

## Health Sciences & Nursing (HSN) 2024-2025 Application Requirements

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Students must complete all application requirements by the deadline to apply

- Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance
- Application periods open at midnight on the start date and close at 11:59pm on the end date
- Students who have graduated with an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited United States institution of higher education may have fulfilled the SDV requirement. Evaluation through the College Records Office must be requested to receive SDV transfer credit
- Applicants with pending transfer credit after the deadline will not be considered for admission. All international transcripts must be evaluated by IERF or WES prior to being sent to the College Records Office.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or older to attend clinicals
- Program cohort sizes are approximate and may change depending on clinical site availability.
- Starting in the Fall 2022, please be advised of the [BIO 141 pre-requisite requirement noted here](#):

*\*Please note that, per VCCS policy, a previous grade of a "P+" denotes that the student passed the course with a grade of a "C" or higher. Also, a previous grade of a "P-" denotes that the student passed the course with a grade of a "D." As per this policy, a grade of a "P+" or "P-" will not impact the student's GPA. In the competitive admissions process, a "P+" translates into a letter grade of a "C."*

**TRANSFER CREDITS FOR BIO: The decision to accept BIO courses transferred from other institutions to meet prerequisites for Health Science Programs will be made on a case-by-case basis with Dean approval.**

### Certificate Programs

Program	About	Application Requirements	How to Apply
<a href="#">Clinical Data Coding</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate Program</li> <li>• First come, first served</li> <li>• Starts every August</li> <li>• 2 semesters</li> <li>• Size: 35 students</li> </ul>	Apply April 1 to April 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• Bio 145 or BIO 141/142: Grade C or better; completed within last 10 years</li> <li>• Evidence of a high school diploma or GED</li> <li>• Minimum GPA: 2.0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HN Application</li> <li>• Must attach high school transcript, diploma, or GED to show proof of graduation from high school</li> <li>• <i>International high school transcripts</i></li> </ul>

			<i>must first be b evaluated by <a href="https://ierf.org/">https://ierf.org/</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Dental Assisting</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate Program</li> <li>• First come, first served</li> <li>• Starts every August</li> <li>• 2 semesters + summer session</li> <li>• Size: 24 students</li> </ul>	<p>Apply May 1- May 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• Evidence of high school diploma or GED</li> <li>• Take or self-place into MTH 133 or Math Unit 3 <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm</a></li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>• SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: B or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 &amp; BIO 142 or BIO 145 Grade: B or better; completed within past 10 years (Please note: BIO 141 requires the completion of BIO 101, or NAS 2 or a placement test as noted at: <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/healthsciences/">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/healthsciences/</a>).</li> </ul> <p>Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN Application</li> <li>• Must attach high school transcript, diploma, or GED to show proof of graduation from high school</li> </ul> <p><i>International high school transcripts must first be evaluated by <a href="https://ierf.org/">https://ierf.org/</a></i></p>
<a href="#"><u>Medical Laboratory Assisting</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate program</li> <li>• First come, first served</li> <li>• Starts every June/July (3 semesters) Size: 14 students</li> </ul>	<p>Apply February 15 to March 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of high school diploma or GED</li> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0</li> <li>• Completed or qualified for ENG 111</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN application</li> <li>• Must attach high school transcript, diploma, or GED to show proof of graduation from high school</li> </ul> <p><i>International high school transcripts must first be evaluated by <a href="https://ierf.org/">IERF.org</a></i></p>
<a href="#"><u>Phlebotomy</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate program</li> <li>• First come, first served</li> <li>• Starts every January &amp; August</li> <li>• 1 semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size: 18 students per session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Apply February 15- March 1 ( Start in August) Apply September 1 to September 10 (Start in January)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of high school diploma or GED</li> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0 Completed or qualified for ENG 111</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN application</li> <li>• Must attach high school transcript, diploma, or GED to show proof of graduation from high school</li> </ul> <p><i>International high school transcripts must first be evaluated by <a href="https://ierf.org/">IERF.org</a></i></p>

**Associate Degree Programs**

Program	About	Application Requirements	How to Apply
<p><a href="#">Dental Hygiene</a></p>	<p>Associate degree program Competitive Starts every August 5 semesters Size: 32 students</p> <p><u>Competitive Ranking Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades in science courses</li> <li>Completion of co-requisites</li> <li>Previous dental experience</li> <li>TEAS aggregate: minimum of 50% each in Science, Math, English, and Reading components</li> </ul>	<p>Apply February 1 to February 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review online information session</li> <li>SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>BIO 141 Grade: B or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>BIO 142 Grade: B or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>BIO 150 Grade: B or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>TEAS aggregate minimum of 50% each in Science, Math, English, and Reading components</li> <li>Minimum GPA 2.5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit HSN application</li> <li>Must attach TEAS scores</li> <li>Attach Chair-side Assisting Clinical Work Experience Form (if applicable)</li> <li>Attach Dental Assisting Training Program Certificates (if applicable)</li> <li>Attach DANB Certification (if applicable)</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Diagnostic Medical Sonography</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree program</li> <li>Competitive</li> <li>Starts every August</li> <li>4 semesters</li> <li>Size: 1. General Ultrasound (Abdomen-Ext. &amp; OB/GYN)- 16 students 2.Vascular - 8 students 3.Adult Echocardiography- 8 students</li> </ul>	<p>Apply May 1 to May 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review information session online</li> <li>DMS 100 Grade B or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: B or better</li> <li>ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>MTH 161 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>BIO 141 Grade: B or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>BIO 142 Grade: B or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>PHY 100, 101, 201 or 202 Grade: B or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>Successfully complete and achieve satisfactory scores on the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test. Students may only take the test three times per year. The latest result must be within three years of application to the DMS Program.</li> <li><a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/teas-test.html">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/teas-test.html</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit HSN application</li> <li>Must attach TEAS scores</li> </ul> <p><i>You may only be accepted to one DMS program at a time. If applying to more than one specialty, you may note the order you want to be considered for each program in the "Comments" field on the HSN Application</i></p>

	<p>(Class size is dependent on clinical sites available)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Competitive Ranking Criteria</u></li> <li>• Grades in DMS 100, BIO 141, BIO 142, MTH 161 &amp; PHY 100</li> <li>• TEAS Scores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> </ul>	<p><i>Accepted applicants may not be a participant in any other NOVA programs (includes Workforce programs)</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Emergency Medical Services</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate degree program</li> <li>• First come, first serve</li> <li>• Starts every January, May &amp; August</li> <li>• 5 semesters</li> </ul> <p>Size: varies by semester</p>	<p>Apply any time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information session : Dates posted online <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/programs/emergency-medical-services/ems-program-information.html">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/programs/emergency-medical-services/ems-program-information.html</a> *if unable to attend in person, please contact jhooe@nvcc.edu</li> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0</li> <li>• High School diploma or GED</li> <li>• <b>**EMS 111 or 120 students only required to submit if using financial aid or veterans' benefits**</b></li> <li>• <b>**All paramedic students must submit with application**</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN application</li> <li>• Attachment required only as noted</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Health Sciences</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate degree program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No requirements to apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No application required</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Health Information Management</a></p>	<p>Associate degree program First come, first served Starts every August 4 semesters Size: 35 students</p>	<p>Apply April 1 to April 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>• SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 Grade: C or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>• HIM 111 Grade: C or better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete or self-place into <u>MTH 154</u> or higher or completion of unit 5 in a developmental math <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.html">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.html</a></li> <li>• CST 229 Grade: C or better</li> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN application</li> <li>• No attachments required</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Medical Laboratory Technology</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate degree program</li> <li>• Competitive</li> <li>• Starts every August</li> <li>• 5 semesters</li> <li>• Size: 20 students</li> </ul>	<p>Apply February 15- March 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0</li> <li>• SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN application</li> <li>• No attachments required</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Competitive Ranking Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working and certified as a Phlebotomist, Certified Medical Assistant, or Clinical/Medical Lab Assistant</li> <li>• Grades in pre-requisites</li> <li>• Completion of co-requisites</li> <li>• Grade in MDL 100</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIO 141or BIO 231 Grade: C or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>• CHM 111, or CHM 241 and 242 Grade: C or better; completed within past 10 years</li> </ul> <p>Eligible for MTH 161 or higher <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">Nursing</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate degree program</li> <li>• Competitive</li> <li>• Starts every January &amp; August</li> <li>• 4 semesters</li> <li>• Size: 60-80 students per session</li> </ul> <p><u>Competitive Ranking Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades in BIO 141 and PSY 230</li> <li>• Completion of co-requisites</li> <li>• TEAS scores required: Reading: 73% English: 62% Math: 65% Science: 52%</li> </ul> <p><i>Although not required to apply, additional points are awarded for the Nursing co-requisites being completed at time of application.</i></p> <p><u>Nursing Co-Requisites</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIO 142</li> <li>• BIO 150</li> <li>• Humanities/Fine Arts elective</li> <li>• CST 110, CST 126, or CST 229 (CST 100 not accepted)</li> </ul>	<p>Apply March 1 to March 15 (Start in August) Apply September 1 to September 15 (Start in January)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online information session</li> <li>• TEAS: Minimum scores of 52 in Science, 65 in Math, 62 in English, and 73 in Reading</li> </ul> <p><u>High School Courses and High School Graduation Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of high school algebra; Grade: C or better</li> <li>• 1 unit of high school biology; Grade: C or better</li> <li>• 1 unit of high school chemistry; Grade: C or better</li> <li>• Graduation from high school or completion of GED</li> </ul> <p><i>Applicants may complete MTH 154, BIO 101, and CHM 101 with a grade of C or better from NOVA or <a href="#">NursingABC.com</a> to also meet the high school course requirements. However, proof of high school graduation is also required regardless of prior college experience or degree. Applicants may complete the GED if proof of high school graduation cannot be provided.</i></p> <p><u>College Course and GPA Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> <li>• SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>• ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>• BIO 141 Grade: C or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>• PSY 230 Grade: C or better (no other PSY courses accepted)</li> <li>• General 3-credit elective</li> </ul>	<p><u>Spring and Fall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit HSN application</li> </ul> <p><u>Must also attach proof of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS algebra, HS biology, and HS chemistry (attach HS transcript showing completion of these courses with a C or better grade)</li> <li>• Graduation from high school (attach HS transcript or diploma showing date of graduation or GED)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must also attach TEAS scores: Reading: 73% English: 62% Math: 65% Science: 52%</li> </ul> <p><i>International high school transcripts must first be evaluated by <a href="#">IERF.org</a></i></p>

<p><a href="#">Occupational Therapy Assistant</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree program</li> <li>Competitive</li> <li>Starts every August</li> <li>5 semesters</li> <li>Size: 24 students</li> </ul> <p><u>Competitive Ranking Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades in BIO 141 and BIO 142</li> <li>Number of observation and/or work hours with an OT or OTA</li> <li>Video Statement</li> <li>Completion of a writing sample</li> </ul>	<p>Apply February 15- March 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Session</li> <li>Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> <li>SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>BIO 141 Grade: C or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>BIO 142 Grade: C or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>HLT 141 Grade: C or better</li> <li>Completed or self-placed into MTH 154. <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm</a></li> <li>Minimum of 4 hours clinic observation or work experience</li> <li>Must have a high school diploma or GED</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit HSN application             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must attach OTA Observation Form</li> <li>Attach OTA Work Experience Form (if applicable)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Must attach high school transcript, diploma, or GED to show proof of graduation from high school</p> <p><i>International high school transcripts must first be evaluated by <a href="http://IERF.org">IERF.org</a></i></p>
<p><a href="#">Physical Therapist Assistant</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree program</li> <li>Competitive</li> <li>Starts every August</li> <li>5 semesters</li> <li>Size: 40 students</li> </ul> <p>Competitive Ranking Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades in anatomy &amp; physiology</li> <li>Grade in medical terminology</li> <li>Number of observation hours</li> <li>Variety of clinical settings during observation</li> <li>Number of attempts to achieve B or better in Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li> </ul>	<p>Apply March 1 to March 15 (If class doesn't fill, a second application window will open May 1 to May 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Session</li> <li>Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> <li>BIO 141 &amp; BIO 142 or BIO 145 Grades: B or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>HLT 141 Grade: B or better</li> <li>ENG 111 or higher Grade: B or better</li> <li>Completed or self-placed into MTH 154. <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm</a></li> <li>Minimum of 4 hours of clinic observation</li> <li>Successfully complete and achieve satisfactory scores on the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test. Students may only take the test three times per year. The latest result must be within three years of application to the PTA Program. <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/teas-test.html">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/teas-test.html</a></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be 18 years of age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit HSN application             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must attach Clinic Observation Form</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Must submit TEAS scores, including Anatomy and Physiology science section</p>
<p><a href="#">Radiography</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree program</li> <li>Competitive</li> <li>Starts every August</li> <li>5 semesters</li> <li>Size: 40 students</li> </ul>	<p>Apply May 15 to May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online information session</li> <li>SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: B or better</li> <li>ENG 111 Grade: B or better</li> <li>BIO 141 Grade: B or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>BIO 142 Grade: B or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>RAD 105 Grade: B or better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit HSN application</li> <li>Must attach TEAS scores</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Competitive Ranking Criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades in BIO 141, BIO 142 &amp; RAD 105</li> </ul> <p>TEAS scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of co-requisites</li> </ul> <p>Number of attempts of BIO 141 and BIO 142</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualify for MTH 161 Precalculus I <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm</a></li> <li>TEAS test : <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/teas-test.html">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/teas-test.html</a></li> <li>Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> </ul>	
<p><a href="#">Respiratory Therapy</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree program</li> <li>Competitive</li> <li>Starts every August</li> <li>5 semesters</li> <li>Size: 25 students</li> </ul> <p><u>Competitive Ranking Criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades in BIO 141 &amp; BIO 142</li> <li>Grade in RTH 120</li> <li>Completion of co-requisites</li> </ul>	<p>Apply May 15- May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online information session</li> <li>Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> <li>SDV 101 Orient. to Healthcare or equivalent Grade: C or better</li> <li>ENG 111 or higher Grade: C or better</li> <li>BIO 141 Grade: C or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>BIO 142 Grade: C or better; completed within past 10 years</li> <li>HLT 141 Grade: C or better</li> <li>RTH 120 Grade: B or better</li> </ul> <p>Complete or self-place into MTH 154 or higher <a href="https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm">https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/placement/index.htm</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit HSN application</li> <li>No attachments required</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Radiation Oncology</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree program</li> <li>Competitive</li> <li>Starts every August</li> <li>5 semesters</li> <li>NOVA Cohort Size: 10 students</li> </ul>	<p>Apply October 1 to March 15 with Virginia Western Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must apply to both Virginia Western and NOVA</li> <li>High-school diploma or GED</li> <li>One unit of HS or college biology, chemistry, or physics</li> <li>Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5</li> <li>HLT 141 Grade: C or better</li> <li>BIO 141 Grade: C or better; completed within past 5 years</li> <li>MTH 161 Grade: C or better; completed within past 5 years</li> </ul> <p><u>One of the following SDV Options Grade C or better:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SDV 101 Orientation to Healthcare 1 cr. AND</li> <li>SDV 100 College Success Skills 1 cr. (if taken at NOVA) OR</li> <li>SDV 101 Orien. to Health Professions 2 cr. (if taken at VW)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the NOVA</li> <li>Radiation Oncology and VWCC websites for program details and application instructions</li> <li>VWCC will review all application packages and will contact qualified applicants for an interview</li> </ul>