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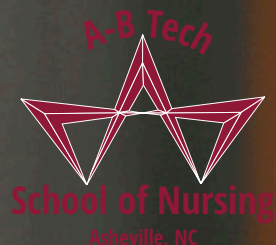
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RIBN

The RIBN option is an A.A.S. Dual Enrollment Program offered in collaboration with Western Carolina University (WCU). Students are accepted into and take courses at both A-B Tech and WCU during enrollment in the RIBN option.

Students are required to:

1. A minimum GPA of 3.0 with a TEAS score of 70 or greater are required to be admitted to the ADN program with the RIBN Option.
2. Current American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification is a prerequisite to full admission and must be maintained throughout the program. This certification must include hands-on skills components, AED use, and other lifesaving skills. Course certifications from any other providers will not be accepted.
3. Affiliated clinical sites for nursing will require an on boarding process, which will include a criminal background check and drug testing prior to participation in the clinical component. If any clinical facility refuses to allow the student to participate in clinical experiences, for any reason, the student will not be able to progress in the program. Applicants for initial licensure in North Carolina must also have a criminal background check.
4. Maintain dual admission and continued enrollment at both A-B Tech and WCU by completing one WCU course each academic year, as advised by the RIBN Nursing Advisor.
5. Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater to progress in the RIBN option, with a minimum grade of "C" in all coursework.

6. Year 1: Enroll in general education courses at A-B Tech and WCU as advised by the RIBN Nursing Advisor.
7. Years 2 and 3: Enroll in Associate Degree Nursing courses at A-B Tech and continue enrollment in WCU courses as advised by the RIBN Nursing Advisor.
8. Year 4: Home School is WCU.
9. Successfully pass NCLEX - RN to progress to Year 4.
10. See the RIBN Nursing Advisor for the recommended course sequence.

This program is approved by the
North Carolina Board of Nursing,
 P.O. Box 2129, Raleigh, NC 27602,
 (919) 782-3211, www.ncbon.com

The Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at: 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. (202) 909-2487.



Cost:

WNC RIBN makes a baccalaureate education affordable and accessible since students pay mostly community college tuition rates for the first three years plus the cost of one university course per semester. No residence housing is required.

Clinical education:

Three years of the program include nursing courses and clinical experiences. Traditional baccalaureate and associate degree programs are typically two years of nursing education.

Licensure:

Students will take the state board exam (NCLEX) after Year 3 to work as a RN during Year 4 while they complete their baccalaureate courses.

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