

Nursing (A.A.S.)

Department of Nursing — Curriculum Code 2104

Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

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 at the Essex County College main campus to facilitate student learning. In addition, a multi-media computer laboratory is available for Nursing student use. The Nursing degree program prepares the student for entry-level positions in hospitals and other health care facilities. Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam to qualify for licensure.

Program Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Written & Oral Communication (6 credits)

[ENG 101](#) (3 credits)

[ENG 102](#) (3 credits)

Scientific Knowledge & Reasoning (8 credits)

[BIO 121](#) (4 credits)

[BIO 122](#) (4 credits)

Society & Human Behavior (6 credits)

[PSY 101](#) (3 credits)

[SOC 101](#) (3 credits)

Historical Perspective (3 credits)

Choose one of the following history courses: [HST 101](#)[HST 102](#)[HST 111](#)[HST 112](#)[HST 121](#)[HST 122](#)[HST 131](#)[HST 132](#)[HST 134](#)[HST 135](#)[HST 136](#)[HST 137](#)[HST 161](#) or [HST 162](#) (one 3-credit course)

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

[CHM 101](#) College Chemistry I (4 credits) or [CHM 103](#) General Chemistry I (4 credits)

[BIO 211](#) Microbiology (4 credits)

[BIO 251](#) Pharmacology (3 credits)

[NRS 104](#) Nursing I (6 credits)

[NRS 114](#) Nursing II (8 credits)

[NRS 206](#) Nursing III (8 credits)

[NRS 216](#) Nursing IV (8 credits)

[NRS 217](#) Nursing Seminar: Nursing V (2 credits)

Notes:

(1) The minimum passing grade for all courses designated BIO, CHM, PSY or NRS is "C." If you earn a grade below "C", you need to repeat that course.

(2) Course substitutions are not acceptable in general education requirements.

(3) Students enrolled in the Nursing program will be required to submit to criminal background checks, drug screen, health clearance, and CPR certification in connection with their clinical placement at certain health care organizations. All expenses for criminal background checks, health clearance, and CPR certification are the responsibility of the student.

(4) Consult the NJ Board of Nursing for specific information on licensure requirements at www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/medical/nursing.htm.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Total Credits Required for Degree: 66

Prerequisite Courses

[BIO 121](#) Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)

[CHM 101](#) College Chemistry I OR [CHM 103](#) General Chemistry I (4 credits)

[ENG 101](#) College Composition I (3 credits)

[PSY 101](#) General Psychology I (3 credits)

First Semester

[BIO 122](#) Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)

[ENG 102](#) College Composition II (3 credits)

[NRS 104](#) Nursing I (6 credits)

Second Semester

[NRS 114](#) Nursing II (8 credits)

[BIO 251](#) Pharmacology (3 credits)

[SOC 101](#) Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

Third Semester

[NRS 206](#) Nursing III (8 credits)

[BIO 211](#) Microbiology (4 credits)

Fourth Semester

[NRS 216](#) Nursing IV (8 credits)

[NRS 217](#) Nursing Seminar (Nursing V) (2 credits)
Historical Perspective requirement (one 3-credit course)

NOTES:

(1) The two General Education Integrated Course Goals, Ethical Reasoning & Action and Information Literacy, are both addressed by the required curriculum described above, regardless of specific choices made by the individual student.

(2) This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in Reading, English, and Mathematics as well as other [pre-requisites](#) and [co-requisites](#) for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.