



McKENZIE-ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF NURSING

PRELICENSURE ADMISSION INFORMATION PACKET

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

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For most current program information, please see our website at:
[UNCP School of Nursing](https://www.uncp.edu/school-of-nursing)

The enclosed information provides important details about the Prelicensure Program at UNCP. Prospective students should be aware that the program is designed to prepare students for entry into professional nursing at the Registered Nurse (RN) level.

Students are admitted to the baccalaureate nursing program at the Upper Division level. Lower Division courses must be completed before beginning nursing courses. The first nursing courses begin in the second summer session preceding the junior year.





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The prelicensure program is a competitive program. Students are required to apply to the program and earn a seat based off of a point system. The online application for the program is available in January and is due by February 15th. The application may be accessed online by [clicking here](#).

Listed within this packet are the minimum requirements to apply to the program. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Each of the required courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher. ATI TEAS™ results must be submitted by January 31st. Review [this page](#) for information about the TEAS™.

The prelicensure program prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN. Requirements for licensure may vary by each state. All students should review licensure requirements for the state of which they want to seek licensure.

If accepted into the prelicensure program, students are required to submit documentation of up-to-date immunizations, American Heart Association CPR certification, and a certificate of malpractice insurance with required minimum coverage. Students will submit all required documentation to Castle Branch for processing and should not turn in this information to the School of Nursing. Students must consent to a criminal history background check and to a urinalysis drug screening. This information will be shared to assigned clinical partners. If denied entry into any clinical facility, you may be unable to fulfill the clinical requirements of the pre-licensure program. Following graduation, the North Carolina Board of Nursing will make the determination, based on your criminal background, as to whether or not you may be eligible for a license.

Clinical sites are available in Robeson and surrounding counties and are typically within an hour and a half drive of campus. Rotations may be scheduled during the day or evening. Some nights and weekends may be necessary to gain specific clinical experiences. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to clinical sites.

The baccalaureate and master's programs at the University of North Carolina Pembroke are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

- Are you admitted to UNCP as a degree-seeking student?
- Do you have at least a 2.5 Lower Division GPA and a 2.5 Math/Science GPA?
- Have you met with an advisor within the School of Nursing or Center for Student Success within the past six months?
- Will you have completed all Lower Division courses, including NUR 2020 and NUR 3250, by the end of the spring semester of the admitting year?
- Have you taken, or will you have taken, the ATI TEAS exam by January 31st with a score of 58.7% / Proficient or higher?
- If you are a transfer student, have you met with a UNCP nursing advisor to ensure you will have completed all requirements?
- Are you able to meet all of the essential abilities listed on Page 7?
- Are you able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening?

You must be able to answer “**YES**” to **all** of the questions above in order to be eligible to apply to the Upper Division.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

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The School of Nursing administers the selection process and students are not guaranteed admission into the Upper Division. Students will be notified of their admission decision via an e-mail message sent to their UNCP Bravemail account. Qualified applicants must submit an application by February 15th of the year of entry. The application automatically closes and late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Lower Division Requirements:

- Admitted to UNCP as a degree seeking student.
- Completion of all Lower Division courses with a grade of C or higher.
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher on all Lower Division coursework.
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher in the following coursework or their equivalents: MAT 1050 or higher, BIO 2110, BIO 2120, BIO 3150, CHM 1300 and CHM 1100 OR CHM 1400 and CHM 1120, NUR 3250, and statistics.
- Physical, mental, and emotional health that enables a student to participate in and complete the program (see policies listed in the Student Handbook).
- Completion and submission of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS™) to UNCP before January 31. Scores must be from an examination taken between February 16 and January 31. Scores are only valid for 12 months from the date of exam.

Prerequisite Courses (Lower Division):

Elective choices are restricted. Refer to the flyer or checklist [available here](#) for the accepted course selections.

UNV 1000	Philosophy Elective	PSY 1010
ENG 1050	General Education Elective	BIO 2110
ENG 1060	BIO 1000	BIO 2120
PED Elective	CHM 1300 or 1400	BIO 3150
PED Elective	MAT 1050 or higher	MAT 2100
Fine Art Elective	Social Science Elective	NUR 2020
English Literature Elective	Social Science Elective	NUR 3250
History Elective		

Admissions Timeline:

Fall 2022 - Students interested in transferring from another institution should meet with an advisor to discuss their transfer credits and remaining coursework. Transfer students should apply to UNC-Pembroke for entry in spring 2022 in order to take NUR 2020 and NUR 3250. These are required pre-requisite courses only offered through UNC-Pembroke.

January 2023 - The application will be online for individuals who meet the admission requirements. All applicants who have not taken NUR 2020 & NUR 3250 must complete the courses during the Spring 2023 semester.

January 31, 2023 - Applicants must submit their TEAS® score report by this date. Scores must be dated between February 16, 2022 and January 31, 2023 and the student must score "Proficient" or higher.

February 15, 2023 - Application Deadline! Applications must be submitted to the School of Nursing.

March 15, 2023 - Decision letters will be emailed to student's Bravemail accounts by 5:00 pm.

May 2023 - Accepted students must have completed all pre-requisite courses with a C or higher by the end of the spring semester.

Fall 2023 - Nursing courses begin.

RANKING PROCESS:

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The ranking formula consists of the following components **added** together:

- Math and science GPA multiplied by 1.5.
- Lower division nursing pre-requisite GPA
- Points earned based off the ATI TEAS score (refer to table below)
- Points earned based off of the highest degree earned (refer to table below)
- One point for students with 30 or more credits earned at UNCP prior to entry into the program
- Maximum of one point for being a member of any of these groups: Maynor Honors College, UNCP ROTC, or an active or honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces
- Maximum of one point for prior medical experience or certification such as CNA, EMT, Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Tech, or similar.

ATI TEAS™ Score and Points Awarded:

58.7% - 65.0% = No points awarded	78.0% - 90.6% = 2 points awarded
65.1% - 77.9% = 1 point awarded	90.7 – 100% = 3 points awarded

Highest Degree Held and Points Awarded:

No Prior Degree = 0 points awarded Bachelor's Degree = 1 point awarded PhD or Doctorate = 2 points awarded

Examples:

A student without a prior degree has a 3.45 Lower Division GPA and a 2.91 Math/Science GPA. Their TEAS™ score is 75%. The student has 45 credits earned at UNCP, is an ROTC member, and has no prior medical experience. The student’s ranking score is:

Math/Science GPA	Lower Division GPA	TEAS Score Points	Highest Degree Earned	30+ credits at UNCP	Prior medical experience or certification	ROTC, active military, veteran, or Maynor Honors College	Total Score
2.91 * 1.5 +	3.45 +	1 +	0 +	1 +	0 +	1 =	10.815

A student without a prior degree has a 3.9 Lower Division GPA and a 3.7 Math/Science GPA. Their TEAS™ score is 72%. The student has 49 credits at UNCP and has no medical experience. The ranking score is:

Math/Science GPA	Lower Division GPA	TEAS Score Points	Highest Degree Earned	30+ credits at UNCP	Prior medical experience or certification	ROTC, active military, veteran, or Maynor Honors College	Total Score
3.7 * 1.5 +	3.9 +	1 +	0 +	1 +	0 +	0 =	11.45

A student with a bachelor’s degree has a 2.6 Lower Division GPA and a 2.52 Math/Science GPA. Their TEAS™ score is 60%. The student has only 5 credits at UNCP and has worked as a nurse aide. The ranking score is:

Math/Science GPA	Lower Division GPA	TEAS Score Points	Highest Degree Earned	30+ credits at UNCP	Prior medical experience or certification	ROTC, active military, veteran, or Maynor Honors College	Total Score
2.52 * 1.5 +	2.6 +	0 +	1 +	0 +	1 +	0 =	8.38

Fill out the empty boxes below and add up your score:

Math/Science GPA	Lower Division GPA	TEAS Score Points	Highest Degree Earned	30+ credits at UNCP	Prior medical experience or certification	ROTC, active military, veteran, or Maynor Honors College	Total Score
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ESSENTIAL ABILITIES

UNCP's School of Nursing provides equal opportunities and equal access for all persons regardless of gender, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status, sexual preference, or disability. Students who meet the minimum requirements for admission will receive equal opportunity for selection into the Upper Division as space allows. Students may be denied entry into the Upper Division if the capacity has been reached.

The practice of nursing is an applied discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective and motor components. All students must be able to perform the functions that are necessary for the safe practice of nursing with diverse nursing care recipients in a wide variety of settings and which are essential to the licensing requirements for nursing. Students must be capable of meeting the following core performance standards with or without reasonable accommodations in order to be admitted and progress in the Nursing Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP).

Issue	Standard	Examples of Standard Activities (not all inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, use nursing process, develop concept maps
Cognitive Ability	Ongoing capacity to learn new information and skills	Comprehend, measure, calculate, analyze, and evaluate diverse forms of information in timely manner, and learn and adopt new methods of providing nursing care
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients, families, and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Follow instructions, explain nursing actions, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces	Moves around in patient's room, work spaces, and treatment areas, procure emergency materials, lifting, moving, carrying, pushing, and supporting clients, equipment, and other objects independently
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients, administer CPR, calibrate and use equipment, draw and give injections
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertions of a catheter
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	Can read charts, flowsheets, monitors, thermometers, observes and assesses patient/client responses to care
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help, understand mechanically reproduced voices such as audiotape
Personal Behaviors	Maintains personal behaviors consistent with the Code of Ethics for Nurse with Interpretive Statements	Demonstrate personal responsibility, integrity, accountability, and honesty, demonstrates respect, avoids chemical dependency and abuse, engaging in or supporting criminal behavior

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

This document and the Upper Division application are available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Accessibility Resource Center, Oxendine Administrative Building, Room 110, or call 910.521.6695.

In post-secondary school settings, academic accommodations are not automatic; to receive accommodations, students must make a formal request and must supply documentation from a qualified professional to support that request. Students who believe they qualify must contact the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) in Oxendine Administrative Building, Room 110, or call 910.521.6695 to begin the accommodation process. All discussions remain confidential. Accommodations cannot be provided retroactively. More information for students about the services provided by ARC and the accommodation process may be found at: <http://www.uncp.edu/arc>

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT

Nursing students must consent to a criminal background check prior to being placed in clinical facilities. This process is completed through Castle Branch and access to the background check is granted to assigned clinical partners. Students should not pay for their own background check in lieu of the services provided by Castle Branch. Information obtained from the background check is kept strictly confidential. If a student is not allowed into a clinical facility due to an issue arising from the background check, the student will be unable to complete the course and clinical requirements and will be dismissed from the Upper Division.

DRUG SCREENING REQUIREMENT

Drug screening is required of all Upper Division students. Students are required to submit a urinalysis drug screening through Castle Branch. Castle Branch will provide the testing location and requirements to the student. The student should not submit their own urinalysis drug screen in lieu of the services provided by Castle Branch. A positive drug screening may make you ineligible to access a clinical facility and thus unable to complete the course and clinical requirements. Students denied access to a clinical facility due to an issue arising from the drug screening will be dismissed from the Upper Division.

SCHEDULING OF CLASS AND CLINICAL HOURS

Classes and clinical rotations may be scheduled at any time on any day of the week. Advanced notice will be provided so students may plan for their out-of-class responsibilities. Clinical rotations may involve up to 12 hours in duration. During the last semester, students will be paired with a nurse to complete a preceptorship which may require extended time in the clinical setting.

Estimated Cost of Attendance for Fall 2020 - Spring 2022 for Pre-Licensure BSN at UNC-Pembroke

Pre-Admission

TEAS Exam	\$93.50
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Fall Semester 2020

Tuition (In-State) and Fees	\$1,708.64
Textbooks	\$550.00
ATI	\$388.40
School supplies and materials (estimated)	\$50.00
Castle Branch	\$101.00
Uniforms and Supply Kit	\$470.00
Clinical Travel (Estimated)	\$150.00
Liability Insurance	\$40.00
Physical Exam (Estimated)	\$50.00
CPR (Estimated)	\$75.00
Health Insurance (If not waived)	\$1,311.50
On-Campus Parking Permit	\$125.00

Total Estimated Semester Costs: **\$5,019.54**

Spring Semester 2021

Tuition (In-State) and Fees	\$1,708.64
Textbooks	\$350.00
ATI	\$293.40
School supplies and materials (estimated)	\$50.00
Health Insurance (If not waived)	\$1,311.50
Clinical Travel (Estimated)	\$150.00
Graduation Fee (Due April 1st)	\$50.00

Total Estimated Semester Costs: **\$3,913.54**

Fall Semester 2021

Tuition (In-State) and Fees	\$1,708.64
Textbooks and Online Resources	\$525.00
ATI	\$358.40
Health Insurance (If not waived)	\$1,311.50
On-Campus Parking Permit	\$125.00
School supplies and materials (estimated)	\$50.00
Clinical Travel (Estimated)	\$150.00
Liability Insurance	\$40.00
Castle Branch	\$37.00

Total Estimated Semester Costs: **\$4,305.54**

Spring Semester 2022

Tuition (In-State) and Fees	\$1,708.64
Textbooks	\$150.00
ATI	\$293.40
School supplies and materials (estimated)	\$50.00
Clinical Travel (Estimated)	\$250.00
Health Insurance (If not waived)	\$1,311.50
Pinning Lamp, Pin, and Graduation Garb (Estimated)	\$150.00
Application for NCLEX	\$275.00

Total Estimated Semester Costs: **\$4,118.54**

Uniform and supply kit includes: Labcoat, 2x top, 2x pants, 2x polo, stethoscope, shoes, and supply kit.
 Clinical travel will vary based on many factors. Carpooling recommended. Costs increases in the last semester due to preceptorship.
 Physical exam will vary based on your insurance and physician.
 CPR will vary based on your choice of where to receive training.
 Health insurance is billed by the university unless waived with proof of medical insurance.
 School supplies and materials includes paper, pens, presentation boards, and other supplies normally used in the course of learning.
 Textbook costs include prices for new textbooks.

