

Nursing (NUR)

THE DEGREE: Associate of Science

THE PROGRAM: prepares you for a career as a nurse, providing patient care for adults and children in varied health care settings. You will be required to take a combination of liberal arts and clinical nursing courses in sequence over four semesters. Some students prefer to complete the program over a longer period of time.

YOUR NEXT STEP: take the R.N. licensure examination, and enter the R.N. work force, and/or continue your education part-time or full-time at a baccalaureate degree institution. We have direct articulation agreements with American International College, Elms College, Framingham State College, UMass/Amherst, and Vermont College's Schools of Nursing.

REQUIRED COURSES	Lecture hours per week	Clinical and lab hours per week ^⑤	Credits
BIO 195 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ^① ^③	3	2	4
BIO 196 Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^① ^③	3	2	4
BIO 205 Microbiology ^① ^③	3	3	4
ENG 101, 103, or 105 English Composition I ^②	4		3
ENG 112, 114, or 116 English Composition II ^②	4		3
NUR 101 Fundamentals of Nursing ^⑥	4	12	8
NUR 106 Pediatric Nursing ^⑥	5	9	4
NUR 108 Obstetric Nursing ^⑥	5	9	4
NUR 111 Introduction to Nursing Process ^⑦ ^④			
or NUR 112 Introduction to Professional Nursing and the Nursing Process ^⑦ ^④			(1 or 2)
NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing I ^⑥	4	12	8
NUR 203 Mental Health Nursing ^⑥	3	3	4
NUR 202 Medical Surgical Nursing II ^①	4	15	9
NUR 204 Trends and Issues in Nursing ^①	3		3
PSY 101 Principles of Psychology ^②	3		3
PSY 217 Human Growth and Development ^② ^③	3		3
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology ^②	3		3
Humanities Elective ^②	3		3
TOTAL			70

- ① C+ or better required
- ② C or better required
- ③ 5 year currency or exam required
- ④ LPN advanced placement
- ⑤ 3 hours/credit hour for clinical; 2 hours/credit hour for labs
- ⑥ C+ or better required to advance to next course
- ⑦ CR required to advance to next course

Students participating in this program must undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check. For more information please refer to page 10.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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The Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, (212) 363-5555. The highly-regarded Associate Degree program offers personal support and a wide range of challenging clinical learning opportunities in the Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Greenfield and Brattleboro areas.

ADMISSION PROCESS - Nursing requires a special admission process. Students who have met all admission requirements may submit applications between September 1, 2009 and February 22, 2010. Applicants who are selected from the pool will be notified by the end of March. Any applicant not selected will be required to reapply if seeking admission for the subsequent year. Informational meetings are held to describe the details of the A.D.N. program. Dates and locations for the meetings are available in semester course guides, from the Admission Office or the Health Occupations office (413) 775-1620.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM - High school diploma or GED certificate required. Must place into ENG 101, 103, or 105 in placement assessment or successfully complete ENG 090 and COL 090 with a "C" or better. Must place out of MAT 105 (095) in placement assessment or successfully complete MAT 105 (095) within five (5) years. Ten credits from the list of required non-nursing courses listed on the previous page, (including at least one of the BIO courses.) Successful completion of Math and the Nursing Role in Medication Administration (IDS 110) with a grade of B or better is a requirement for enrollment in the A.D.N. program for all accepted students.

Please note the prerequisite requirements for BIO 195. Effective Fall 2009: BIO 126 or a college level equivalent or high school or college chemistry within the past ten years, or placement by currency exam, or CHE 105 or CHE 111 concurrently, COL 090 and ENG 090, or satisfactory placement test scores. Effective Fall 2010: College Biology within the past ten years or BIO 126; COL 090 and ENG 090, or satisfactory placement test scores.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS - Applicants need to know that individuals with a record of conviction by a Court of Law will be required to provide a complete explanation to the Board of Registration in Nursing in order to be permitted to take the licensing examination (NCLEX) after graduation. Some of the clinical facilities require that students meet the requirements of a CORI (Criminal Offenders Record Information) check every six months. Students who fail to meet the requirements of GCC clinical affiliates will not be able to continue in the program.

EXTRA COSTS - Nursing students are required to purchase uniforms, lab equipment, malpractice insurance and standardized tests. In addition, there are fees for maintaining CPR certification, immunizations, health insurance, a required physical and nursing graduation related expenses (i.e., licensure application, NCLEX-RN exams, review course). Students are responsible for their own transportation between campus and clinical facilities.

EDUCATIONAL MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LPNS - Licensed Practical nurses who have graduated from GCC's Program or the Thompson School (Brattleboro, VT), with a B average or better; who apply to GCC's associate degree nursing program within five years of graduation can be accepted into the second year of GCC's ADN Program on a space-available basis. All other LPNs are encouraged to apply for advanced placement into the second semester or the third semester of the ADN Program. LPNs entering the second semester of the program must have successfully completed English Comp. I, PSY 101, BIO 195 or 117, the Excelsior College Fundamentals of Nursing, Associate Degree level Examination and NUR 111. LPNs who earn entrance into the third semester or second year must have also successfully completed SOC 101, PSY 217, BIO 196, Excelsior College Maternal and Child Nursing, Baccalaureate Degree Examination and NUR 112 (in the place of NUR 111). For testing applications and study guides write to: Excelsior College Exams, Excelsior College, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-5159, (888) 723-9267.

Transfer students can be accommodated but must complete the entire second year of nursing requirements.