

Nursing

Nursing Associate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

The Nursing Department is dedicated to the preparation of individuals to meet the health care needs of the public. Graduate nurses will be able to use essential knowledge, attitudes, skills, and technology to meet the healthcare needs of patients, families, and communities while recognizing the need for an individualized plan of care. Faculty members strive to incorporate essential competencies for nurse educators while preparing graduates who will become the future of the nursing profession.

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s)

Type of Program:

Day — Please note that this program requires one semester of general education courses prior to beginning two years of clinical work. NOTE: Due to the competitive program admission process, it is recommended that all general education courses be completed prior to application to the NUR program. This can add to the overall length of the program.

Professional Credentials:

Registered Nurse (subject to passing exam)

Program Accreditation:

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, State Board of Nursing for South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Dr., Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210 (803) 896-4550

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000, www.acenursing.org

Employment Opportunities:

Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices, home health agencies, industrial nursing

- This program covers all aspects of the nursing profession and is designed to integrate both theory and practical "hands-on" educational experiences.
- In order to be eligible for seating into the program, students must meet college admission requirements and
 - Complete an online Career Talk (current within two years).
 - Take the TEAS entrance exam at Placement Testing Center in Admissions and Registration Center.
 - Meet criteria on SAT, ACT, or college placement tests, and have completed ENG 101, MAT 120, BIO 210 and PSY 201.
 - Have a technical GPA of 2.50.
- Students are admitted fall, spring, and summer semesters.
 - Seating Process: Submit a weighted admission form between the dates of Mar. 15 – May 15 for potential admission into the August, October or January class. Submit a weighted admission form between the dates of July 15 — Sept. 15 for potential admission into the March or May class.
 - Students with the highest scores will receive an admissions letter, an intent form used to pay the \$100 deposit, a criminal background information sheet, and physical exam with detailed written requirements.
 - To reserve a seat, students must pay \$100 non-refundable deposit, complete the physical exam form (physical may not be more than 12 months prior to beginning NUR courses), and complete criminal background information sheet by due date set in admission letter. Program completion is contingent upon a crime-free criminal background check and a negative drug screening.
- The following general education classes may be taken with NUR courses or prior to entering the NUR program: BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II; BIO 225 Microbiology; SPC 205 Public Speaking; and a university transferable humanities course (see catalog description of a university transferable humanities).

- A grade of "C" or higher is required in all related general education courses.
- A grade of "C" or higher is required in biophysical science courses. Biophysical science courses must be completed within five years of entering the clinical phase of the Nursing program. Biophysical science courses may be repeated one time only to achieve a passing grade.
- Students are encouraged to consider general education courses that transfer to BSN completion programs and Post RN Specialty courses, which may enhance employability.
- Students must have evidence of valid healthcare provider CPR certification, preclinical orientation, completed health physical, and documentation of required immunizations as a course requirement for NUR 139.
- A negative 10-panel drug screen is required for clinical eligibility. Random drug screens may be performed throughout the program.
- A crime-free criminal background check is required for clinical experiences. Students may be subject to more than one background check during the program based on affiliate requirements.
- Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
- Any student who has ever been convicted of a crime or felony must contact the South Carolina Board of Nursing for further instructions related to state licensure.
- NUR courses are seven weeks in length.
- Students will be required to take comprehensive competency exams for theory and skills throughout and at the end of the nursing program. Failure to achieve satisfactory scores or demonstrate skills competency may affect progression in nursing courses, progression through the nursing curriculum, and graduation.
- Students who have been accepted into the college but not yet accepted into the Nursing Program will be considered Pre-Nursing and will be coded as Associate of Science majors. See assigned advisor for questions regarding this matter.

Recommended Course Schedule

Note: Due to the required Pre-Nursing courses and the weighted admission process, the program length will be longer than two years.

Pre-Nursing Courses

MAT	120	Probability and Statistics*	3.0
BIO	210	Anatomy and Physiology I*	4.0
PSY	201	General Psychology*	3.0
ENG	101	English Composition I*	3.0

Phase I

BIO	211	Anatomy and Physiology II*	4.0
NUR	139	Introduction to Nursing Concepts#	3.0
NUR	141	Pharmacological Therapies I#	2.0
		NUR 139 & NUR 141 taken concurrently	
NUR	143	Basic Care and Comfort#	3.0
NUR	144	Pharmacological Therapies II#	1.0
		NUR 143 & NUR 144 taken concurrently	

Phase II

BIO	225	Microbiology*	4.0
NUR	145	Physiological Adaptation and Risk Reduction I#	4.0
NUR	146	Physiological Adaptation and Risk Reduction II#	4.0
NUR	156	Physiological Adaptation and Risk Reduction III#	4.0

Phase III

SPC	205	Public Speaking*	3.0
NUR	239	Mental Health Nursing Concepts#	4.0
NUR	241	Health Promotion and Risk Reduction — Maternal/Child#	4.0
NUR	243	Health Promotion and Risk Reduction — Children#	4.0

Phase IV

NUR	253	Physiological Integrity#	4.0
NUR	256	Management of Care#	4.0
		Humanities Elective*/**	3.0
		BSN Prerequisites (Optional)	

Total Required Credit Hours**68.0**

*General education course

**Must be college transferable

All nursing courses are seven weeks in length.

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