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, lifelong 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
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 1110    Introduction to Nursing Practice  7
_____ RNSG 1120    Adult Health I                    7
_____ RNSG 1130    Adult Health II                   6
_____ RNSG 2110    Parent Child Nursing               7
_____ RNSG 2120    Adult Health III                  7
_____ RNSG 2130    Transitions to Professional Nursing 6