

Nursing

Degree Awarded: Associate in Applied Science

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Recommended Course Sequence for Full-Time Study

First Semester	Credits
ENG 101 Freshman English 1	3
BIO 111 Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
MLT 106 Microbiology for Health Prof.	3
NUR 101 Nursing 1: Fundamentals	7
Second Semester	
ENG 102 Freshman English 2	3
BIO 112 Anatomy & Physiology 2	4
NUR 102 Nursing 2: Fundamentals	10
Third Semester	
PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology	3
NUR 205 Pharmacology & The Human Body	3
NUR 201 Nursing 3: Caring for the Growing Family	7
_____ Elective	3
Fourth Semester	
_____ Liberal Art Elective	3
NUR 202 Nursing 4: Physical and Mental Illness	9
NUR 203 Nursing 5: Transition to Practice	1
Total Credits: 63	

Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science degree program in Nursing prepares students to become registered nurses. It provides for the development of those competencies expected of registered nurses in general nursing practice at the technical level. Emphasis is on direct client care within a career in nursing.

Through study in the humanities, biological and social sciences, and the experience of academic life, the student gains an understanding of the value of the individual and his/her contribution to society. This curriculum combines general education courses and nursing courses with laboratory and clinical experiences, during which students have the opportunity to care for clients in a variety of healthcare settings. Due to limited availability of clinical experience in some areas, students may be assigned to evening and/or weekend clinical experiences. Evening students may also be assigned to attend a day clinical during the semester. Students' personal schedules will have to be adjusted to allow for these required opportunities. Students gain clinical experience in long-term care, medical-surgical, maternal/child and mental health nursing. A variety of teaching methods is employed to integrate the classroom with the clinical experience.

Program Learning Outcomes

- The student will utilize the nursing process reflecting sound nursing judgment and critical thinking skills to resolve clinical and professional problems
- The student will demonstrate effective use of interpersonal skills and informatics to ensure effective communication with patient/families and the members of the health care team.
- The student will apply evidence-based standards of nursing practice to provide safe quality care to a diverse population across a multitude of settings.
- The student will demonstrate responsibility and accountability for self-growth with a commitment to the profession, exhibiting a spirit of inquiry and a passion for excellence.

Program Outcomes

- The NCLEX passing rate will exceed or be equal to the mean for New York State and the Nation.
- Program completion rate will be 70% within 3 years of admission into the nursing program.
- At least 90% of the graduates responding to the graduate survey will report satisfaction with the nursing program.
- At least 90% of the alumni responding to the alumni survey will value lifelong learning as evidenced by their stated intention to be enrolled in a BSN program.
- At least 90% of the alumni responding to the alumni survey will be employed in nursing within 9-12 months after graduation.

- At least 90% of the employers responding to the employer survey distributed within one year after graduation will indicate satisfaction with graduate performance.

Admission Criteria

Academic Requirements:

- High school diploma or high school equivalency (HSE) diploma
- Eligible to take Freshman English I (ENG 101)
- Eligible to take Intermediate Algebra (MAT 102), or have completed Elementary Algebra (MAT 101) or equivalent with a 2.0 or higher
- Eligible to take Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 111) – may be met by successful completion of one of the following: Intro to Biology (BIO 110) with a 2.0 or higher; or High School AP Biology (score of 3, 4, or 5); or a passing grade on the Biology CLEP examination.
- Successful completion of High School Regents Chemistry, or its equivalent with a grade of 75 or higher; or High School AP Chemistry (score 3, 4 or 5); Elements of Chemistry & Physics (CHM 120); or college Chemistry course (with lab) with a grade of 2.0 or higher; or passing grade on the Chemistry 1 CLEP examination within 10 years of application deadline. *(Please note: SUNY Orange does not offer credit for the Chemistry CLEP, but it can be submitted as evidence of meeting this criteria).
- Students must attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75

Department-Specific Requirements:

- Completion of a pre-admission orientation. During this orientation, student will receive information pertaining to health forms, program standards, CPR certification, and criminal record & drug screening policies. All students must submit to a criminal background check and urine drug screening. Orientation PPT is available online at www.sunyorange.edu/nursing/preadmission.shtml.
- Applicants for the Nursing program will be required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). A score of BASIC is required for admission consideration. A score of PROFICIENT or higher is recommended. Visit www.sunyorange.edu/testing/services.shtml for test information, and scheduling.
- The Nursing Department will review transcripts of those students who have been enrolled in a health professions program at SUNY Orange or another college.

Note: Admission to this program is selective. In addition to an application to the College, students must apply for acceptance into this program through the Admissions office. Consideration for admission is based on the completion of all mandatory academic and departmental-specific requirements, highest combination of GPA, TEAS score and credits completed towards the degree, and seat availability.

All requirements must be completed and a program application form must be submitted to the Admissions Office before February 1 for the fall semester at the Middletown Campus and October 1st for the spring semester at the Newburgh campus.

Career Opportunities

- hospitals
- long-term care settings
- community agencies
- health maintenance organizations
- government
- physicians' offices
- industry
- military
- education
- nursing specialties

Transfer Opportunities

Many of our graduates transfer to upper-level colleges and universities to pursue advanced degrees in the nursing profession. Successful transfer depends on the courses taken and the student's grade point average. SUNY Orange has special relationships with a number of colleges and universities.

- Adelphi University
- SUNY Binghamton
- Mercy College
- Mount St. Mary College
- Pace University
- Russell Sage College

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PES 100 Concepts of Physical Wellness #	1
Fourth Semester	
NUR 205 Pharmacology & The Human Body	3
_____ Elective #	3
PES ____ Physical Education #	1
Fifth Semester	
NUR 101 Nursing 1: Fundamentals	7
_____ Elective*	3
Sixth Semester	
NUR 102 Nursing 2: Fundamentals	10
Seventh Semester	
NUR 201 Nursing 3: Caring for the Growing Family	7
_____ Social Science Elective #	3
Eighth Semester	
NUR 202 Nursing 4: Physical and Mental Illness	9
NUR 203 Nursing 5: Transition to Practice	1
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* Refer to Guide for Social Science Requirement and select from group A, C or D.

Proposed changes to nursing program beginning Fall 2017. Elimination of PES courses and social science elective. One of the remaining two elective courses must fulfill the liberal arts requirement.

Guidelines for Advanced Placement for Licensed Practical Nurses

Transfer from a Practical Nursing Program through the SUNY Orange Articulation Agreement with OU BOCES and Ulster BOCES School of Practical Nursing.

Graduates of these program may transfer into NUR 102 – Nursing 2: Fundamentals based on the following criteria:

- o Meet the college and nursing program admission criteria
- o Attainment of an overall GPA of 85% in the LPN program
- o Graduation within the previous five years
- o Have a letter of recommendation from an OU BOCES or Ulster BOCES practical nursing program instructor
- o Pass the NYS Licensed Practical Nurse Examination
- o Successful completion of Nursing Bridge Course (N3029). Information regarding this course will be provided once your LPN/RN Health Profession Application is received. The course is taken after acceptance into the program and prior to beginning nursing classes.

Advance Standing into the Second Semester through the Excelsior College Examination

Licensed Practical Nurses who do not meet the transfer requirements from an articulation agreement, may apply for admission to NUR 102 – Nursing 2: Fundamentals. The application will be reviewed when the individual has met the college and nursing program admission criteria and the following has been achieved:

- o Successful completion of an NLN accredited and/or state registered LPN program
- o A minimum score of B on the Excelsior College Examination for Fundamentals of Nursing. (score may not be more than three years old). Information is available at www.excelsior.edu
- o Successful completion of Nursing Bridge Course (N3029). Information regarding this course will be provided once your LPN/RN Health Profession Application is received. The course is taken after acceptance into the program and prior to beginning nursing classes.

Advance Standing into the Fourth Semester

Licensed Practical Nurses, who have successfully completed NUR 102 – Nursing 2: Fundamentals, may be considered for advanced standing into NUR 202 – Nursing 4: Physical and Mental Illness after completing the following requirements:

- o Notification of the Nursing department chairperson of your intention to seek advanced standing to NUR 202
- o PN transcript review demonstrates a minimum of 70 clinical hours in Maternal and Child Nursing
- o A Minimum Score of B on the Excelsior College Examination in Maternal and Child Nursing (baccalaureate) (Official transcripts must be submitted to the Records and Registration Office)
- o Completion of NUR 205: Pharmacology and the Human Body with a C or better

Credit for Nursing 101 will be granted after successful completion of

Nursing 102 with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. Credit for Nursing 201 will be granted after successful completion of Nursing 202 and 203 with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. Minimum passing grade in all core nursing courses is 75. Nursing 2 and 4 are offered in the Spring semesters on the Middletown campus and in the fall on the Newburgh campus. The offering of these courses out of sequence is never guaranteed & at the discretion of the nursing department based on enrollment & clinical placement availability.

Students will be considered for acceptance into the Nursing Program based on the admission criteria in effect at the time of the request. Please be advised that certain general education requirements are co-requisites with nursing courses. A&P 2 must be taken with or prior to Nursing 2. Introduction to Psychology must be taken prior to Nursing 4.

LPN to RN program application forms are to be submitted by October 1st to be considered for acceptance into the program for the spring semester in Middletown, and May 1st for admission consideration for the fall semester on the Newburgh campus.

Progression Through The Program

A minimum grade of 75% (C) in each nursing course is required for progress in and graduation in nursing. A minimum grade of C is required in all laboratory science courses for progression in the nursing program. Nursing students must complete Freshman English 1 & 2 prior to enrollment in Nursing 3. Required nursing courses must be taken in the prescribed sequence. A student may repeat only one required nursing course one time. Once students are enrolled in the core nursing courses, they are to complete the program in three years. Students interested in admission to the evening nursing program are advised that this is a part-time program limited to 11.5 credits each semester. In order to meet this requirement; all non-clinical courses should be completed prior to starting this part-time program. The day program is two academic years in length if pursued on a full time basis. Because of the intense nature of the Nursing Program, the student may find that part-time study is more appropriate.

Nursing Readmission

Students who withdraw from, fail or receive a grade below “C” in any one of the required nursing courses may apply for readmission to the Nursing program. A student is only allowed to do this one time. Additionally the program is to be completed within three years from the start of the first nursing course. A student seeking readmission must meet the program requirements in effect at the date of re-entry. Readmission is neither guaranteed nor is it an automatic process. Students requesting to be considered for readmission to Nursing 101 are to do so through the admissions office of the college. Students requesting to be considered for readmission to Nursing 102, 201, 202 or 203 must inform the nursing department chairperson in writing. Written requests must be submitted by May 20th for the Fall semester and December 20th for the Spring semester. Prior to readmission, students are required to successfully complete a special bridge course. To be considered for re-admission a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.

Licensure

Graduates of the nursing program are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX). Completion of the Nursing program does not assure admittance to attempt the RN licensure exam. When submitting an application for licensure and first registration, the applicant is required to report any history of a felony or misdemeanor. The state boards of nursing will review all applicant information submitted and determine if the applicant is eligible for licensure.

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