

## **NU43: Nursing Degree (replaces NUN3: Nursing in the Quarter System)**

The Registered Nursing associate degree program is designed to provide nursing courses that when successfully completed award graduates an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). Graduates are then eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN and licensure by the Georgia Board of Nursing, graduates are employable as registered nurses. The Nursing program is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217-3858, phone 478.207.1640. The Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone 404.975.5000.

**NOTE:** According to the position statement of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (NOADN) (2006), ADN/ASN graduates are recognized as essential members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team in diverse health care settings. The Nursing faculty is committed to the NOADN tenants of advocacy, professional involvement, life-long learning and leadership and to this end the College supports student participation and involvement in the learning environment.

### **Career Opportunities**

*Graduates may find opportunities in a wide variety of settings, including, but not limited to, acute care in hospitals and long term care facilities, outpatient clinics, physicians' offices, home health care agencies, private or governmental industries, schools, and hospice programs.*

### **Competitive Selection Process**

#### **Level I: Registered Nursing Preparatory/Core Course**

The annual Level I deadline is June 1 for fall semester admission. The following requirements must be completed by the applicable Level I deadline to be eligible for the Registered Nursing program selection. The student:

- Must complete the WGTC student application process and achieve regular status program admission.
- Must be in good academic standing with the College.
- Must complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L, ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, and PSYC 1101. BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L must be completed with a C or higher prior to entry into the program but grades for these two courses are not calculated in the GPA for the Competitive Selection Process.
- Must possess certification in CPR by the American Heart Association/BLS for the Healthcare Provider.
- Must submit a Competitive Selection File Review Request to the Office of Student Affairs upon completion of the required courses and attach a copy of the CPR certification card and a copy of the Official NLN Pre-RN Admissions Entrance Examination score report.
- Additionally, any licensed LPN graduate or student who has six or more months of current work experience in a clinical setting delivering patient care may submit a letter of verification from the employer. The letter must be attached to the Competitive Selection File Review Request and received by the deadline to be considered in the scoring process. Students are not required to have work experience in a clinical setting to complete Level I requirements or enter the Level II Competitive Selection.

## Level II: Registered Nursing Competitive Selection

The competitive selection is based on the following scoring process:

- Students must achieve a minimum National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-RN Admission Entrance composite percentile score of 85 percent. The score earned on the pre-RN exam will comprise 60 percent of the overall score.
- Students must achieve a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.0 on the seven (7) Level I core courses required for eligibility to the selection process. The academic performance demonstrated in these required Level I courses will comprise 40 percent of the overall score.
- Students with documented clinical work experience for six months prior to the competitive selection deadline will receive one (1) point in the overall score. Clinical experience is defined as actual patient care opportunities that include the delivery of physical care, such as certified nursing assistant, nurse aide, patient care technician, medical assistant, surgical technician, back office worker in a clinic or physician's office, or emergency medical technician.
- LPN graduates who are licensed and working for six months prior to the Competitive Selection Process deadline will receive one (1) additional point in the overall score.
- Students who are ranked with the highest overall scores will be selected for program admission.

## Level III: Registered Nursing Occupational and Clinical Courses

Students selected for admission to the Registered Nursing program will complete the occupational and clinical program courses in a prescribed sequence as a class unit, or cohort.

### **Credit Required for Graduation: Minimum of 75 credit hours**

#### **Curriculum**

The requirements for general core curriculum of all associate degree programs are a minimum 15 credit hours using the curriculum structure outlined in the beginning of this degree program section. All course prerequisites must be met. Please see Associate Degree General Education Requirement Section for Area I, Area II, Area III, and Area IV requirements.

#### *General Core Courses*

\_\_\_\_\_ Area I requirements (minimum 3 hours; must include ENGL 1101)

\_\_\_\_\_ Area II requirements (minimum 3 hours; must include PSYC 1101)

\_\_\_\_\_ Area III requirements (minimum 3 hours; must include MATH 1111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Area IV requirements (minimum 3 hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional 3 hours from Area I, II, III or IV

	<b>Program Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	<i>Occupational Courses</i>	
_____	BIOL 2113     Anatomy and Physiology I	3
_____	BIOL 2113L     Anatomy and Physiology Lab I	1
_____	BIOL 2114     Anatomy and Physiology II	3
_____	BIOL 2114L     Anatomy and Physiology Lab II	1
_____	BIOL 2117     Introductory Microbiology	3
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_____	BIOL 2117L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
_____	COMP 1000	Introduction to Computers	3
_____	PSYC 2103	Human Development	3
_____	RNSG 1110	Introduction to Nursing Practice	8
_____	RNSG 1120	Adult Health I	8
_____	RNSG 1130	Adult Health II	6
_____	RNSG 2110	Parent Child Nursing	8
_____	RNSG 2120	Adult Health III	8
_____	RNSG 2130	Transitions to Professional Nursing	5