

NURSING - TRADITIONAL TRACK

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

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Associate (A45110)

Pre-Requisite Courses

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
BIO-168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
BIO-169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
MAT-143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
				Total:	14

Fall Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
NUR-111	Introduction to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
NUR-117	Pharmacology	1	3	0	2
PSY-150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
				Total:	13

Spring Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
NUR-112	Health-Illness Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR-114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR-118	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2	0	0	2
PSY-241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
				Total:	15

Summer Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
NUR-113	Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
				Total:	5

Fall Semester 2

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
BIO-175	General Microbiology	2	2	0	3
ENG-112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
NUR-211	Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR-212	Health System Concepts	3	0	6	5
				Total:	16

Spring Semester 2

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
NUR-213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
Humanities Option	Humanities and Fine Arts Options Listed Below	3	0	0	3
				Total:	13

Total Credit Hours: 62

Humanities/Fine Arts Choices for AAS Degree Programs Unless Otherwise Noted:

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
ART-111	Art Appreciation	3	0	0	3
HUM-110	Technology and Society	3	0	0	3
HUM-115	Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
MUS-110	Music Appreciation	3	0	0	3

Admissions Requirements

Region A Nursing Consortium: Admission Criteria and Points Scale

For students wishing to enter Fall 2025

Applications will only be accepted October 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025.

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Requirements for Phase I:

- Submit Application for Region A Nursing Consortium.
- Submit Official High School Transcripts or Official Scores for the High School Equivalency Diploma.
- Evidence of a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or greater on a 4-point scale. The most recent transcript with at least six (6) college-level credit hours will be used for those students attending more than one college.
- Completion of BIO-168 Anatomy and Physiology I and ENG-111 Writing and Inquiry with a grade of "C" or better.

The above minimum requirements must be satisfied by January 31, 2025, to be considered for the Fall 2025 nursing class. Once the application deadline has passed, all qualified applicants will progress to Phase II.

Requirements for Phase II:

- Hold a documented, current, unrestricted credential as Nurse Aide I (NAI) from the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry; https://ncnar.ncdhhs.gov/verify_listings1.jsp and the Division of Health Service Regulation. (A copy of the current listing on the NC DHHS Nurse Aide Registry Website by May 31, 2024, will be acceptable documentation.) * (If all seats are not filled by May 31, 2024, applicants who have completed a Nurse Aide I (NAI) course by May 31, 2023 and are listed by July 1, 2023 may be considered for admission.)
- Completion of BIO-169 Anatomy & Physiology II and MAT-143 Quantitative Literacy or higher mathematics course with a grade of "C" or better by May 31, 2025.

- Completion of the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills VII) test with a minimum allowable TEAS score of 60 for admission into the Nursing Program by May 31, 2025.
 - The TEAS exam may be administered to students who have met all the requirements of Phase I. Follow directions for scheduling the TEAS exam in the Phase I letter.
 - Students may purchase the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills VI) exam at the campus of scheduled testing. The cost of the TEAS exam will be made public to the students when scheduling the TEAS exam.
 - A TEAS score is valid for three years from the date taken and must be active through the May 31, 2025 deadline.
 - The highest Total Score in the three-year period will be used in the ranking system. Official score must be requested, purchased, and sent to the Office of Enrollment Management.

If all requirements for Phase II are not completed by May 31, 2025, the student's slot may be offered to another student.

The TEAS test may be administered to students who have met all the requirements of Phase I. Students may purchase the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills VII) test at the campus of scheduled testing and will be administered during the first week of March 2024. The cost of the TEAS test will be made public to the students when scheduling the TEAS test. Specific requirements for the TEAS test may be obtained from the Office of Enrollment Management. A TEAS score is valid for three years from the date taken. The highest Total Score in the three-year period will be used in the ranking system. Students may use the TEAS score if previously taken at another higher institution. Official score must be requested, purchased, and sent to the Office of Enrollment Management. These scores must be submitted by May 31, 2025.

Scoring Criteria:

At the completion of Phase I and Phase II, students will be awarded points based on the following scoring criteria, and the top 38 applicants will be accepted into the program for Fall 2025. Upon acceptance, students must submit documentation of drug screen, criminal background check, physical, and state health and immunizations before the first day of fall semester.

1. Score from the TEAS test
2. Points for grade point average:

2.8-2.99 = 10 points

3.00-3.50 = 12 points

3.51-3.99 = 14 points

4.00 = 16 points

3. Points for other:

Health Occupations I or Allied Health Science I = 1 point

Health Occupations II or Allied Health Science II = 1 point

Pharmacy Technician = 1 point

Phlebotomy Technician = 1 point

High School Fundamentals of Nursing = 2 points

Diploma level degree = 3 points

Associate level degree = 4 points

Bachelor level degree = 5 points

Masters level degree or higher = 6 points

Please note, students will only receive points for the highest coursework or degree completed.

4. Additional Points will be awarded for successful completion of BIO-168 Physiology I. Points will be assigned to the letter grade on the student's transcript.

A = 5 points

B = 3 points

C = 1 point

Provisional acceptance to the nursing program will be offered to the top 38 point earners from Phase II at each campus. A student that is provisionally accepted will need to complete state health and immunization forms, and attend a Nursing Orientation Session to become fully accepted into the Nursing Program. If all requirements are not completed by July 1, 2023, the student's slot may be offered to another student.

Enrollment in NUR prefix classes is not allowed until students are accepted into the nursing program. Admission to the nursing program is based on a competitive process, see above for complete information. It is strongly recommended that students seeking to enter the ADN nursing program complete all their required general education courses before enrolling in the nursing program.