
North Carolina Piedmont Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses NCP RIBN Collaborative

Partnership with GTCC and NC A&T State University
Fall 2023 Entry ♦ Maximum of 10 Students Accepted to Program

Initial Eligibility Screening Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2023 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 five minimum program requirements.

Admission Requirement	ARE YOU A: Current High School Senior <i>or</i> 20 years of age or younger with 23 or fewer Hours of Transfer Credit from a Regionally-Accredited Institution?	ARE YOU A: High School/GED Graduate, 21 years of age or older with 24 or More Hours of Transfer Credit from a Regionally-Accredited Institution?
Minimum Grade Point Average	Cumulative Unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with SAT score 1010 or ACT Score 20 . *Applicants not submitting SAT/ACT scores must have a GPA of 3.5.*	Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from all colleges attended.
SAT or ACT Score	SAT minimum composite score of 1010 (Math/Verbal) or an ACT minimum composite score of 20 .	This requirement is waived.
Completion of UNC System Minimum Course Requirements	<p><i>These courses must have been completed as part of the high school course of study:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four units of English • Two consecutive units of a language other than English • Four units of math (algebra I, algebra II, geometry, and an advanced math beyond algebra II) • Three units of science (biology, physical science, and an additional science with a lab) • Two units in social studies – one unit must be U.S. history 	This requirement is waived.
Biology Competency	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 2013).
NC Nurse Aide I Certification	Current high school seniors or applicants 20 years of age and younger must achieve NC Nurse Aide I certification by July 28, 2023.	Must have a current listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registry.

If you have met all of the requirements, then you are eligible to apply to the Fall 2023 RIBN program. Let's get started!

Step 1: Complete the GTCC Admission Process by Friday, March 3, 2023 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 2023):

- ✓ 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 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. 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 2023 RIBN Nursing Interest Application and Required Documents to the Limited Entry Programs Office by Friday, March 17, 2023 at 5:00pm.

This link to this document is available at the end of the packet.

Current High School seniors or High School/GED graduates 20 years of age or younger with 23 or fewer credit hours of college coursework:

- ✓ Upload a copy of your SAT or ACT score report – it can be an unofficial copy for this purpose.
- ✓ 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 kept CURRENT throughout the Associate Degree Nursing program.**

Applicants 21 years of age or 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 (Remember if you have completed a Bachelor's degree, the high school transcript requirement is waived).
- ✓ Nurse Aide Certification – upload a copy of your current NC Nurse Aide Registry listing with your program 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 31, 2023.

Once your *Fall 2023 RIBN Nursing* Program 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 the email that you have provided on the Program Application and provide information on how to schedule and take the ATI TEAS at GTCC's Assessment Center (or alternate location) by March 31, 2023.**

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 April 7, 2023.

Once you have achieved the minimum score, notify the Limited Entry Programs Office **via email** at limitedentry@gtcc.edu and we will send a link to upload a copy of your ATI TEAS score report (do not send your ATI TEAS score to Limited Entry).

Step 5: Ranking of Eligible Applicants.

After March 17, 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 2023 NCP RIBN Nursing class.

Item	Points Earned
COURSEWORK IN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	
Current High School Student Human Anatomy & Physiology or Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology with a “C” or better.	A = 3pts B = 2pts C = 1pt
College-Level Course BIO 168: Anatomy & Physiology I with a “C” or better, completed within 10 years of the program start date (since 2013).	A = 3pts B = 2pts C = 1pt
Total Points Earned for This Section:	
ATI TEAS COMPOSITE SCORE (Minimum score of 68 required) Enter your composite score here (include decimal points – do not round up)	
Add your Total Points + ATI TEAS Composite Score. THIS WILL BE YOUR TOTAL RANKING SCORE:	

Step 6: By April 10, 2023, conditional admission letters from the Limited Entry Programs Office 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 to late June.

Those who are not selected to the program will also receive notification letters by April 10th as well.

Step 7: Fully-Admitted RIBN Students must attend a mandatory orientation and induction ceremony in August 2023, prior to the start of fall semester classes.

Information on these events will come directly from the NC A&T School of Nursing. You will also be contacted by your assigned GTCC RIBN Faculty Advisor (RFA), who will help you register for your fall semester classes. The RFA 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. 50439; limitedentry@gtcc.edu

**Applications submissions will be accepted electronically through the link below beginning
November 14, 2022, through March 17, 2023**

[FALL 2023 NCP RIBN Interest Program Application](#)



*Hassell Health Technologies on GTCC's Jamestown Campus.
This is where all Associate Degree Nursing (NUR) classes will be taken.*

What does the RIBN Nursing Curriculum look like?

ACADEMIC YEAR ONE: 2023-2024

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 one to three semesters. Please consider how your student status may affect your financial aid eligibility.

By the July 28, 2023, 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 2023 – 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	
Total Credit Hours for Fall:		12 credit hours (full-time enrollment)	

Spring Semester 2024 – 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	
Total Credit Hours for Spring:		14 credit hours (full-time enrollment)	

Summer Term 2024 – 10 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	BIO 175 (General Microbiology)	2 hours in class/week	2 hours in lab/week
NC A&T Courses Taken	Mentoring Course (ONLINE)	1 credit hour	
Total Credit Hours for Summer:		4 credit hours (part-time enrollment)	

ACADEMIC YEAR TWO: 2024-2025

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 2024 – 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		
Total Credit Hours for Fall:		14 credit hours (full-time enrollment)		

Spring Semester 2025– 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	NUR 112 (Health-Illness Concepts)	3 class hours/week	6 clinical hours/week	
	NUR 113 (Family Health Concepts) OR 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		
Total Credit Hours for Spring:		16 credit hours (full-time enrollment)		

Summer Term 2025 – 10 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	NUR 113 (Family Health Concepts) OR 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		
Total Credit Hours for Summer:		8 credit hours (part-time enrollment)		

ACADEMIC YEAR THREE: 2025-2026



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 2025 – 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	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	
NC A&T Courses Taken	NURS 467 (Nursing Informatics – ONLINE)	3 credit hours		
Total Credit Hours for Fall:		13 credit hours (full-time enrollment)		

Spring Semester 2026 – 16 weeks

GTCC Courses Taken	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		
NC A&T Courses Taken	NURS 415 (Healthcare in a Global Society – ONLINE)	3 credit hours		
Total Credit Hours for Spring:		16 credit hours (full-time enrollment)		

Summer Term 2026 – 10 weeks

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

ACADEMIC YEAR FOUR: 2026-2027

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 2026– 16 weeks

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

Spring Semester 2027– 16 weeks

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

Summer Term 2027 – 10 weeks

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

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