

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 101 General Psychology	3
NUR 205 Pharmacology & The Body	3
NUR 201 Nursing 3: Caring for the Growing Family	7
_____ Elective	3
PES 100 Concepts of Physical Wellness	1
Fourth Semester	
_____ Social Science Elective*	3
NUR 202 Nursing 4: Physical and Mental Illness	9
NUR 203 Nursing 5: Transition to Practice	1
_____ Elective	3
PES ____ Physical Education	1

Total Credits: 68

* Refer to Guide for Social Science Requirement and select from group A, C or D.

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. 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.

Graduates of the program will have the necessary theoretical background and technical skills for an entry level nursing position. They will value the pursuit of lifelong learning. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Professional Nurse (RN) and will demonstrate the ability to pass the examination at a rate equal to or exceeding the mean for New York State.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- utilize a reasoning process to resolve clinical and professional problems.
- listen, speak and write to promote the client's well being.
- follow accepted standards of nursing practice to provide safe and appropriate care.
- through professional role development, provide age appropriate care to clients in diverse healthcare settings.

Admission Criteria

Academic Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- 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), Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 111), or Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 112), 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.
- Students must attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75

Department-Specific Requirements:

- Attendance at a pre-admission orientation. At this orientation, student will receive and sign off on 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 dates are available online at www.sunyorange.edu/admissions/healthforms.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 is recommended. Visit [www.sunyorange.edu/testing/ services.shtml](http://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.

For students accepted into the Nursing program beginning in Spring 2013, CHM 120 Elements of Chemistry and Physics will be replaced by NUR 205 Pharmacology and the Human Body. The admissions criteria for the program will require the 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.

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.

- Mercy College
- Mount St. Mary College
- New York University
- Pace University
- Russell Sage College

Contact Information

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