### Preparing to Apply for the GCC Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) Program

#### 1. Minimum to Apply

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<th>Take or test out of</th>
<th>Prerequisites</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>ENG 090</strong> - College Writing Strategies</td>
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<td><strong>ENG 094</strong> - College Reading Strategies</td>
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<td><strong>MAT 090/090S</strong> - Basic Math Skills</td>
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<td><strong>MAT 095/095S</strong> - Introductory Algebra</td>
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<td><strong>MAT 096/096S</strong> - Intermediate Algebra</td>
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**Complete**

**English Composition 1** - C or better

ENG 090 and 094

**Complete**

For GCC Students: **BIO 126** - Biology 1 or a college level equivalent

Students can take a challenge exam in lieu of BIO 126:

contact Testing Center for more information, 775-1147

Note - BIO 126 does NOT count toward 10 credit minimum - it is prerequisite for A+P

ENG 090, ENG 094, and MAT 095

**Complete**

At least one Biology course listed below (4 credits):

**BIO 215** - Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 - C+ or better within 5 years

**BIO 216** - Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 - C+ or better within 5 years

**BIO 205** - Microbiology - C+ or better within 5 years

Note - BIO 194 with a B or better can be substituted for BIO 215

BIO 126* within 10 yrs, ENG 090 and 094, and MAT 096/096S

BIO 126* within 10 yrs, BIO 215 (or BIO 194 with B or better within 5 yrs) & MAT 096/096S

BIO 126* or BIO 194 or BIO 215

*or a college level equivalent; or, students can take a challenge exam in lieu of BIO 126: contact Testing Center for more information, 775-1147

**Plus 6 more credits**

of the nursing curriculum - choose from:

**PSY 101** (3 credits) C or better

**PSY 217** (3 credits) C or better within 7 years

**SOC 101** (3 credits) C or better

**English Comp 2** (3 credits) C or better

**Humanities** (3 credits) C or better

**BIO 205, 215, 216** (4 credits each) C+ or better within 5 years

ENG 090 and 094

PSY 101 or permission of instructor

ENG 090 and 094

ENG 101, 103 or 105

depends on specific course

see block above

**NOTE:**

10 credits plus ENG Comp 1 is minimum needed to apply

Humanities = AHS, ART, ASL, DAN, 200-level ENG, FRE, GGY, HIS, HUM, LAT, MUS, PCS, PHI, SPA, THE
2. To strengthen the application

| Take two or all three of the required Biology courses | The three sciences (BIO 205, BIO 215 and BIO 216) are weighted heavily when applications are evaluated. Each individual course is considered, with higher grades adding more weight to an application. For students who repeat a science course, the higher grade of two attempts will be used within the 5-year currency period. More than two attempts in the sciences is discouraged and a higher grade from a third attempt will not be considered until after the five year currency period has expired. Students are allowed to repeat a science course more than twice to obtain the minimum grade requirement of C+ that makes them eligible to apply to the program. However this will minimally impact the evaluation of the application. A “W” for a withdrawn course is not counted as a grade and will not hurt an application. |
| Take more courses that are part of the curriculum | Examples- PSY 101, PSY 217, SOC 101, English Composition 2 and Humanities |

3. Other factors in admission

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<td>Student has taken the majority of courses at GCC</td>
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<td>Student has earned a degree (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate)</td>
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<td>Student has a healthcare licensure/certificate (CNA, EMT, etc.)</td>
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<td>Student has applied previously to ADN program (and met the qualifications) but was not accepted</td>
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4. Currency issues

| Some courses must be taken within 5 years of entering the program- BIO 205, 215, 216 PSY 217. The exception, PSY 217, may be taken within 7 years. |
| Caution! Transfer credits listed in MyGCC do not include the date a course was completed. A student’s academic file will contain the original transcript which you, as an advisor, can review. Or you may contact Health Occupation Admissions (Betsey Cronin, 775-1802) |
| Currency exams are available for students who have successfully completed the following courses: BIO 194, BIO 215, BIO 216, BIO 205 and PSY 217. Currency exams may be used when a course will be older than required upon admission to the ADN program. The student may also elect to repeat the course. Contact Health Occupation Admissions (Laura Earl 775-1816) |
5. **Courses commonly required** for Bachelor of Nursing programs

- **BIO 130 Human Nutrition** 3-4 credits
- **MAT 114 Introduction to Statistics** 4 credits
- **PSY 209 Abnormal Psychology** 3 credits

Students should confirm requirements with the specific BSN programs they are considering.

For more information about RN to BSN transfer:

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Patricia Wachter, Academic Advisor 775-1202, wachter@gcc.mass.edu

6. **Courses recommended** to increase knowledge of health care

- **HSC 101- Introduction to Patient Care Skills**: Includes CPR, first aid, medical documentation, communication skills. Recommended for students who have not worked in a healthcare setting. Prerequisite: None **

- **HSC 127- Survey of Health Careers**: Students create a career plan, hear speakers from different fields, and learn how to research careers within healthcare. Recommended for students who want to learn about more options in health care or are unsure of their career choice. Prerequisite: None **

- **MOM 110- Introduction to Medical Terminology**: Students learn the vocabulary of health, disease and health care delivery. Prerequisite: ENG 090 and 094 **

- **PSY 277- Psychology of Death and Dying**: Enhances students’ understanding of dying processes both personally and professionally. Prerequisites: PSY 101 or permission of the instructor**

- **SPA 124 Spanish for Health Professionals**: Many healthcare facilities provide services to patients who speak Spanish, making this skill highly desirable. SPA 124 will satisfy the Humanities requirement for the ADN program. Prerequisite: None (Other Spanish courses are also recommended.)

**Note: Course does not fulfill requirements for the ADN program and does not transfer to most BSN programs**

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