Associate Degree Nursing Program

NU43: Nursing Degree

The Registered Nursing (RN) 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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 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 Murphy Campus will admit once a year in the fall semester. The Murphy Campus Competitive Selection deadline will be May 22. The Lagrange Campus will admit once a year in the spring semester. The Lagrange Campus Competitive Selection deadline will be August 15. The Coweta Campus will admit once a year in the summer semester. The Coweta Campus Competitive Selection deadline will be January 15. To be eligible for the Registered Nursing program selection, the student must complete the following requirements by the applicable Level I deadline. The student:

• 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. Competitive Selection will recognize only the first two attempts at these Level I courses. The higher grade of the two attempts will be calculated into the grade point average (GPA).
• Must complete BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L with a minimum grade of C prior to entry into the program, but grades for these two courses are not calculated in the GPA for the Competitive Selection Process.

Level II: Registered Nursing Competitive Selection
In addition to Level I course completion, the Registered Nursing program requires students in competitive selection to complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam. Please refer to the Admissions section of this catalog for details of the Competitive Selection Process applicant requirements and scoring method, including bonus points. Additional information is also available on the RN program web page.

Students ranked with the highest overall scores in Level I and Level II 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 cohort.

Credit Required for Graduation: Minimum of 70 credit hours

Curriculum
The Associate Degree in Nursing program requires a minimum of 15 general credit hours** using the curriculum structure below (all course prerequisites must be met):

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

Program Course | Credits
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Occupational Courses
____ 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
____ BIOL 2117L | Introductory Microbiology Lab 1
____ PSYC 2103 | Human Development 3
____ RNSG 1710 | Introduction to Nursing Practice 7
____ RNSG 1720 | Adult Health I 7
____ RNSG 1730 | Adult Health II 6
____ RNSG 2710 | Parent Child Nursing 7
____ RNSG 2720 | Adult Health III 7
____ RNSG 2730 | Transitions to Professional Nursing 6