

# North Carolina Piedmont Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses NCP RIBN Collaborative

Partnership with GTCC and NC A&T State University  
**Fall 2024 Entry • Maximum of 10 Students Accepted to Program**

**Initial Eligibility Screening Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2024 by 5:00pm**

## About the NCP RIBN Collaborative

The NCP RIBN program is a collaborative between GTCC and NC A&T State University. It is a four-year program, where students graduate with two nursing degrees — an Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS) and Bachelor of Science degree (BSN).

GTCC is the home school for the first three years of the program. Students will be enrolled in both GTCC and NC A&T for the first three years of the program taking the majority of the coursework at GTCC. Classes with NC A&T are online for the first three years. Students can work as a nurse after completing the Associate in Applied Science degree and passing the NCLEX-RN (national licensure examination). Year four of the program is completed entirely online through NC A&T State University.

Check out the [RIBN Nursing video](#) (available via YouTube).

## How much does the RIBN program cost?

Students in the RIBN program pay GTCC tuition and fee rates for courses taken at GTCC. The current tuition and fee rates for GTCC's portion of the RIBN program is approximately \$6,400 plus books and other supplies.

Since the courses taken at NC A&T are online, students pay the tuition and fee rates for distance education courses. The current tuition and fee rates estimate for the RIBN program is \$7,100 plus books and other supplies.

**The 4-year RIBN program's total cost for tuition and fees is subject to change, but at the time this document was printed, it is estimated at roughly \$13,500 for both GTCC and NC A&T's tuition and fees. The costs for textbooks and other supplies is additional.**

Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and note both GTCC and NCA&T on the application. Financial Aid awards will be coordinated between GTCC and NCA&T.



## Reasons to Consider the RIBN Program:

- It's an affordable option to a full four-year university nursing program.
- It's a seamless associate to baccalaureate degree education program!
- Your first three years will be completed at GTCC. All BSN courses at NC A&T are completed ONLINE.
- After your third year, you are able to work as a Registered Nurse after passing the NCLEX-RN examination.

# Are YOU RIBN Ready?

**Use this chart to make sure you meet all minimum program requirements.**

Admission Requirement	ARE YOU A: Current High School Senior?	ARE YOU A: High School/GED Graduate with <u>Less Than 24 Hours of Transfer</u> Credit from a Regionally- Accredited Institution?	ARE YOU A: High School/GED Graduate with <u>24 or More Hours of Transfer</u> Credit from a Regionally- Accredited Institution?
<b>Minimum Grade Point Average</b>	Cumulative Unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale <b>with required SAT/ACT score.</b> <i>*Applicants not submitting SAT/ACT scores must have a GPA of 3.5.</i>	Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from <b>all</b> colleges attended <b>with required SAT/ACT score.</b> <i>*Applicants not submitting SAT/ACT scores must have a GPA of 3.5.</i>	Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from <b>all</b> colleges attended. Transcripts from <b>all</b> colleges attended must be on file in Admissions Office.
<b>SAT or ACT Score</b>	SAT minimum composite score of 1010 (Math/Verbal) <b>or</b> an ACT minimum composite score of 20.	SAT minimum composite score of 1010 (Math/Verbal) <b>or</b> an ACT minimum composite score of 20. <i>If applicant is age 21 or older, this requirement is waived.</i>	This requirement is waived.
<b>Completion of UNC System Minimum Course Requirements</b>	<i>These courses must have been completed as part of the high school course of study:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four units of English</li> <li>• Two consecutive units of a language other than English</li> <li>• Four units of math (algebra I, algebra II, geometry, and an advanced math beyond algebra II)</li> <li>• Three units of science (biology, physical science, and an additional science with a lab)</li> <li>• Two units in social studies – one unit must be U.S. history</li> </ul>	<i>These courses must have been completed as part of the high school course of study:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four units of English</li> <li>• Two consecutive units of a language other than English</li> <li>• Four units of math (algebra I, algebra II, geometry, and an advanced math beyond algebra II)</li> <li>• Three units of science (biology, physical science, and an additional science with a lab)</li> <li>• Two units in social studies – one unit must be U.S. history</li> </ul> <i>If applicant is age 21 or older, this requirement is waived.</i>	This requirement is waived.
<b>Biology Competency</b>	Must have completed a high school biology course that included a lab component and earned a grade of “C” or higher.	Must have completed a college-level biology course that included a lab component and earned a grade of “C” or higher.  Course must have been completed within ten years of the program start date (since 2014).	Must have completed a college-level biology course that included a lab component and earned a grade of “C” or higher.  Course must have been completed within ten years of the program start date (since 2014).

<b>NC Nurse Aide I Certification</b>	Current high school seniors must achieve NC Nurse Aide I certification by August 2, 2024.	Must have a current listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registry or achieve certification by August 2, 2024.	Must have a current listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registry or achieve certification by August 2, 2024.
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## **If you have met all of the requirements, then you are eligible to apply to the Fall 2024 NCP RIBN program. Let's get started!**

### **Step 1: Complete the GTCC Admission Process by Friday, March 15, 2024, by 5:00PM.**

Complete the NC Residence process and obtain your **Residency Certification Number (RCN)**. *Don't lose this number* – you'll need it to complete both your GTCC and eventually your NC A&T applications for admission! You may begin this process by visiting: <https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/apply-now.php>

Submit your **GTCC Application for Admission**, found at the website listed above and submit official transcripts.

#### **Transcripts for High School Seniors (class of 2024):**

- ✓ Even though you haven't graduated yet, please have your counselor submit a **preliminary** copy of your **official high school transcript** to the **GTCC Admissions Office** by email at [transcripts@gtcc.edu](mailto:transcripts@gtcc.edu) that includes your current senior year grades. You will be required to provide a final transcript after you graduate.

#### **Transcripts for High School/GED Graduates:**

- ✓ Please submit official transcripts from high school and **ALL** colleges attended (if applicable) to the GTCC Admissions Office by email at [transcripts@gtcc.edu](mailto:transcripts@gtcc.edu) (*Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit <https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/> to verify that your transcripts have been received*).
- ✓ **If you have completed a Bachelor's degree, the high school transcript requirement is waived.**

Once your transcripts have been received by the GTCC Admissions Office, it may take as many as 7-10 business days before they are recorded and entered into your GTCC Admissions file.

### **Step 2: Submit the Fall 2024 NCP RIBN Interest Application and Required Documents electronically to the Limited Entry Programs Office by Friday, March 29, 2024 at 5:00pm.**

[This link to this document is available at the end of the packet.](#)

#### **High School Seniors:**

- ✓ Upload a copy of your SAT or ACT score report – it can be an unofficial copy for this purpose. Applicants with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale are exempt from this requirement.
- ✓ Upload a copy of your high school transcript – high school seniors should have current grades posted. (You will have already submitted your transcript to the Admissions Office, but we need a copy as well).
- ✓ Nurse Aide Certification – upload a copy of your current NC Nurse Aide Registry listing. High school seniors who do not yet have certification must list their expected date of completion. Your NA I Certification must be kept CURRENT throughout the Associate Degree Nursing program.

**High School/GED Graduates with less than 24 credit hours of college coursework:**

- ✓ Upload a copy of your SAT or ACT score report – it can be an unofficial copy for this purpose. **Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale from all schools attended and applicants who are age 21 or older are exempt from this requirement.**
- ✓ Please make sure to submit official high school and **all** college transcripts to GTCC Admissions **by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu**. Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Admissions staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate. (*Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit <https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/> to verify that your transcripts have been received*).
- ✓ Nurse Aide Certification – upload a copy of your current NC Nurse Aide Registry listing. Applicants who do not yet have certification must list their expected date of completion. Your NA I Certification must kept CURRENT throughout the Associate Degree Nursing program.
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**Applicants age 21 older with 24 or more credit hours of college coursework:**

- ✓ Please make sure to submit official high school and **all** college transcripts to GTCC Admissions **by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu**. Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Admissions staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate. (*Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit <https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/> to verify that your transcripts have been received*).
- ✓ Remember – the SAT/ACT and UNC Minimum Course Requirements are waived for you.
- ✓ Nurse Aide Certification – upload a copy of your current NC Nurse Aide Registry listing with your interest application. Your NA I Certification must kept CURRENT throughout the Associate Degree Nursing program.

### **Step 3: Once You Have Been Cleared by the Limited Entry Programs Office, Schedule and Take the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) by March 22, 2024.**

Once your *Fall 2024 RIBN Nursing Interest Application* has been received by the Limited Entry Programs Office, they will review your application to make sure you meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the program. **They will contact you via your GTCC email and provide information on how to schedule and take the ATI TEAS at GTCC's Assessment Center (or alternate location) by March 22, 2024.**

The ATI TEAS is a computer-based test that contains 4 sections (reading, writing, mathematics, and science). The test takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete. **RIBN applicants must achieve a minimum composite score of 68 on the ATI TEAS to be able to progress to Step 4 of the admission process.**

#### **Where can you find some good resources to help prepare for the ATI TEAS?**

Our applicants have used ATI's **FREE testing resources** and free prep videos, available at: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep>

GTCC's Jamestown Campus Bookstore sells the [ATI TEAS Study Manual](#). Some applicants have found great test prep resources via [Quizlet](#). Others have even found some helpful videos via a YouTube search and the ATI TEAS app to your Android and/or IOS device!



## Step 4: Once You Have Achieved the Minimum Composite Score, Submit a Copy of your ATI TEAS Score to the Limited Entry Programs Office by March 22, 2024.

Once you have achieved the required minimum score of **68**, you will notify the Limited Entry Programs Office for instructions on how to submit a copy of your exam score.

## Step 5: Ranking of Eligible Applicants.

After March 22, applicants who achieved a minimum composite score of **68** on the ATI TEAS will be “ranked” using the following points system. The top ten ranking applicants will be offered a space in the fall 2024 RIBN Nursing class.

Item	Points Earned
<b>COURSEWORK IN ANATOMY &amp; PHYSIOLOGY</b>	
<b>Current High School Student</b> Human Anatomy & Physiology or Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology with a “C” or better.	A = 3pts B = 2pts C = 1pt
<b>College-Level Course</b> BIO 168: Anatomy & Physiology I with a “C” or better, completed within 10 years of the program start date (since 2012).	A = 3pts B = 2pts C = 1pt
<b>Total Points Earned for This Section:</b>	
<b>ATI TEAS COMPOSITE SCORE (Minimum score of 68 required)</b> Enter your composite score here (include decimal points – do not round up)	
<b>Add your Total Points + ATI TEAS Composite Score.</b> <b>THIS WILL BE YOUR TOTAL RANKING SCORE:</b>	

## Step 6: By April 19, 2024, conditional admission letters from GTCC’s Nursing Program will be sent to the top ten ranking applicants. To be fully-admitted to the RIBN program, the applicant must apply and be admitted to both GTCC and NC A&T.

In the Conditional Admission Letter from GTCC, the applicant will be given instructions on how to complete NC A&T’s application for admission. Applicants typically receive their letter of admission from NC A&T’s Nursing program by mid-June. **Do not contact NC A&T directly until you receive a conditional admission letter from GTCC.**

Those who are not selected to the program will also receive notification letters by April 19<sup>th</sup> as well.

## Step 7: Fully-Admitted RIBN Students must attend a mandatory orientation and induction ceremony in August 2024, prior to the start of fall semester classes.

Information on these events will be sent to your GTCC email in July 2024. You will also be contacted by your assigned GTCC Faculty Advisor for RIBN (FA), who will help you register for your fall semester classes. The FA will work with you each semester to make sure you are keeping on track toward completion of the program.

*The GTCC Health Sciences Limited Entry Process is not to be regarded as a contract between GTCC and students. GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.*

**If You Have Questions about the RIBN Nursing Admission Process, Please Contact:**

Limited Entry Programs Office

Hassell Health Technologies Center, Room 140 ♦ Jamestown Campus; (336) 334-4822, ext. 50415; [limitedentry@gtcc.edu](mailto:limitedentry@gtcc.edu)

Application submissions will be accepted electronically through the link below on  
**November 13, 2023 through March 29, 2024**

**FALL 2024 RIBN INTEREST APPLICATION**

*Hassell Health Technologies on GTCC's Jamestown Campus.*

*This is where all Associate Degree Nursing (NUR) classes will be taken.*

**What does the  
Curriculum look**



**RIBN Nursing  
like?**

## ACADEMIC YEAR ONE: 2024-2025

In your first year of the RIBN program, you will be working on **completing the general education courses** required for both your Associate Degree *and* Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

You will also begin taking some preliminary nursing student success and mentoring courses with NC A&T, which are taught online. You will also take one of NC A&T's required general education courses online – LIBS 200 – African American Studies.

**Note: If you have completed several required general education courses, you may not be considered a full-time student for the first year of the program. Please consider how your student status may affect your financial aid eligibility.**

**By the August 2, 2024, you must have obtained current certification as a NC Nurse Aide I. This is required for all students entering GTCC's Associate Degree Nursing program.**

### Fall Semester 2024 – 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	BIO 168 (Anatomy & Physiology I)	3 hours in class/week	3 hours in lab/week
	PSY 150 (General Psychology)	3 hours in class per week	
	MAT 171 (Precalculus Algebra)	3 hours in class/week	2 hours in lab/week
NC A&T Courses Taken	NUR 100 (Student Success – ONLINE)	1 credit hour	
<b>Total Credit Hours for Fall:</b>		<b>12 credit hours (full-time enrollment)</b>	

### Spring Semester 2025 – 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	BIO 169 (Anatomy & Physiology II)	3 hours in class/week	3 hours in lab/week
	CHM 131 (Introduction to Chemistry)	3 hours/week	
	CHM 131A (Intro to Chemistry Lab)	3 hours/week	
	ENG 111 (Writing & Inquiry)	3 hours/week	
NC A&T Courses Taken	LIBS 200 (African American Studies – ONLINE)	3 credit hours	
<b>Total Credit Hours for Spring:</b>		<b>14 credit hours (full-time enrollment)</b>	

### Summer Term 2025 – 10 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	BIO 275 (General Microbiology)	2 hours in class/week	2 hours in lab/week
NC A&T Courses Taken	Mentoring Course (ONLINE)	1 credit hour	
<b>Total Credit Hours for Summer:</b>		<b>4 credit hours (part-time enrollment)</b>	

## ACADEMIC YEAR TWO: 2025-2026

In year two of the RIBN program, you will begin your Associate Degree Nursing program courses and continue to complete the remaining general education courses for both the Associate Degree *and* Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

You will also take one of your first Bachelor of Science in Nursing program courses, Biostatistics (NURS 204), which is taught ONLINE).

**By the end of the spring semester, you will be eligible to apply for Nurse Aide II certification, if desired.**

### Fall Semester 2025 – 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	NUR 111 (Introduction to Health Concepts)	4 class hours/week	6 lab hours/week	6 clinical hours/week
	PSY 241 (Developmental Psychology)	3 class hours/week		
NC A&T Courses Taken	NURS 204 (Biostatistics – ONLINE)	3 credit hours		
<b>Total Credit Hours for Fall:</b>		<b>14 credit hours (full-time enrollment)</b>		

### Spring Semester 2026 – 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	NUR 112 (Health-Illness Concepts)	3 class hours/week	6 clinical hours/week	
	NUR 113 (Family Health Concepts) <b>OR</b> NUR 114 (Holistic Health Concepts)	3 class hours/week	6 clinical hours/week	
	ENG 114 (Professional Research/Reporting)	3 class hours/week		
NC A&T Courses Taken	ENGL 200 (Survey of Humanities I)	3 credit hours		
<b>Total Credit Hours for Spring:</b>		<b>16 credit hours (full-time enrollment)</b>		

### Summer Term 2026 – 10 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	NUR 113 (Family Health Concepts) <b>OR</b> NUR 114 (Holistic Health Concepts)	3 class hours/week	6 clinical hours/week	
NC A&T Courses Taken	PHIL 265 (World Religions - ONLINE)	3 credit hours		
<b>Total Credit Hours for Summer:</b>		<b>8 credit hours (part-time enrollment)</b>		





In year three of the RIBN program, you will finish the remaining general education courses for both the Associate Degree *and* Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs and complete your Associate Degree Nursing program courses. You will continue taking Bachelor of Science in Nursing program courses online.

**By the end of the spring semester, you will complete your Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing.**

**During the summer term, you will have taken the NCLEX-RN® Examination and achieved licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). After that time, you may begin working as a Registered Nurse if you wish, along with completing your final BSN courses in year four.**

### Fall Semester 2026 – 16 weeks

<b>GTCC Courses Taken</b>	NUR 211 (Health Care Concepts)	3 class hours/week	6 clinical hours/week	
	NUR 212 (Health System Concepts)	3 class hours/week	6 clinical hours/week	
<b>NC A&amp;T Courses Taken</b>	NURS 467 (Nursing Informatics – ONLINE)	3 credit hours		
<b>Total Credit Hours for Fall:</b>		<b>13 credit hours (full-time enrollment)</b>		

### Spring Semester 2027 – 16 weeks

<b>GTCC Courses Taken</b>	NUR 213 (Complex Health Concepts)	4 class hours/week	3 lab hours/week	15 clinical hours/week
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective -- Choose from: ART 111 (Art Appreciation) ART 114 (ART History Survey I) ART 115 (Art History Survey II) HUM 115 (Critical Thinking) MUS 110 (Music Appreciation) MUS 112 (Introduction to Jazz) PHI 215 (Philosophical Issues) PHI 240 (Introduction to Ethics)	3 class hours/week		
<b>NC A&amp;T Courses Taken</b>	NURS 415 (Healthcare in a Global Society – ONLINE)	3 credit hours		
<b>Total Credit Hours for Spring:</b>		<b>16 credit hours (full-time enrollment)</b>		

### Summer Term 2027 – 10 weeks

<b>GTCC Courses Taken</b>	NONE – Program Completed Take NCLEX-RN® Examination			
<b>NC A&amp;T Courses Taken</b>	Mentoring Course (ONLINE)	1 credit hour		
<b>Total Credit Hours for Summer:</b>		<b>1 credit hour (part-time enrollment)</b>		

## ACADEMIC YEAR FOUR: 2027-2028

In the final year of the RIBN program -- year four -- you will complete the remaining Bachelor of Science courses. These courses will be offered ONLINE.

**By the end of the summer term, you will complete your Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.**

### Fall Semester 2027 – 16 weeks

<b>NC A&amp;T Courses Taken</b>	NUR 360 (Concepts in Professional Nursing – ONLINE) NUR 362 (Student Success I – ONLINE) NUR 363 (Advanced Health Assessment – ONLINE) NUR 364 (Applied Ethics – ONLINE)
<b>Total Credit Hours for Fall:</b>	
<b>10 credit hours (part-time enrollment)</b>	

### Spring Semester 2028 – 16 weeks

<b>NC A&amp;T Courses Taken</b>	NURS 361 (Nursing Research - ONLINE) NURS 460 (Community Health Nursing - ONLINE)
<b>Total Credit Hours for Spring:</b>	
<b>7 credit hours (part-time enrollment)</b>	

### Summer Term 2028 – 10 weeks

<b>NC A&amp;T Courses Taken</b>	NURS 365 (Collaborative Inter-professional Practice – ONLINE) NURS 464 (Leadership and Management – ONLINE) NURS 465 (Synthesis of Professional Nursing Practice – ONLINE)
<b>Total Credit Hours for Summer:</b>	
<b>8 credit hours (part-time enrollment)</b>	

<b>Total Credit Hours Required for Associate Degree Nursing Program:</b>	<b>66 credit hours</b>
<b>Total Additional Credit Hours Required for Bachelor of Science in Nursing:</b>	<b>57 credit hours</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR RIBN NURSING PROGRAM:</b>	<b>123 CREDIT HOURS</b>