VALENCIA COLLEGE

Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, Accelerated Track (ATN)

Admission Guide | Catalog Year: 2026-2027

Program Overview

The ATN Nursing Program at Valencia College is a Limited-Access, three-term program intended for students who have an active Florida license as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Paramedic, Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT), or Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Technologist seeking to become Registered Nurse (RN). Admission to Valencia College does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program. This guide outlines program eligibility, admission requirements, application steps, and key deadlines to support applicants through the admission process.

Admission Updates (Effective Fall 2026)

Admission Changes

- The Accelerated Track in Nursing (ATN) will admit one cohort per year, with admissions occurring for the Fall term only.

Admission Requirement Updates

- Applicants must earn a minimum ATI TEAS composite score of 78.

Admission Review & Selection Updates

- The AS Nursing program no longer uses point-based admission rubric.
- Applicants who meet minimum admission requirements will be ranked and selected based on:
  1. ATI TEAS composite score
  2. Overall GPA

Application Deadline

Program Start Term	Application Open	Application Close	Term Start Date
Fall 2026	May 1, 2026	May 15, 2026	August 24, 2026

Program Location & Delivery Format

Students admitted to the Accelerated Track in Nursing (ATN) program will complete the program in a hybrid format. Lecture coursework is delivered online. Laboratory instruction is conducted at the Osceola Campus during the first and second term and at the West Campus during third term. Clinical experiences are completed at affiliated healthcare agencies throughout Central Florida.

Complete Before Submitting the Secondary Health Sciences Application

Steps	Details
Attend a Nursing Information Session	Virtual and in-person Nursing Information Sessions are offered each term to review program requirements. Visit valenciacollege.edu/HealthInfoSessions for the current schedule, presentation slides, and pre-recorded sessions.
Review Program Requirements	Confirm that you meet all program requirements outlined in this guide, including completion of prerequisite coursework, minimum overall GPA requirements, and the ATI TEAS composite score requirement.
Confirm Eligibility – Program Participation Requirements	Before applying, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements: • Applicants must be 18 or older by the start date of the program • Eligible applicants include U.S. Citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents, and individuals with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Refugee, or Asylee status. • Applicants who are not U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents must have a valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) for clinical placement purposes. • International students (F-1 or other non-immigrant visa status) are not eligible to apply to the Accelerated Track in Nursing due to program hybrid delivery format. Please note, graduates must have a Social Security Number (SSN) to be eligible for NCLEX-RN licensure.
Apply to Valencia College	Submit a Valencia College admission application and complete ALL steps outlined in Steps to Enrollment. *Note: This is the General Admission application and not the secondary Health Sciences (Nursing) application.*
Meet with a Student Success Coach	After applying to Valencia College, students are strongly encouraged to meet with their assigned Student Success Coach early and regularly while completing prerequisite coursework. Ongoing advising support helps ensure all admission and eligibility requirements are met prior to submitting the Nursing program application.
Submit Transcripts	Submit high school and college transcripts from all institutions attended. Transcripts must be posted to your Valencia College record before submitting the Nursing application deadline (recommend 3 months prior). Students using credit by exam (such as AP, CLEP, or IB) for prerequisite coursework must request official score reports from the appropriate testing agency. *Transfer students are not considered "first-time-in-college" and are not required to submit a high school transcript.*

Verify Transfer Courses Equivalency (if applicable)	Transfer courses may need to be reviewed for potential course substitution or equivalency. This must be completed before submitting the secondary health science application (nursing application).
Complete Program Prerequisites	All required prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to the application deadline to be eligible for admission consideration. Refer to the Admission Requirements section for a complete list of required courses.
ATI TEAS Testing & Score Submission	Applicants must earn a minimum composite score of 78 on the ATI TEAS exam. You may take the ATI TEAS up to three times within a 12-month period, however you must allow 30 days between retakes. The 12-month period begins at the date of a first attempt. Applicants who take the ATI TEAS exam outside of the Valencia College Assessment Center must request official scores from ATI. After requesting scores, applicants must complete the ATI Score Matching Request Form so scores can be properly matched to their Valencia College record.
Core Performance Standards	Review the Core Performance Standards to ensure you are able to meet program requirements, with or without reasonable accommodations.

Program Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission consideration to the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, Accelerated Track (ATN) program, applicants must meet all minimum requirements by the application deadline.

Admission Requirements	
Required Credential / Licensure	Applicants must hold a current, active, and unencumbered FL license or certification as an LPN, Paramedic, RRT, or CVT at the time of application.
Minimum Overall GPA Requirement	2.5
Minimum ATI TEAS Composite Score	78
Completion of Prerequisite Coursework	All required prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better
Intravenous (IV) Therapy Course Requirement	All applicants (except Paramedic) must submit documentation of satisfactory completion of an intravenous therapy course that meets Florida Board of Nursing Rules as outlined in Chapter 64B9-12.005: Administration of Intravenous Therapy. (Must be 30+ hours from the State of Florida)

Required Prerequisite Coursework		
All required prerequisite courses listed below must be completed with a grade of C or better to be eligible for admission consideration+.		
Course	Title	CR
BSC 2085C	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BSC 2086C	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4
HUN 1201 or HUN 2202	The Sci. of Nutrition or Nutrition with Diet Therapy	3
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3
PSY 2012 or DEP 2004	Psychology or Developmental Psychology	3
Core Math	See Area 3: Core Math	3
Core Humanities	See Area 2: Core Humanities	3
POS 2041, AMH 2010^, AMH 2020	U.S. Government or U.S. History to/from 1877	3
+ Credit by exam satisfies prerequisite course and credit requirements (such as CLEP, AP/IB, or S/P/Z grades); however, these credits do not carry grade points and are not included in the combined prerequisite GPA used in the competitive selection process.		
* Grade of C or higher in BSC 1010C or BSC 2085C is a required prerequisite for BSC 2086C, MCB 2010C and HUN 2202.		
^ AMH 2010 must be completed Fall 2024 or later to satisfy admission & Civic Literacy requirements.		

How to Apply to the Nursing Program

Applying to the Nursing Program is a two-step process. Applicants must complete both the Valencia College General Admission process (if not already active) and the secondary Health Science Program Application (Nursing Program) by the published deadline (see pg. 1).

Steps to Apply	Description
Confirm Valencia College Student Status	Before applying to the Nursing Program, applicants must have an active Valencia College student status. • New students must first submit a General Valencia College Application
Submit the Secondary Health Science Application (Nursing Program)	Submit the Nursing Program application during the published application window at: valenciacollege.edu/apply-health. • Applications must be submitted using your MyVC username and password • Applicants attempting to access the application outside the published window will encounter an error message.
Application Support	• If you receive an error message during the published application window, contact healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu • Valencia College employees using a @valenciacollege.edu email address must contact the same inbox for assistance.
Submit Application Fee	• Pay the $15 non-refundable application fee • Applications are not complete—or reviewed—until payment is received

What Happens After You Apply

Application Review Process: Applications are reviewed approximately four to six weeks after the closing deadline. Applicants who meet all minimum admission requirements will be ranked and selected through a competitive review process, with primary consideration given to ATI TEAS composite score and prerequisite GPA. While the Accelerated Track does not require a minimum prerequisite GPA for eligibility, prerequisite GPA is considered in the competitive selection process. Admission decisions are communicated to the applicant's MyVC email.

Admission Decisions

Decision Type	Description
Selected	Offered admission into the Program. Applicants must confirm acceptance by the stated deadline to secure their seat.
Alternate	Offered placement on the alternate list. Applicants must confirm acceptance of their alternate status by the stated deadline to remain eligible to be offered a seat if one becomes available. Admission is not guaranteed.
Not Selected	Met minimum admission requirements but was not selected due to limited program capacity.
Ineligible	Did not meet one or more program eligibility or admission requirements by the application deadline.

Requirements If Selected for Admission

Mandatory Nursing Orientation: All students selected for admission must attend the Mandatory Nursing Orientation, which is held prior to the start of the program.

2026-2027 Orientation Dates

Term	Orientation Date	Start of Term
Fall 2026	Wednesday, July 8, 2026	Monday, August 24, 2026

Clinical Compliance Requirements

Compliance requirements and deadlines will be discussed during Orientation. Students who are accepted into a Health Sciences Program must submit the items listed below:

Item	Description
Level II Background Check	Comprehensive criminal background check that includes fingerprint-based checks for statewide criminal history records
Drug Screening	10 Panel Drug Screening
CPR Certification	American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS)
Required Vaccinations	1. COVID-19^ 2. Hepatitis B+ 3. Influenza (Flu) *^ 4. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)+ 5. Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) 6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening* 7. Varicella (Chickenpox)+ * Required annually + May be met with titer (proof of immunity) ^ May be declined or met through an exemption process

Contact Information

Questions?	Contact
Application Questions	healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu
Compliance Questions	hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu
Health Sciences Website	valenciacollege.edu/health
Nursing Info Session	valenciacollege.edu/HealthInfoSessions
Valencia College Application	valenciacollege.edu/apply-credit/
Secondary Nursing Application	valenciacollege.edu/apply-health
Valencia Assessment Center	valenciacollege.edu/teas
ATI TEAS Website	atitesting.com/teas/transcript
ATI TEAS Matching Request Form	forms.valenciacollege.edu/assessment-ati-score-matching-request
Equal Opportunity Institution	valenciacollege.edu/about/equal-opportunity-title-ix/

Non-Tuition Program Expenses

Expense	Estimated Cost
CastleBranch Account	$200
Uniforms	$230
Nursing Lab Kits	$350
Trajecsys	$180
Instructional Material	$3,000
Immunizations	$500
Estimated Total (Non-Tuition): $4,460 Disclaimer: Costs are estimates and subject to change. Tuition, fees, transportation, and personal expenses are not included.	

NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements, the following list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity, or activities, that a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Nursing Program. These standards are a part of each Nursing course and of the professional role expectation of a Nurse.

For the Nursing Program, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program. Valencia College: School of Nursing makes no preadmission inquiries concerning an applicant's disability status. Information related to an applicant's disabilities is not a part of the information reviewed by the Admission Committee.

These Performance Standards should be used to assist students in identifying the academic and clinical expectations for all students. Students needing reasonable accommodations to fulfill required program outcomes or clinical expectations are encouraged to contact the Office for Students with Disabilities to engage in an interactive process regarding their request. It is the student's responsibility to notify and register with the Office for Students with Disabilities to identify and receive reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are effective only after engaging in this process and are not retroactive. Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether any accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. Valencia is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

Core Performance Standards		
Criteria	**Standard**	**Examples Of Required Activities**
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
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, significant others, peers, and other members of the healthcare team
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Effectively explain treatments and procedures; initiate health teaching; document and interpret nursing actions and patient responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Move around in patients' rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas; perform CPR; position, transfer, and lift patients without restrictions
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.	Calibrate and use equipment
Hearing	Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess patient needs, and to provide a safe environment.	Hears monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultator sounds, and cries for assistance
Visual	Visual acuity sufficient for the provision of safe patient care. Ability to read and record on printed and electronic records.	Observes patient responses; perform physical examination; perform nursing interventions
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform physical examination and interventions