ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Nursing (NUR)

THE DEGREE
Associate in 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 many articulation agreements and relationships with a variety of local and national colleges and universities which support academic progression in nursing.

PROGRAM CONTACT
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All students admitted to the ADN program will complete the requirements below. Those admitted to one of the bridge options will complete additional requirements and will be awarded transfer credit for some courses based on their program option and successful completion of the additional requirement and the specified courses.

Total Credits: 70-71

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
One of the following: BIO 215 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ①②⑤ or BIO 194 Comprehensive Anatomy and Physiology ⑥ 4
BIO 216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II ①② 4
BIO 205 Microbiology ①② 4
ENG 101 English Composition I ② 3
ENG 112, 114, or 116 English Composition II ② 3
NUR 101A Fundamentals of Nursing ③ 4
NUR 101C Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical 4
NUR 106A Pediatric Nursing ⑤ 2
NUR 106C Pediatric Nursing Clinical 2
NUR 108A Maternity Nursing ⑤ 2
NUR 108C Maternity Nursing Clinical 2
NUR 201A Medical-Surgical Nursing I ⑤ 4
NUR 201C Medical-Surgical Nursing I Clinical 4
NUR 202A Medical-Surgical Nursing II ⑤ 5
NUR 202C Medical-Surgical Nursing II Clinical 4
NUR 203A Mental Health Nursing ⑤ 3
NUR 203C Mental Health Nursing Clinical 1
NUR 204 Trends and Issues in Nursing ① 3
PSY 101 Principles of Psychology ② 3
PSY 217 Human Growth and Development ② ④ 3
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology ② 3

PROGRAM ELECTIVE
One 3-4 credit course from the list of Humanities and Fine Arts General Education Electives in the Catalog ② 3-4

ADN BRIDGE OPTION I --- Additional Program Requirements
NUR 111 Introduction to Nursing Process ⑤ 1
Former GCC PN students who are admitted to this option will substitute NUR 103 and NUR 105 for NUR 101A and NUR 101C upon successful completion of NUR 111, NUR 106A ③, NUR 106C, NUR 108A ③, and NUR 108C.

ADN BRIDGE OPTION II --- Additional Program Requirements
NUR 112 Introduction to Professional Nursing and the Nursing Process ⑤ 2
Former GCC PN students who are admitted to this option will substitute NUR 103, NUR 105, NUR 107, NUR 109 for NUR 101A and NUR 101C, NUR 106A, NUR 106C, NUR 108A and NUR 108C upon successful completion of NUR 112, NUR 201A ③, and NUR 201C.

① C+ or better required
② C or better required
③ 5 year currency or exam required
④ 3 hours/credit hour for clinical; 2 hours/credit hour for labs
⑤ C+ or better required to advance to next course
⑥ CR required to advance to next course
⑦ 7 year currency or exam required
⑧ B or better required
⑨ BIO 215 strongly recommended

NOTE: All NUR courses that end with a C, for clinical, must be taken as co-requisites with the matching didactic courses, which end with an A.

(Additional Program information continued on next page)
The Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000. 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. Informational meetings are held to describe the details of the ADN program. Dates and locations for the meetings are available in semester course guides, from the Office of Admission or the Nursing Department office (413) 775-1753 and www.gcc.mass.edu/admission/health-careers.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM
• High school diploma or GED/HiSet certificate.
• Completion of MAT 014, MAT 014S, MAT 096, or MAT 096S with a C+ or better within five (5) years of program start date or satisfactory placement during placement assessment.
• Completion of ENG 101 with a “C” or better.
• Ten credits of required program courses (or the program elective) excluding nursing courses and ENG 101. At least four credits must be from BIO courses required for the program.
• Test scores on the Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) examination that meet the minimum requirements indicated on the program application.

All students entering the ADN program will be required to have a CORI (Criminal Offenders Record Information) check. For more information, refer to page 8. A student with a charge in the Lifetime Presumptive Disqualification Category is ineligible for placement in the ADN Program. Discretionary Disqualification Category charges will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Additional CORI/background checks may be required by some clinical agencies. Enrolled ADN students must meet clinical agency health requirements, including mandatory drug screening. 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.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUATION IN THIS PROGRAM
All didactic nursing courses require a letter grade of C+ or better. Clinical courses are graded Pass/Fail. Students who do not meet the minimum given grade requirement for any single nursing (NUR) course may apply for readmission and will be required to repeat both the didactic and corresponding clinical courses. Students who fail two nursing courses will not be eligible for readmission.

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, flu shots, finger printing, 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.

To plan degree completion, see the course descriptions in the catalog or at www.gcc.mass.edu/academics/catalog/classes which specify the planned semester(s) in which the course is to be scheduled.
PRACTICAL NURSING TO ASSOCIATE DEGREE BRIDGE MOBILITY OPTIONS

Practical nurses (PN) seeking progression to the Associate in Science in Nursing degree (ADN) have two options for transfer: first year spring semester and second year fall semester.

ADMISSION PROCESS FOR BRIDGE MOBILITY: Nursing requires a special admission process in addition to the regular GCC admission application. Students who have met all admission requirements may submit the appropriate Nursing program application. Admission is on a space-available basis. Refer to academic admission requirements above for more information about this and other ADN Program requirements.

PRACTICAL NURSES: Practical nurses are encouraged to apply for Option I or II of the PN Bridge Mobility Program. Practical nurses who graduated from GCC’s PN program with a 2.35 GPA or higher and apply to GCC’s ADN Program within five years of graduation can be accepted into the first year spring semester or the second year fall semester of GCC’s ADN Program on a space-available basis. GCC PN graduates who do not meet the time or GPA requirement must successfully complete the GCC in-house Fundamentals of Nursing examination to be considered for admission. Additionally, GCC PN graduates who do not meet the time or GPA requirement and are applying to enter in the third semester of the program must successfully complete the Excelsior College Maternal and Child Nursing, Baccalaureate Degree Examination. Practical nurses that are not graduates of GCC’s PN Program are encouraged to apply for Option I or II of the PN Bridge Mobility Program.

OPTION I: STUDENT ADMITTED FOR FIRST YEAR SPRING SEMESTER

Transfer students can be accommodated but are only accepted into the second semester of the ADN program, with priority given to PN students. In addition to application requirements for the ADN Program, PNs or transfer students entering the second semester of the program must successfully complete the following three courses before the start of the semester:

- ENG 101 English Composition I
- PSY 101 Principles of Psychology
- BIO 215 Human Anatomy and Physiology I or BIO 194 Comprehensive Anatomy and Physiology

Students must successfully complete the following course during January intersession for final admittance to the program.

- NUR 111 Introduction to Nursing Process

Students in this option will substitute NUR 103 and NUR 105 for NUR 101A and NUR 101C upon successful completion of NUR 111, NUR 106A, NUR 106C, NUR 108A, and NUR 108C.

OPTION II: STUDENT ADMITTED FOR SECOND YEAR FALL SEMESTER

In addition to application requirements for the ADN Program, PNs who earn entrance into the third semester must successfully complete the following six courses before the start of the semester:

- ENG 101 English Composition I
- PSY 101 Principles of Psychology
- PSY 217 Human Growth and Development
- SOC 101 Principles of Sociology
- BIO 215 Human Anatomy and Physiology I or BIO 194 Comprehensive Anatomy and Physiology
- BIO 216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

Students must successfully complete the following course during the summer semester for final admittance to the program.

- NUR 112 Introduction to Professional Nursing and the Nursing Process (Summer Semester)

Students in this option will substitute NUR 103, 105, 107, 109 for NUR 101A, NUR 101C, NUR 106A, NUR 106C, NUR 108A and NUR 108C upon successful completion of NUR 111, NUR 106A, and NUR 106C.

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