

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Nursing Program Director

TO: Prospective Nursing Students

DATE: March 2020

SUBJECT: Application to the Nursing Program

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2020 – 2021 Nursing PROGRAM YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS BY 4:00 PM ON May 1, 2020

A completed Screening Application

From the student portal, print your degree works audit which will include course substitutions that have been approved & noted on your account. Course substitutions: after your official transcripts have been processed you may find courses that were not automatically approved. Please contact your advisor to determine if any substitutions can be allowed. Your transcript should demonstrate that you have successfully completed or be currently enrolled in all of the first-year prerequisite courses (A grade of C or higher is required for transfer of credits into the program (ENGL 1010, PSYC 1030 & Fine Arts). Grades of "D" or "F", or courses with a grade of “incomplete” will not count toward meeting this requirement.

Transfer students should apply to the college and have official transcripts sent to the Admissions Office as soon as possible to ensure that transfer courses are accepted by VSCC. Do not assume your transfer courses will be accepted.

A grade of B or higher is required in the Math and Sciences courses to be considered for an invitation to interview.

Failure to follow these directions and correctly submit all required documentation will result in your application not being considered for the 2020– 2021 class.

All documents must be received at the address on the Screening Application by 4:00 p.m. May 1, 2020 or your application will not be considered.



Division of Nursing

Application for: Gallatin Campus_____ Livingston Campus_____ Either Campus_____

Nursing applications will be accepted from March 1st through May 1st. Both early and late applications will not be considered. Only completed applications will be accepted.

The “Test of Essential Academic Skills” (TEAS) must be completed **before May 1st**. The requirements are listed online.

In order to verify the application is submitted within the allowed time frame, please email your application by May 1st to beth.tomlin@volstate.edu. If you need to make any changes after submitting the application, please contact the Nursing Program at 615-230-4760 or beth.tomlin@volstate.edu

Print the information below in black ink.

Date: _____

VSCC Student ID Number: V_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Vol State Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Applicants

I affirm that all information on the application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Only completed applications will be considered. All required information as outlined in this application must be received prior to the application being considered. I must maintain my grade point average at or above 3.3.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that, once admitted to the Nursing Program, I must submit to a criminal background check, drug screen, CPR, and meet all health requirements for admission to the Nursing Program. I understand that in order for me to be eligible to take the licensure exam after graduation, I must meet the requirements of the Board of Nursing in the state in which I will apply to take the licensure exam.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Core Performance Standard of Retention in the Nursing Program

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression developed by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing and adopted by all nursing programs in the Tennessee Board of Regents system include:

- A. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgement.
- B. Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups.
- C. Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.
- D. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
- E. Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- F. Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess health needs and hear verbal instructions.
- G. Visual abilities sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
- H. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.

Admission to the nursing program is not based on these standards; instead, they are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. Each of these standards is reflected in nursing student learning outcomes and provides an objective measure for students and advisors to make informed decisions regarding whether the student is qualified to meet requirements.

Please read and sign the following statement: I verify that I have read and understand the requirements of the VSCC Nursing Program Core Performance Standards and information as outlined above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Background and Licensure

The Tennessee Board of Nursing is concerned about the number of individuals with criminal histories seeking licensure as an RN and prohibits individuals with certain criminal histories and those serving probation from becoming licensed, as well as those who have been denied or had a nursing license, certificate or registration disciplined or voluntarily surrendered in any state or jurisdiction. The Tennessee Board of Nursing mandates an additional extensive background which includes fingerprinting be completed at the end of this program, prior to sitting for licensure. If you have had any criminal history, at the time you apply for licensure, you will be asked to produce a certified copy of the warrants and judgments or conviction papers and evidence of fines, restitutions, probation, etc. as well as address a self-written letter to the Tennessee Board of Nursing describing the circumstances that resulted in the arrests and conviction(s). Criminal convictions including expunged records may impact your ability to be licensed after completion of this program. Sign below verifying you have read and understand this statement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____