Nursing (NUR)

THE DEGREE
Associate in Science

THE PROGRAM
Prepares you for a career as a registered nurse (R.N.) who is able to provide nursing care for adults and children in a variety of health care settings. You will be required to take a combination of liberal arts, science, and clinical nursing courses in sequence over four semesters.

YOUR NEXT STEP
Take the R.N. NCLEX licensure examination, enter the R.N. work force, and/or continue your education part-time or full-time in a Baccalaureate degree program. We have many articulation agreements with a variety of local and national colleges and universities which support academic progression in nursing.

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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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Total Credits: 70-71

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PROGRAM ELECTIVE

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

ASSOCIATE DEGREE BRIDGE MOBILITY OPTIONS

Licensed practical nurses (PN) seeking progression to the Associate in Science in Nursing degree (ADN) have two options for transfer:

- Option I: First year spring semester
- Option II: Second year fall semester

ADN BRIDGE OPTION I --- Additional Program Requirements

Former GCC PN students who are admitted to this option will substitute NUR 103A and NUR 103C and NUR 105 for NUR 101A and NUR 101C upon successful completion of NUR 111, NUR 106A, NUR 106C, NUR 108A, and NUR 108C.

Note: Bridge students in option I are encouraged to take NUR 114 during the fall semester following their entrance to the program.

ADN BRIDGE OPTION II --- Additional Program Requirements

Former GCC PN students who are admitted to this option will substitute NUR 103A and NUR 103C, NUR 105, NUR 107A and NUR 107C, NUR 109A and NUR 109C for NUR 101A and NUR 101C, NUR 106A, NUR 106C, NUR 108A and NUR 108C upon successful completion of NUR 112, NUR 201A, and NUR 201C.

- C+ or better required
- C or better required
- 5-year currency or exam required
- C+ or better required to advance to next course
- C+ or better required to advance to next course
- 7-year currency or exam required
- B or better required
- 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.

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NOTE: 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.

AD ADMISSION PROCESS
Admission to the ADN program requires a special admission process. Informational packets are available at www.gcc.mass.edu/admission/health-careers or by calling the Office of Admission (413) 775-1801.

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 and taken within five (5) years of program start date.
- 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) and a SORI (Sex Offenders Record Information) check. For more information, refer to page 7. 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. Searches are also conducted within the child abuse databases. Enrolled ADN students must meet clinical agency health requirements. Specific clinical facilities may require 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 Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing in order to be permitted to take the licensing examination (NCLEX) after graduation.

NOTE: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing requires a check of DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services) after graduation and prior to licensure.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUATION IN THIS PROGRAM

All didactic nursing courses require a letter grade of C+ or better. Clinical courses are graded as 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, a laptop, malpractice insurance, specific electronic educational platforms, health insurance, and standardized tests. In addition, there are fees for maintaining CPR certification, immunizations, a required physical, flu and COVID vaccines, 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.

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- Option I: First year spring semester
- Option II: 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 who have graduated from the GCC PNC Program or another BORN-approved program are encouraged to apply for Option I or II of the AD Bridge Mobility Program. Practical nurses who graduated from GCC’s PNC program who 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 requirement and all non-GCC LPN applicants 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 requirement and all non-GCC LPN applicants who are applying to enter in the third semester of the program (Option II) must successfully complete both the ATI 2020 PN Content Mastery Proctored Examination in Maternal/Child and the ATI 2020 PN Content Mastery Proctored Examination in Nursing Care of Children with a score of Level 2 or Level 3 on both tests within two years of admission to the program.

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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 to apply:

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

Graduated from an approved PN program and achieved licensure OR completed a Fundamentals of Nursing course at a BORN/ACEN-approved AD school of nursing.

Students must successfully complete the following course during January Intersession for final enrollment in the program.

- NUR 111 Introduction to Nursing Process

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

Note: Bridge students in option I are encouraged to take NUR 114 during the fall semester following their entrance to the program.

OPTION II: STUDENT ADMITTED FOR SECOND YEAR FALL SEMESTER
In addition to application requirements for the ADN Program, licensed PNs who earn entrance into the third semester (second year) must successfully complete the following six courses to apply:

- 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 enrollment in the program.

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

Students in this option will substitute NUR 103A, NUR 103C, NUR 105, NUR 107A, NUR 107C, NUR 109A, NUR 109C for NUR 101A, NUR 101C, NUR 106A, NUR 106C, NUR 108A and NUR 108C upon successful completion of NUR 112, NUR 201A, and NUR 201C.

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5-year currency or exam required
C+ or better required to advance to next course
CR required to advance to next course
7-year currency or exam required
B or better required
BIO 215 strongly recommended