

Nursing Program

Division of Nursing & Allied Health — Curriculum Code: 2104
Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree
(Also see General Science A.S. Degree Program)

Why major in Nursing?

There is a growing demand for nurses nationwide. Nursing is a service-oriented profession that involves caring for and working with people. A state-of-the-art, well-equipped nursing simulation laboratory is available on campus to facilitate student learning. In addition, a multi-media computer laboratory is available for student use. The nursing program prepares the student for entry-level positions in hospitals and other health care facilities. Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible for the NCLEX-RN exam in order to qualify for licensure.

If I major in Nursing, can I transfer to an upper-division college or university?

Many colleges have "upper-division" nursing programs that allow associate degree graduates to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). Articulation agreements exist with New York University, New Jersey City University, St. Peter's College, Felician College, Kean University, Rutgers University, William Paterson University, and Seton Hall University.

Are there any requirements I must satisfy before I start taking courses in my major?

Apply to the college as a General Science (0603 code) student with a major in nursing. The minimum standards for admission are:

- College-level performance in English, reading and mathematics;
- High school diploma or GED;
- Completion of CHM 101 (or CHM 103), BIO 121, and ENG 101 with a "C" or better. BIO 121 and BIO 122 must be completed within five years of admission. You can repeat a science course one time only;
- College GPA above 2.5.

All pre-requisite courses must be completed by December 31 for Fall admission and Summer I for Spring admission in order to test for the nursing admission exam. Admission to the program is competitive. Qualified applicants are admitted on a "space available" basis.

Admission to the nursing program is based on a statistically weighted system which considers your:

- Overall GPA;
- GPA in BIO 121, CHM 101, ENG 101;
- RN PAX Reading score;
- RN PAX Math score;
- RN PAX Science score.

***Note:** In addition to the nursing program requirements, transfer students must be enrolled at Essex County College and have completed a minimum of six credits to be eligible for admission to the nursing program.

How long will it take for me to complete this degree?

The Nursing program is a full-time, day and evening program that runs over a two-year period.

Where should I direct specific questions about this program?

Contact the Department at (973) 877-1868/1865.

Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- ◆ Assess clients utilizing Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and Erikson's developmental theory as a framework to contribute to the data base;
- ◆ Use critical thinking when applying the nursing process;
- ◆ Formulate nursing diagnoses when potential and/or actual unmet needs cause health alterations;
- ◆ Develop a plan of care for clients in collaboration with other members of the health care team which incorporates clinical decision making, short and long term client-centered goals, and appropriate nursing interventions that are based on scientific rationale;
- ◆ Implement caring interventions, complex nursing skills, and current technology in a safe and competent manner;
- ◆ Evaluate the effectiveness of nursing care based upon established outcome criteria and revise care plan as needed;
- ◆ Implement nursing care responsive to the clients' cultural diversity and advocacy needs;
- ◆ Employ appropriate communication skills with clients, peers, and members of the health care team in the health care setting;
- ◆ Implement teaching plans to promote health in clients and their families;
- ◆ Practice nursing within the legal and ethical framework of the nursing profession;
- ◆ Demonstrate a commitment to one's own professional and personal growth; and
- ◆ Manage nursing care for groups of clients within the scope of ADN nursing practice.

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<p>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (20 Credits)</p> <p>Communications (6 credits) ENG 101 College Composition I 3 ENG 102 College Composition II 3</p> <p>Social Science (6 credits) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 PSY 101 General Psychology I 3</p> <p>Lab Science/Math (5 credits) MTH 116 Medical Mathematics 1 BIO 121 Anatomy & Physiology I 4</p> <p>Humanities (3 credits) Select a History course from: HST 101, 102, 111, 112, 121, 122, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 161, or 162 3</p> <p>MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (46 credits)</p> <p>BIO 122 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 CHM 101 College Chemistry I or CHM 103 General Chemistry I 4 BIO 211 Microbiology 4 NRS 107 Nursing I 6 NRS 108 Nursing II 8 NRS 233 Nursing III 9 NRS 234 Nursing IV 9 NRS 235 Nursing V (Nursing Seminar) 2</p> <p>Total Credits Required for Degree: 66</p> <p>The minimum passing grade for all courses designated BIO, CHM, MTH or NRS is "C."</p> <p>Note: Consult the N.J. Board of Nursing for specific information on licensure requirements at www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/medical/nursing.htm</p> <p>Note: Students enrolled in the Nursing Program will be required to submit to criminal background checks and health clearance and CPR certification in connection with their clinical placement at certain health care organizations. All expenses for health clearance, criminal background checks, and CPR certification are the responsibility of the student.</p> <p>Note: Students who have SAT scores of 550 verbal and 550 Math or better within the last five years will be eligible for direct admission into the Nursing Program. Students should contact the Chairperson of the Nursing Department for more information.</p> <p>Note: Students may choose either the September day or January evening program, but cannot switch.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES*</p> <p>Prerequisite Courses</p> <p>BIO 121 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 CHM 101 College Chemistry I or CHM 103 General Chemistry I 4 ENG 101 College Composition I 3</p> <p>First Semester</p> <p>BIO 122 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 NRS 107 Nursing I 6 MTH 116 Medical Mathematics 1 ENG 102 College Composition II 3</p> <p>Second Semester</p> <p>NRS 108 Nursing II 8 SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 PSY 101 General Psychology I 3</p> <p>Third Semester</p> <p>NRS 233 Nursing III 9 BIO 211 Microbiology 4</p> <p>Fourth Semester</p> <p>NRS 234 Nursing IV 9 NRS 235 Nursing V (Nursing Seminar) 2 Any History course 3</p> <p>Note: This Nursing Program is approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (Web address: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/medical/nursing.htm Tel: (973) 504-6430), and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), Inc., 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, New York 10006 (Web address: www.nlnac.org Tel: (800) 669-1656 x153)</p>
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***NOTE:** This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in reading, writing, and mathematics as well as other pre- and co-requisites for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.