the application period start date of September

13, 2021, and must be from an approved testing location. Be aware that only one TEAS exam will be allowed during the 2021 application period for the Spring 2022 class.

IMPORTANT: Students approved to submit TEAS exam scores must ensure scores are received by 5:00pm on October 22, 2021. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up to ensure scores were received prior to the deadline of October 22, 2021.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM ONCE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET

1. Applicants will be ranked based upon the applicant's Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) composite score. **A minimum score of 65 is required on the ATI TEAS exam.**
2. Applicants will be notified of admission status: Accepted, Waitlisted, or Did Not Meet Minimum TEAS Score of 65, in November 2021.
3. Licensed Practical Nurses who are enrolled in the ADN Advanced Placement Option will receive credit for NUR 111, NUR 112, NUR 114 and NUR 117. Licensed Practical Nurses in the ADN Advanced Placement option must complete and have official documentation of successful completion of all general education courses required in the generic Associate Degree Nursing program before October 20, 2021. These courses include: BIO 168, BIO 169, BIO 175, ENG 111, ENG 114, PSY 150, PSY 241, and HUM 115. **(A grade of "C" or higher must have been earned in NUR and BIO courses.)**
4. **ALL accepted and wait-listed students MUST** attend the program orientation session held by the Nursing department. Program orientation details will be provided by the department. Failure to attend the program orientation will result in the loss of a seat in the class.
5. Final admission to the ADN Advanced Placement Option shall be contingent upon documentation of physical and emotional health that would provide evidence that is indicative of the applicant's ability to provide safe nursing care to the public, satisfactory completion of required immunizations and current CPR for the Healthcare Provider certification. Immunizations and CPR must remain current while enrolled in the program.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION – READ CAREFULLY

Any Allied Health student deemed to have violated the College Student Code of Conduct may not be eligible for application or re-admission to Allied health programs.

Certain immunizations are required by the **clinical agencies** to participate in clinical. COVID-19 vaccination is not required at this time, but ***it may be required in the future.*** COVID-19 vaccination guidelines are subject to change based on clinical affiliate requirements.

Criminal background checks and drug screenings will be required by clinical sites for students entering the selective allied health programs. These screenings will be conducted at the student's expense by a professional and independent vendor. Failure to achieve acceptable standards for these screenings will result in the denial of clinical privileges. Successful completion of clinical is required for program completion. The college refund policy applies if a student drops the program after being denied clinical site privileges.

Applicants should be aware that the North Carolina State Board of Nursing requires criminal background checks including fingerprints for all applicants for initial licensure and may deny licensure to individuals convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. The NC Board of Nursing does not become involved in reviewing the applicant's conviction record until such time as application is made to take the national examination.

Applicants for Selective Allied Health Programs must demonstrate the ability to meet certain technical standards critical to the successful completion of the program. These standards include skills and abilities essential for such things as operation of equipment; evaluation and manipulation of patients; evaluation of microscopic components and color reactions; and communication with patients, families and other medical personnel. For an explanation of specific physical and cognitive requirements for the nursing program, refer to the "Program Recommendations for ADA Technical Standards" notebook, which is available in the Admissions Office or on the A-B Tech Admissions Overview web page, <https://abtech.edu/future-students/admissions-overview>. For further clarification, please refer to the nursing program handbook, which may be found on the abtech.edu website, Nursing Programs webpage.

If you are not selected for the ADN Advanced Placement program beginning spring semester 2022 and wish to apply for the spring 2023 class, you must re-apply.

All documents that you submit with your application for the nursing program must be true, correct and complete. Falsification of documentation may result in denial of admission or dismissal after admission.

Admission criteria are reviewed each year and are subject to change from year to year.

Allied Health students will be required to complete clinical rotations which may require them to travel more than one hour from campus. Clinical rotations may be conducted during weekend and/or evening hours. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation.

We appreciate your interest in A-B Tech and the ADN Advanced Placement Option.

STUDENT PREPARATION AND TESTING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Test resources are available from:

www.abtech.edu/placement (See *Prepare for Placement Testing* Section)

SAT or ACT study guides, which are available at various libraries and bookstores, are also good resources for testing preparation.

ATI TEAS

Test resources and online registration and payment are available at the following website:

www.atitesting.com

Study guides are available for review in the Locke Library and the A-B Tech Madison, South and the Goodwill sites. Study guides may also be purchased online from the test vendor ATI at the online store link or at the A-B Tech bookstore. Online practice assessments are also available at the vendor website.

ADDITIONAL PREPARATION RESOURCES

March2Success.com provides free personal assessments and preparation tools for the college placement test and the ATI TEAS exam.

For career assessments and exploration, visit www.abtech.edu/focus2 . Email careerservices@abtech.edu or call 828-398-7581 for an individual appointment.