

Nursing Degree

The Associate Degree Nursing program provides the student with the skills to utilize the nursing process and assess unique patient needs across the lifespan using a concept-based approach to learning. Degree competence will be assessed regularly by evaluation of expected learning outcomes in the clinical setting as well as course examinations. Emphasis is placed on the use of critical thinking and creative problem-solving in the clinical setting. The nursing major prepares graduates in a variety of health care settings as entry-level registered nurses. Upon successful completion of the nursing program, the graduate is eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses). Program assessment is conducted by monitoring student success rates on the NCLEX-RN® exam.

Program Prerequisites for the Associate Degree (All Students)

Science Courses: Complete the following courses with a minimum 2.5 GPA. All science courses must have been completed within seven years prior to the date of nursing program application.

1. Anatomy 32 and Physiology 31; or Anatomy and Physiology 34A and 34B
2. Microbiology 33

Non-science Courses:

1. English 1A or English 1AH
2. Mathematics 150 or Mathematics 150H
3. Medical Terminology 1
4. Psychology 16

Additional Prerequisites:

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all college courses.
2. Complete the Readiness Assessment Test - ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) with the state recommended passing score. If a prospective student receives a score below the state recommended score, the student will be required to complete remediation and then retake the ATI TEAS. Students will only have two opportunities to take and successfully pass the TEAS exam. Students who take the TEAS at ECC and complete the required remediation are required to retest at ECC.
3. NURS 143 Introduction to Nursing
4. NURS 144 Dosage Calculation
5. NURS 146 Health Assessment

All general education courses and nursing courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C. Please contact a nursing counselor to determine course equivalencies.

Program Requirements

1st Semester

NURS 220	Nursing Fundamentals	3.5 Units
NURS 222	Medical Surgical Nursing - Older Adult	4.0 Units
NURS 224	Nursing Pharmacology	3.0 Units
NURS 226	Nursing Skills Practicum I	0.5 Units

2nd Semester

NURS 230	Mental Health	3.5 Units
NURS 232	Obstetrical Patients and the Newborn	2.5 units
NURS 234	Pediatric Nursing	2.5 Units
NURS 238	Nursing Skills Practicum II	0.5 Units

3rd Semester

NURS 240	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4.0 Units
NURS 242	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4.5 Units
NURS 244	Nursing Skills Practicum III	0.5 Units

4th Semester

NURS 247	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing I	5.0 Units
NURS 248	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing II – Preceptorship	2.0 Units

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

COMS 100*	Public Speaking	3.0 Units
ENGL 1C	Critical Thinking and Composition	3.0 Units
	or	
ENGL 1CH	Honors Critical Thinking and Composition	3.0 Units
	or	
	Philosophy 105, Philosophy 106, Coms Studies 120, or Psych 3	
PSYC 5	General Psychology	3.0 Units
	or	
PSYC 5H	Honors General Psychology	
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3.0 Units
	or	
SOCI 101H	Honors Sociology 101	
	or	
ANTH 2	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
HUM	Any 3 unit course from area 3 of the A.S. Degree Requirements	3.0 Units
	*Note: Any 3-unit course from Communication Studies 120, 130, 140, may be substituted for Communication Studies 100.	