

1. How do I apply to the BTC Nursing Program?
  - The APL-N will only accept applications during the core program admissions application window. The application window for this program opens in January and will remain open until July 31. A first sorting of seat offers will happen April and a second sorting of seat offers will happen July. More information is posted on the [BTC RN Program website](#).
2. How does the online application work? Will I need to upload any documents?
  - No. Applicants will not need to upload any documents. The online application is a form that applicants fill out online from any location and is mobile-friendly.
3. If I will not be done with my foundational coursework before the Application Window opens (for example I am still taking my last required courses), should I wait until I have finished to apply to the program?
  - Yes. All applicants must be *Program-Ready* before they may apply.
4. Is it true that the BTC Nursing Program admissions process includes ranking applicants?
  - Yes. Points will be awarded for number of credits of nursing foundational prerequisite courses successfully taken at BTC, completing the Nursing Assistant certificate or another Allied Health Program at BTC, and for having applied previously with a complete application.
5. Does BTC rank applicants by grade point average or previous degree?
  - No. BTC does not rank applicants by their overall GPA or whether or not they have a previous degree.
6. Does BTC offer veteran students an additional point on the application?
  - No. While Bellingham Technical College does allow veterans early course registration, this does not apply to the Nursing Program which uses an application process.
7. If I have never taken any classes at BTC will I still be able to apply to the Nursing Program?
  - Yes. While the majority of cohort seats will be offered to those who applied first and took classes at BTC, some cohort seats may be available for those who have not.
8. Is the COVID-19 vaccine required for clinical placement?
  - Yes. All health students must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the first day of the quarter in which they start.
9. Are any COVID-19 vaccine exemptions accepted by the program?
  - No. BTC's clinical partner agencies will not accept any exemption to full COVID-19 vaccination. Medical, religious, or philosophical exemptions are not accepted by our clinical partner agencies.
10. What qualifies as Healthcare Experience?
  - Nursing Assistant
  - Paramedic
  - Radiology Technologist
  - Medical Assistant
  - Emergency Medical Technician
  - Surgical Technologist
  - Home Care Aid
  - Emergency Medical Responder
  - Healthcare Specialist
  - Other healthcare experience will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
11. Does healthcare experience training expire?
  - Yes. Starting in October 2021 applicants must have completed their training in an allied health field in the last five years.

12. Does my healthcare certification have to be active in Washington State?
  - No. If you have held a medical related certification **in the past five years** but it is no longer active it will still qualify as medical experience for application to the nursing program as long as no action has been taken against that certification.
13. Do I need to get my Healthcare Experience Form “preapproved” before I submit my application?
  - Yes. You are required to email your form and attached documents to the Nursing Program before you apply. **Healthcare Experience forms must be submitted before applying to the program.**
14. If I completed Nursing Assistant or another health program at BTC do I still need to submit the Healthcare Experience Verification form?
  - No. This information is on your BTC Unofficial Transcript.
15. Does my Healthcare Experience Verification form approval expire?
  - Yes. Once your Healthcare Experience Verification form has been approved by the Nursing Program it is valid for five years from approval date.
16. Do I need to have completed the transcript evaluation process before I submit my application?
  - Yes. For students taking courses at another college. Visit the [BTC Future Students website](#) for details. Plan ahead as it can take BTC ten business days to evaluate your transcripts and additional time for the sending school to process your request. **All transcripts must be submitted prior to applying to the program.**
17. Do my general education prerequisite (example: BIOL& 242) courses “expire”?
  - No. General education courses are accepted no matter when they were completed as long as they meet the transfer course requirements.
18. What is the purpose of the ATI TEAS and why do I have to take it?
  - The ATI TEAS is used as part of the admission process by nursing programs nationwide to measure entry-level skills and abilities of health science program applicants. The purpose of the TEAS is to differentiate among varying levels of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. The primary difference between standard placement tests and the TEAS is that the TEAS speaks directly to success in nursing-related content while placement testing is not geared to provide those indicators.
19. Do I need to score at the *Proficient* level or higher on one ATI TEAS transcript?
  - Yes. You must score at the *Proficient* level or higher in each of the four areas on one assessment but you may take the ATI TEAS as many times as you need to reach this level on one transcript. **The ATI TEAS must be completed prior to applying to the program.**
20. What does limited waitlist mean?
  - The Annual Program List for Nursing (APL-N) is a limited waitlist because the list is only maintained for one academic year. At the end of that academic year, the waitlist is closed and wiped. Applicants not awarded cohort seats will need to reapply online during the next year’s Application Window.
21. Can I defer my enrollment to a different quarter if I can't begin the quarter you've offered me?
  - No. The Part-time RN program only runs in the fall. Students can reapply for the following year.
22. Can I know where I'm at on the program waitlist?
  - We are unable to disclose waitlist information to applicants.

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