

# Nursing Program

## What is Pre-Nursing?

Students in the 1+2+1 nursing program will spend their freshman year on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. Students who are successful in the first year and earn a C or better in all courses will transition to Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) in their second year, with direct acceptance to the associate degree in nursing program. After successfully completing an associate of applied science degree at HGTC, students return to Coastal for their senior year to complete a bachelor of science in nursing. Please go to [www.coastal.edu/nursing](http://www.coastal.edu/nursing) for more information.

## How do I apply for the Pre-Nursing program?

**Please note: Nursing is NOT test optional.** You will complete the Coastal Carolina University's freshman application at [www.coastal.edu/apply](http://www.coastal.edu/apply). You may also use the common application. Under "Academic Interests" on the application, answer "Yes" to the question "Are you interested in the 1+2+1 Nursing residential program between Coastal Carolina University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College?" To be considered for this program, you must send your ACT, SAT or TEAS scores directly from the testing agency to CCU.

## Who are competitive applicants for the Nursing program?

To be eligible for this program, you must be admitted to Coastal Carolina University as a freshman student. For freshman admission requirements, please go to [www.coastal.edu/admissions/freshman](http://www.coastal.edu/admissions/freshman). **Prospective students should apply by the priority application dates of October 15 or November 15. This program will likely be full by February 1. A waiting list is kept.**

After being admitted to CCU, your application will be reviewed for eligibility for this competitive program. The minimum test score requirements are 22 on the ACT, 1100 on the SAT (evidenced-based reading and writing plus math), or 78% on the TEAS. There are limited spaces in this program, and typically, students with the highest test scores are admitted first. The GPA for freshmen classes will be used to rank students for the second year of this program. The agreement with HGTC limits the program to 16 new students each year. It is important to note that students with a CNA certificate or shadowing experience are not given preference into the program. Not all students accepted to pre-nursing (year one) will proceed to the nursing program due to competitive admission requirements and limited seats.

## Why is nursing not among the list of majors in Coastal Carolina University's freshman application for admission?

CCU does not have a four-year nursing program at this time. Students interested

in a nursing career can apply for the joint program between CCU and HGTC. It is very important that you check "yes" to the question on the CCU freshmen application asking if you are interested in the Nursing program. **If you do not check this box and/or do not submit test scores documenting your eligibility you will not be considered for this program.** You will choose a major from the available majors listed on the application. You are not required to select a certain major to participate in the 1+2+1 Nursing program; however, we encourage you to select a major in the health areas or choose undeclared HHP.

## How will I know if I am not eligible for the program?

**Students who do not meet the minimum test score requirements are not eligible for the program.** You will not be notified if you are not eligible for the program. Only eligible applicants will be reviewed and notified of a decision. Your admission to CCU is not impacted if you are not selected for the Nursing program.

## Are transfer students eligible for the 1+2+1 Nursing program?

Transfer students may be eligible to apply for this program, but need to be aware that the program will take three full years to complete, regardless of the number of credits transferred from previous institutions. Transfer students must provide test scores documenting they meet test score minimum requirements.

Transfer students who are already registered nurses can enter CCU through the RN-to-BSN Completion program. Please go to [www.coastal.edu/nursing](http://www.coastal.edu/nursing) for more information.

## When will I know if I am offered a place in the 1+2+1 Nursing program?

You will be notified about your eligibility by March. If you choose not to accept a spot in this program, it will not impact your admission to CCU.

## I was offered a spot in the 1+2+1 Nursing program. What do I do next?

Students will pay a \$300 enrollment deposit to CCU and will adhere to all deadlines in communications from the Nursing program. Students will register for an Orientation session, apply for housing, and choose a meal plan at CCU. Students will receive a copy of the curriculum to assist them in meeting with their academic adviser and registering for classes.

## I was offered a Merit Award at CCU. Can I use this in the Nursing program?

You will be able to use any merit award for the freshman year. When/if you transfer to HGTC for the second year, you will forfeit your CCU merit award.

Financial Aid will work with you for your return to CCU for the senior year.

### Where will classes be held for the Nursing program?

The freshman year is on campus at CCU. You will attend classes at HGTC for the second and third years, then back to CCU's campus for the senior year. All transportation and expenses related to classes or clinical are the responsibility of the student. In years 2, 3, and 4, students must carry professional liability insurance; complete an annual examination including required vaccinations, criminal background and child abuse history clearance, and drug testing; maintain CPR certification; and adhere to any additional requirements of the clinical facilities. Graduates of this major may qualify for admission to a graduate nursing program.

The pre-licensure nursing classes will be held on HGTC's Grand Strand campus in Myrtle Beach, which is about 15 miles away from CCU's campus. The general education classes for the two years at HGTC are offered on the Conway campus of HGTC. Most classes are face-to-face, but could be online or hybrid, depending on the format the student desires and course availability.

After completing the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing at HGTC, students will transfer into the RN-to-BSN program and complete the remaining courses at CCU. Students will need to complete a transfer application for CCU to have transcripts sent to CCU from HGTC. Nursing classes at CCU are taught in a hybrid format. Nearly 51% of the class time for nursing classes is face-to-face. Although the nursing classes are hybrid, the general education classes needed to fulfill degree requirements for CCU may be offered in other formats, including face-to-face, hybrid, or online, depending on the format desired and course availability.

### Where will I receive financial aid for the Nursing program

Students in the Nursing program must submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the college where they will be paying tuition. That is CCU the first year, HGTC the next two years, and CCU for the fourth year. The student's financial aid package, including state scholarships for South Carolina students, will be determined by the college where the student will be paying tuition. Once students complete the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and complete the transfer process to CCU for the remaining year, students will need to submit a FAFSA to CCU. Also, students may be eligible for Transfer Merit Awards. To read more about Transfer Merit Awards, go to: [www.coastal.edu/meritawards](http://www.coastal.edu/meritawards)

### Where will I live while in the 1+2+1 Nursing program?

Nursing students will live in CCU's residence halls for the first two years, unless they live within 50 miles of CCU's campus. Students have the choice of living with other Nursing students or they can live with other CCU freshman. Nursing students will also have a meal plan with CCU but will need to plan for dining options on HGTC's Grand Strand campus as they will spend a majority of their

time on that campus for 2 years. CCU's dining halls offer take-out options.

### Will I be able to join clubs and organizations on CCU's campus while in the Nursing program?

Yes, Nursing students may join clubs and organizations on CCU's campus. However, while paying tuition to HGTC, students are not eligible to join Greek life, participate in NCAA Division 1 athletics, or have a federal work study funded position on CCU's campus.

### Can students work while attending classes in the Nursing program?

Employment is not encouraged, due to the rigor of the program, but there is no prohibition against it. During the two years attending HGTC, on-campus employment at CCU is limited to Aramark food service or the Barnes & Noble campus bookstore.

### Will nursing students participate in CCU's New Student Orientation?

Yes. Students will choose to attend a summer orientation. In addition, nursing students will attend a brief orientation together in August.

### Coming Soon (Pending Approval)

CCU has been approved to develop a traditional 4-year BSN where all four years will be held on the Coastal Carolina University campus. We cannot recruit or admit students for this program until it is approved by the SC Board of Nursing, which we hope will happen by Spring, 2024

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