



Nursing Extra Competitive Points Instructions

June-July 2025 Application Cycle – 2026 Spring 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).

- 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
- **Save file with the following File Name:** LastName_FirstName_Work

Allowed file types: Word, PDF, JPEG

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FTCC Nursing Admission Work Verification Form

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 involves 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 involves 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 _____

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.
- Only submit one transcript or photo of the highest level you have earned.
- **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](#)
- **Save file with the following File Name:** LastName_FirstName_Essay
- **Allowed file types:** Word, PDF, JPEG

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Nursing Admission Essay June-July 2025 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:

Paint a vivid picture of the moment you first realized you wanted to become a nurse. This could be a powerful memory, an emotional turning point, or a subtle realization that grew over time. Use descriptive language to draw the reader in—make them feel what you felt.

Body:

What personal experiences, values, or role models influenced this decision?

Conclusion:

Looking back on this experience, how has it shaped your goals for nursing school and beyond?

Essay format:

- Essay should be written in MLA format, with Arial or Times New Roman and 12pt font
- Essay must include a well-defined introduction, body, and conclusion
- Essays exceeding 750 words will not be accepted

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)	<i>15 points</i> Contains minor (0-2) errors with essay mechanics	<i>10 points</i> Contains moderate (3-4) errors with essay mechanics	<i>5 points</i> Contains many errors (5+) with essay mechanics	
Development (Introduction, body, conclusion)	<i>15 points</i> The essay is clearly developed and contains an introduction, body, and conclusion	<i>10 points</i> The essay is moderately developed and/or is missing either an introduction, body, or conclusion	<i>5 points</i> The essay is not developed and/or does not contain an introduction, body, and/or conclusion	
Content	<i>15 points</i> Content is clear and concise with relevant supporting examples	<i>10 points</i> Content is partially clear and concise with relevant supporting example	<i>5 points</i> Content is not clear and concise with no relevant supporting example	
Total Points				

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

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Nursing Essay Topic Sample:

[Student Name]

[Student ID Number]

[Date]

Be sure to review the essay topic on the *Nursing Essay Criteria 2026SP* 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 or a letter of recommendation/good standing from current instructor.

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