Students who qualify for consideration for Merit Placement can download the Merit Placement Application. During the application period the application is located on the student portal page at https://my.tridenttech.edu/academic/nursing.htm. Students must keep a copy of the completed application and submit the original completed application, along with the required documentation, in person or by certified mail to:

Trident Technical College  
Admissions Office (Bldg. 410)  
Nursing Admissions Coordinator  
7000 Rivers Avenue (P.O. Box 118067) AM-M  
Charleston, SC 29423-8067

The Merit Placement Application and all required documentation must be submitted according to the most current schedule, which can be found on the student portal page at https://my.tridenttech.edu/academic/nursing.htm. Applications for Merit Placement will only be accepted during the specific dates and times for the current schedule. Required documentation must accompany all applications. Applications and/or required documentation received before or after these dates and times will not be considered.

The Nursing Admissions Coordinator will notify students via their official my.tridenttech.edu email accounts within three weeks of the posted deadline as to whether or not they are selected to move their start date. Students not selected to move their start date forward will retain their original start date. Students selected for Merit Placement must begin preparing for admission to the Nursing program.

To be considered for Merit Placement, students must be able to complete the required immunizations and titers before beginning the Nursing program. The required immunizations and titers are outlined in the students’ original acceptance letters and include: Hepatitis B, rubella, rubeola, varicella, mumps and Tdap.

Additionally, students selected for Merit Placement must complete the mandatory online orientation (Essentials for New Nursing Students) in D2L and attend the mandatory meeting (Getting Off to a Successful Start) scheduled for the class they are entering. Dates and times will be announced.

Students who have questions or need additional information can use their official my.tridenttech.edu email accounts to email their advisors. Advisor names and contact information are listed under My Profile in TTC Express.

Transfer to Specific Programs

Students seeking admission to a Nursing program at TTC who have been enrolled in (and not completed) another Nursing program must complete the following requirements to be considered for admission:

1. Meet the college’s admission requirements.
2. Meet the Nursing program’s admission requirements.
3. Submit a letter from the dean or director of the former nursing program that addresses the student’s
   a. theoretical standing
   b. clinical standing
   c. eligibility for readmission to that program

NOTE: Only students who have no more than one unsuccessful attempt (W, D, F or U) in a clinical nursing course are considered for admission.

4. Meet the college’s requirements for 25 percent of the curriculum credit hours to be taken at TTC.
5. Meet all prerequisite and corequisite courses applicable to the semester for which the student is seeking entry. Laboratory sciences must be taken within five years of the date of entry into the program.
6. Once the student is eligible for admission, he/she may request consideration for transfer credit for nursing courses taken within the last two years by submitting a written request to the associate dean.

Course Sequence and Progression

To progress in the program, students must achieve a minimum grade of C in all courses. These courses must be successfully completed before or during the term in which they appear as a corequisite in the recommended sequence of courses for the program and semester of entry. Laboratory sciences must be taken within five years of the date of entry into the program.

Dosage Proficiency

Prior to progressing to Nursing Care Management I (NUR 104), students must successfully demonstrate proficiency in dosage calculations by registering for Health Calculations (AHS 126) and either successfully completing the PN Dosage Proficiency Placement Exam with a minimum grade of 95 percent or successfully completing the course.
Prior to progressing to ADN level course Complex Health Problems (NUR 210), students must successfully demonstrate proficiency in dosage calculations by registering for Health Calculations II (AHS 129) and either successfully completing the ADN Dosage Proficiency Placement Exam with a grade of 100 percent or successfully completing the course.

As nondegree courses, Health Calculations (AHS 126) and Health Calculations II (AHS 129) may not qualify for some forms of financial aid. Students should speak with a financial aid counselor if they have any questions.

Repeat Policy and Termination

Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing students may have no more than two unsuccessful attempts in clinical nursing courses. LPN-ADN students may have no more than one unsuccessful attempt in clinical nursing courses. Students enrolled in the following non-clinical courses may have no more than three unsuccessful attempts: Health Calculations (AHS 126), Health Calculations II (AHS 129), Transition Nursing (NUR 201), Nursing Seminar (NUR 216), Pharmacology for Nurses (NUR 105) and Basic Concepts of Pharmacology (NUR 161). An unsuccessful attempt is defined as receiving a W, D, F or U.

Readmission

Students enrolled in any Nursing program who do not progress in the curriculum sequence for any reason (academic or personal) must seek readmission to progress to another clinical course. Readmission is not automatic. Criteria for readmission are outlined in the Student Nurses Handbook.

Graduation Requirements

All general education requirements must be completed prior to or during the final semester to ensure eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) upon graduation. Prior to graduation, students are required to demonstrate proficiency on a standardized national examination.

Programs of Study

Associate Degree Programs
Nursing (ADN)
Nursing (ADN) – LPN to ADN Option

Diploma Programs
Practical Nursing

Certificate Programs
Pre-Nursing

Nursing (ADN)

Associate in Applied Science
Credit Requirements: 68 Semester Credit Hours
Students entering Fall Semester

The Associate Degree Nursing program requires a minimum of two years to complete. A graduate of the ADN program is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX-RN). Upon satisfactory completion of the examination, graduates are titled Registered Nurses (RN).

The ADN program has two options for student completion: the Generic Option and the LPN-to-ADN Option.

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the Program Specific Admission Requirements below, applicants must also meet the General College Admission Requirements and General Nursing Program Admission Requirements.

Program-Specific Admission Requirements

1. Meet one of the following three admission options.
   a. Hold an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited school with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at TTC at time of admission.
   OR
   b. Achieve the required score on the National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam (PAX). Scores are valid for two years from date of testing. Students can register at https://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at TTC at time of admission.
   OR
c. Complete the Pre-Nursing certificate with a minimum GPA of 2.75. No more than three of the six courses required for the Pre-Nursing certificate may be repeated to meet this admission option, and all courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at TTC at time of admission.

**Recommended Sequence of Courses**

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**Nursing (ADN)**

**Associate in Applied Science**

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