

*SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES FOR
HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS*

**Dental Hygiene
Medical Laboratory Technology
Nursing
Physical Therapist Assistant**

After you have read and studied these procedures, complete, date and return the application on the back to:

**Wytheville Community College
Admissions Office
1000 East Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382**

HEALTH PROFESSIONS APPLICATION

Please check each program you are interested in, and please note that the deadline for each program is February 15th:

___ Dental Hygiene

___ Medical Laboratory Technology

___ Nursing

___ Physical Therapist Assistant

USERID _____ or SSN# (optional) _____ - _____ - _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Have you ever been enrolled in a health program at another college? _____
If so, please list the program and college _____

Official high school transcripts and official transcripts for all colleges previously attended, excluding other Virginia community colleges, should be submitted directly to the Admissions Office by the deadline before you will be considered for admission to a health professions program. Please list any previous names, if applicable: _____

I have read and understand the requirements as described in the *Selective Admissions Procedures for Health Professions Programs*. I also understand that each year I must submit this application form by the deadline to be considered. It is my responsibility to make sure that all admissions requirements are met and that all materials are received by the Admissions Office by the February 15th deadline.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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INTRODUCTION

Admission to one of Wytheville Community College's health programs is different from admission to other programs at the college because there is a limit to the number of applicants admitted. The number of applicants admitted to the health programs is limited for several reasons: number of places available for clinical experiences, accreditation restrictions and limitations in campus facilities (classrooms and laboratories) and the number of faculty. This document contains the specific admission criteria and selection process for each program. The following delineates the admissions process for health profession programs.

STEP ONE – COMPLETE APPLICATIONS – DUE FEBRUARY 15TH

_____ Complete Wytheville Community College application

- You may apply online at www.apply.vccs.edu
- Ensure program(s) intent is clearly indicated
- If you have completed an application in the past three years, go to counseling to change your curriculum

_____ Complete Health Professions Program Admissions packet

- The deadline for consideration for fall admission is **February 15th**.
- Admissions and Records will send you a letter if any required information is needed; however, it is the **student's responsibility** to make sure all materials have been received by the deadline.

STEP TWO - TRANSCRIPTS - DUE FEBRUARY 15TH

_____ Request official transcripts from high school, GED, and all colleges previously attended and have them sent directly to the following address:

Admissions and Records
Wytheville Community College
1000 East Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

- These must be received prior to February 15th to be considered for fall admission.
- Note: Requests for transcripts from other Virginia community colleges will not be necessary to obtain.
- Note: A request form for high school transcripts can be obtained in the Admissions and Records Office at WCC.

STEP THREE – COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTS - DUE FEBRUARY 15TH

_____ Take college placement tests for math and English

- These tests are necessary to determine academic readiness for college coursework.
- The Admissions and Records Office will provide a testing schedule or students may contact the Testing Center in the ARC for information.

STEP FOUR – ALL DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 15TH

_____ Sign up for college courses through counseling or the health professions program head

- You may be required to take developmental coursework in math and English, depending on the results of your placement test.
- You may be required to take developmental biology and/or chemistry (see specific program entry criteria)
- Completion of general education classes will improve your chances of admission and success in the health professions program.

STEP FIVE – PRE-ADMISSION TESTING - DUE FEBRUARY 15TH

_____ Take the ATI/TEAS pre-admission test for nursing or the ATI/HOBET test for other health professions

- Testing dates and study information will be provided by the Testing Center in the Academic Resource Center.
- Students have three opportunities to obtain a satisfactory score and must wait 90 days before retesting.

After the February 15th deadline, the Admissions and Records office will review all files and determine which candidates are eligible for placement in the selection pool to be considered for program admission. For programs requiring a pre-admission interview, the Admissions and Records office will send a letter to candidates with information regarding the interview time and date. Failure to show at the interview will remove you from the selective process.

STEP SIX – INTERVIEW/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

_____ Specific discipline requirements (see below)

ADMISSIONS SELECTION

- Candidates are scored based on the discipline specific Criteria for Admissions (see below).

- If the student has completed a minimum of 12 college credits (non-developmental courses that are 100 level or higher), the overall college G.P.A., including all college courses taken at all institutions, will be used. If less than 12 college, non-developmental course credits have been attempted, the high school G.P.A. will be used. GPA must remain at the required level after the summer session for fall admission.
- Students will be notified by letter of admission status as follows: SELECTED for admission, an ALTERNATE for admission, or NOT SELECTED for admission. Students not selected for admission may be encouraged to reapply after completing certain courses or activities to improve their chances for selection for the following year.
- Please be sure to respond to your acceptance letter by returning the enclosed notification to accept/decline by the specified date. If a slot becomes available near the beginning of the semester, or even within the first few days following the start of classes, students are notified by telephone. Therefore, it is very important for you to keep all of your personal information updated, and it also important to remember to apply for financial aid every year, if this situation were to arise.
- Students who do not accept a slot must reapply for the following year by completing the Health Professions Application by the application deadline. Please see Admissions and Records for form or on the WCC website.
- Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening - Background checks for criminal history and sex offender crimes against minors are required by most programs for entrance into some clinical agencies. Students with convictions may be prohibited from clinical practice, may be ineligible to sit for required licensure examinations, and may not complete the program. Clinical agencies may require drug testing prior to placement of students for clinical rotations. Students with positive drug test results may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. Cost for criminal background checks and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student.
- Readmission
 - Please consult the program head or the college catalog regarding information for readmission.

DENTAL HYGIENE

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Must be met by February 15th)

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Satisfactory scores in English and math placement tests, or completion of MTE units 1-4 and developmental English at WCC or equivalent college course work

- One unit each of high school chemistry and high school biology with a “C” grade or better. If you do not meet the high school prerequisites, you may gain proficiency through the college’s developmental courses.
- Cumulative GPA 2.0
- ATI/ HOBET test
- 16 hours of observation in a dental office documented by Dental personnel denoting the dates and times (applicants who have completed the Dental Assisting program at WCC are exempt from this requirement)
- Proof of certified dental assistant status – submit certificate (optional)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The following is a list of technical abilities and skills applicants for admission should possess:
 - **Manual Dexterity:** Ability to use hand(s) or prosthetic devices with coordination.
 - **Fine Motor:** Ability to manipulate small objects with fingertips or adaptive devices.
 - **Mobility:** Ability to maneuver in the laboratory and around instruments and in patient-care settings.
 - **Hearing:** Ability to adapt with assistive devices (i.e., phone receivers, hearing aid, etc.).
 - **Speech:** Ability to verbally communicate understandably in English.
 - **Writing:** Ability to communicate effectively in the written form in English.
 - **Reading:** Ability to read, understand, and follow directions printed in English.
 - **Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking ability sufficient
 - **Interpersonal:** Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds
 - **Visual:** Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care
 - **Tactile:** Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment
- Once you have been selected to begin the program in the fall semester, you will need to complete the following:
 - Medical examination and appropriate shots as required by program
 - Evidence of current CPR certification
 - Clear Drug Screen and Criminal Background check
 - Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 for Dental Hygiene instruments must be submitted with the acceptance of the clinical slot. This \$100 is deposit is applied toward the cost of instruments/supplies. Only money orders or cashiers checks made payable to Wytheville Community College will be accepted. Dental instruments and supplies will then be ordered for the student.

- A minimum of a “C” must be maintained in each Dental Hygiene course, Biology 141, 142, and Biology 150. Any student receiving a final grade lower than a “C” in any course in the DNH prefix, or Biology 141, 142, and Biology 150 classes will be ineligible to continue, and will need to contact the program head for readmission requirements.
- Board exam and related licensure fees cost approximately \$1,500.00. Please contact the program head of Dental Hygiene for current expenses.
- SPECIAL NOTE TO DNH STUDENTS: It is highly recommended that BIO 141 and 142 (Anatomy & Physiology) and BIO 150 (Microbiology) be completed prior to starting the Dental Hygiene course sequence.

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Must be met by February 15th)

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Satisfactory scores in English and math placement tests, or completion of MTE units 1-4 and developmental English at WCC or equivalent college course work
- One unit each of high school chemistry and high school biology with a “C” grade or better. If you do not meet the high school prerequisites, you may gain proficiency through the college’s developmental courses.
- Cumulative GPA 2.0
- Shadowing hours (to be arranged by program faculty after the Feb 15 deadline; applicants should **not** contact hospital laboratories directly)
- ATI/HOBET test

If class does not fill in February, there may be a second round of admissions in June.

- In-district students (Bland, Carroll, the city of Galax, Smyth east of Marion, and Wythe) are considered before out-of-district and out-of-state students. Virginia residents not having access to a Health Professions curriculum at the local community college are considered in-district, provided such students apply for admission to the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The following is a list of technical abilities and skills applicants for admission should possess:
 - **Manual Dexterity:** Ability to use hand(s) or prosthetic devices with coordination.
 - **Fine Motor:** Ability to manipulate small objects with fingertips or adaptive devices.

- **Mobility:** Ability to maneuver in the laboratory and around instruments and in patient-care settings.
 - **Vision:** Ability to distinguish red, yellow, and blue colors; distinguish clear from cloudy, and distinguish objects through a microscope.
 - **Hearing:** Ability to adapt with assistive devices (i.e., phone receivers, hearing aid, etc.).
 - **Speech:** Ability to verbally communicate understandably in English.
 - **Writing:** Ability to communicate effectively in the written form in English.
 - **Reading:** Ability to read, understand, and follow directions printed in English.
- Once you have been selected to begin the program in the fall semester, you will need to complete the following:
 - Medical examination
 - Clear Drug Screen and Criminal Background check
 - Any student receiving a final grade lower than a “C” in any course in the MLT prefix will be ineligible to continue in the program and will need to contact the program head for readmission requirements.

NURSING

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Must be met by February 15th)

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Satisfactory scores in English and math placement tests, or completion of MTE units 1-4 and developmental English at WCC or equivalent college course work
- One unit each of high school chemistry and high school biology with a “C” grade or better. If you do not meet the high school prerequisites, you may gain proficiency through the college’s developmental courses. The high school requirements may be waived if Biology 141 and 142 (Anatomy and Physiology I and II) are completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- Score at or above the national 45th percentile rank on the ATI/TEAS test, as mandated by the VCCS. Students have three opportunities to obtain a satisfactory score and must wait 90 days before retesting. Equivalent scores for the NET or NLN nursing preadmission tests will be considered if taken within three years. Scores must be reported with a national percentile ranking for nursing.
- A 2.5 average for high school courses or a 2.5 cumulative average for all college coursework.
 - ** Curricular G.P.A may be considered if the cumulative G.P.A is less than 2.5.
 - **If the student has completed a minimum of 12 college credits that are included in calculating the college G.P.A. (non-developmental courses), the 2.5 high school G.P.A. requirement will be waived. GPA must remain at 2.5 after summer session for fall admission.

If class does not fill in February, there may be a second round of admissions in June.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In district students are given priority admission. If there are remaining positions available, out-of-district, then out-of-state applicants will be considered for admission.
- If there are more students than positions available, selective criteria will be used. These criteria may include TEAS score, GPA ranking, science GPA ranking, completion of BIO 141/142 (Anatomy and Physiology) and the number of co-curricular courses completed.
- Once you have been selected to begin the program in the fall semester, you will need to complete the following:
 - Nursing Information Session and on-line activities
 - Clinical Eligibility Form (immunizations)
 - Clear Drug Screen and Criminal Background check
 - Current American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification for Healthcare Provider or Red Cross Professional Rescuer card
- The following is a list of technical abilities and skills applicants for admission should possess:
 - **Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking ability sufficient
 - **Interpersonal:** Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds
 - **Communication:** Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form
 - **Mobility:** Sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces
 - **Motor Skills:** Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe care
 - **Hearing Acuity:** Ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs
 - **Visual:** Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care
 - **Tactile:** Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment

- All applicants should be advised that the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Nursing Statutes and Regulations (54.1-3007) state the following:

Regarding refusal, revocation, or suspension, censure or probation. The Board may refuse to admit a candidate to any examination, refuse to issue a license or certificate to any applicant and may suspend any license or certificate for a stated period or indefinitely, or revoke any license or censure or reprimand any licensee or certificate holder or place him on probation for such time as it may designate for any of the following causes:

1. Fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license;
2. Unprofessional conduct;
3. Willful or repeated violation of any of the provisions of this chapter;
4. Conviction or any felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

5. Practicing in a manner contrary to the standards of ethics or in such a manner as to make his practice a danger to the health and welfare of patients or to the public; Use of alcohol or drugs to the extent that such use renders him unsafe to practice, or any mental or physical illness rendering him unsafe to practice;
 6. The denial, revocation, suspension or restriction of a license or certificate to practice in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory; or
 7. Abuse, negligent practice, or misappropriation of a patient's or resident's property.
- Any student receiving a final grade lower than a "C" in any course with a NUR prefix or Biology 141 and/or 142 classes will be ineligible to continue in the program and will need to contact the program head for readmission requirements.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Must be met by February 15th)

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Satisfactory scores in English and math placement tests, or completion of MTE units 1-4 and developmental English at WCC or equivalent college course work
- One unit each of high school chemistry and high school biology with a "C" grade or better. If you do not meet the high school prerequisites, you may gain proficiency through the college's developmental courses.
- Cumulative GPA 2.0
- ATI/ HOBET test
- 12 hours of observation in a physical therapy department documented by Physical Therapy personnel denoting the dates and times
- In-district students (Bland, Carroll, the city of Galax, Smyth east of Marion, and Wythe) are considered before out-of-district and out-of-state students. Virginia residents not having access to a Health Professions curriculum at the local community college are considered in-district, provided such students apply for admission to the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Once you have been selected to begin the program in the fall semester, you will need to complete the following before August 16th:
 - Medical examination
 - Proof of current CPR certification

- Clear Drug Screen and Criminal Background check
- Students must attend an informational session prior to fall semester
- Any student receiving a final grade lower than a “C” in any course in the PTH prefix or Biology 141 and/or 142 classes will be ineligible to continue and need to contact the program had for readmission requirements.
- SPECIAL NOTE TO PTA STUDENTS: It is highly recommended that BIO 141 (Anatomy & Physiology) be completed prior to starting the Physical Therapist Assistant course sequence.