Nursing Extra Competitive Points Instructions
November 1, 2025-January 30, 2026 Application Cycle
2026 Fall Entry

Attention: All documents for extra competitive points must be submitted at time of application.

1. Direct client care work experience in the health field

Follow these guidelines for submission:

Have your employer complete a **current** *FTCC Work Experience* form **(see template on page 2**). Yes, it must be updated for every Application Cycle.

- The employer's signature and date must be **handwritten**
- To receive points the applicant must reflect direct client care experience for at least 1040 hours on the form
- Verification of work experience must be updated and resubmitted for each new application cycle.
- For military personnel in healthcare roles (MOS 68 series or equivalent), a DD-214 may be submitted as proof of direct client care employment
- All submissions must adhere to the required file naming conventions and format. Files submitted incorrectly risk being lost, uncounted, or deemed **ineligible** during an appeal.
    - **Save file with the following File Name:** LastName_FirstName_Work
    - **Allowed file types:** Word, PDF, JPEG

FTCC Nursing Admission Work Verification Form
(November 1, 2025 – January 30, 2026)

Dear FTCC Nursing Program Admission Committee:

This form verifies that _____ has (complete one bullet):
Applicant's Name

- completed **over** 1,040 hours of direct client care experience. Their responsibilities primarily involve hands-on, interactive engagement with clients, delivering personalized care and support at _____as a _____
  Place of Employment   *Job Title*

completed **less than** 1,040 hours of direct client care experience. Their responsibilities primarily involve hands-on, interactive engagement with clients, delivering personalized care and support at _____ as a
_____.   *Place of Employment*
Job Title

Please provide the following information:

Start date in this position: _____ If applicable, last date in this position _____

Please provide the number of hours worked in this position: _____

Print Employer's Name _____   Print Employer's Title _____

Date of Affirmation _____   Employer's Signature _____

                                                (Electronic NOT Accepted)

Employer's Work Email: _____   Employer's Phone Number: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this part of the application process for the FTCC Nursing Program. If you have any questions, you may reach out to the Admissions Committee at Applynursing@Faytechcc.edu

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2. Completed a previous academic program

Upload a copy of your previously completed academic program

- Associate Degree (or higher), Diploma, or Certificate in a health field.
- Unofficial transcripts showing the completion or award date of the certificate/degree.
- Photo of the actual diploma or degree with the College/University Seal.
- Please **Only** submit one transcript or photo of the highest level you have earned.
- All submissions must adhere to the required file naming conventions and format. Files submitted incorrectly risk being lost, uncounted, or deemed **ineligible** during an appeal.
    - **Save file with the following File Name:** LastName_FirstName_CertificateDegree
    - **Allowed file types:** Word, PDF, JPEG

3. FTCC Nursing Admissions Essay

Upload FTCC Nursing Admissions Essay **(see criteria and a sample essay on page 4 and 5).**

- Write your essay in **MLA format**. Refer to this guide for MLA formatting: [MLA Formatting Guide](#)
- All submissions must adhere to the required file naming conventions and format. Files submitted incorrectly risk being lost, uncounted, or deemed **ineligible** during an appeal.
  - **Save file with the following File Name:** LastName_FirstName_Essay
  - **Allowed file types:** Word, PDF, JPEG

Nursing Admission Essay June-November 2025-January 2026 Application Cycle

The Nursing Program offers candidates seeking admission the opportunity to submit an admission essay along with their competitive point materials. The guidelines below must be followed when developing the essay.

This essay allows you to reflect on your personal journey, values, and vision for your future in nursing.

Introduction
Begin by reflecting on your journey toward nursing. Describe experiences or influences that shaped your interest in the field and what nursing means to you. Consider how your academic and personal growth have prepared you to take this next step.

Body
Explain how your educational background, work, or volunteer experiences have helped you develop skills essential to nursing — such as clinical reasoning, communication, and ethical decision-making. Use specific examples that show how you've grown through learning, teamwork, and perseverance.

Conclusion
Connect your past experiences to your future goals. Describe the kind of nurse you aspire to become and how your preparation will help you succeed in the program and in professional practice. End with a statement that reflects your motivation and readiness to serve others through nursing.

Essay Format:

- Essay should be written in MLA format, with Times New Roman and 12pt font
- Essay must include a well-defined introduction, body, and conclusion
- Essays under 500 words or over 750 words, excluding student information and title line, will not be accepted. Refer to the yellow highlight on the next page for an example of what will not be counted.
- Be sure to read the Nursing Essay Topic Sample, next page, for more formatting specifics.

The rubric below will be used to score the essay. Candidates should carefully review their essay prior to submission to ensure quality.

Admission Essay Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Excellent 15	Very Good 10	Good 5	Points
Mechanics (Spelling, punctuation, grammar, context)	*15 points* Contains minor (0-2) errors with essay mechanics	*10 points* Contains moderate (3-4) errors with essay mechanics	*5 points* Contains many errors (5+) with essay mechanics	
Development (Introduction, body, conclusion) Must include experiences or examples. Missing examples/experiences will earn 0 points.	*15 points* The essay is clearly developed and contains an introduction, body, and conclusion	*10 points* The essay is moderately developed and/or is missing either an introduction, body, or conclusion	*5 points* The essay is not developed and/or does not contain an introduction, body, and/or conclusion	
Content	*15 points* Content is clear and concise with relevant supporting examples	*10 points* Content is partially clear and concise with relevant supporting example	*5 points* Content is not clear and concise with no relevant supporting example	
			Total Points	
Essay Word Count, not including student information or title line, is less than 500 or more than 750 words.				0 points awarded

40-45 points = 3 competitive points   25-39 points = 2 competitive points   15-24 points = 1 competitive point

[Student Name]

[Student ID Number]

[Date]

      Be sure to review the essay topic on the *Nursing Essay Criteria 2026FA* document. This is a basic sample of how your document should look when you compose your response to this topic. Please read the guidelines thoroughly to ensure your essay is received and eligible to move forward for evaluation. The essay should be written in a Word Document using Times New Roman font at a 12-point font size. The margins for your essay should be one inch all the way around the page. Your response should be at least 500 words, but not to exceed 750 words, double-spaced. The word count will not include the header or the title.

      Please be sure to review the specific file-saving, and submission requirements. If there are issues, questions, or concerns regarding your essay, you will be notified by email. If you have any inquiries about the essay portion, please ask through the applynursing@faytechcc.edu email. **Essays must be submitted electronically at the time you submit your application to be considered for competitive points.**

Wishing you the best as you pursue your academic goals!

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4. High School Connections Track (completion or in good standing)

- Applicant must have attended **Cumberland County High School Connections Program** or **Cumberland Polytechnic High School for the following pathways to receive points:**
    - Nurse Aide (C45840H1)
    - Health and Fitness Science (C45630H1)
    - ADN Pathway (P1032C)

- Applicant must submit verification of completed academic program, unofficial transcripts showing pathway, or a letter of recommendation/good standing from instructor.

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