

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

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The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares graduates to use their skill and knowledge to fulfill the role of the nurse: enhance human flourishing, demonstrate sound nursing judgement, continually develop professional identity, and possess a spirit of inquiry to improve the quality of patient care. Encompassed within these roles are the core components of context and environment, knowledge and science, personal/professional development, quality and safety, relationship-centered care, and teamwork. These core components are introduced, developed and built upon through the curriculum. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum is organized around a clearly defined conceptual framework and combines general education and nursing courses. The nursing courses correlate classroom and clinical instruction in a variety of community agencies. Transportation to the community agencies is the responsibility of each student.

CPR requirements must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in the first nursing course and must be kept current throughout the program. Documentation of successful completion of a minimum 75-hour nursing assistant course, or its equivalent, and proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry is required prior to enrolling in the first nursing course.

Note: The Kentucky Board of Nursing may deny a nursing graduate admission to the NCLEX-RN Exam if an individual has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony which involves acts that bear directly on the qualifications of the graduate to practice nursing.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing program is based on a selective admissions process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must submit the following college and program admission requirements prior to February 1 for admission to a fall NSG 101 course. Selection of students to the Nursing Program will be made by the President or his designee after considering the recommendation of the Nursing Admissions Committee.

- Application for admission to Hazard Community and Technical College. This must be updated on an annual basis.
- Official high school transcript * (with graduation date) indicating that the applicant has or will complete a high school course of study or a passing GED official score report.
- Transcripts* of all post-secondary education or training. To be considered an official transcript it must be sent directly from the sending institution to the HCTC Admissions Office. Hand-carried transcript and transcripts marked "Issued to student" cannot be accepted.
- Results of the National American College Test (ACT) on file with the college
- Results of the PAX Nursing Admission Exam or the NACE admission exam for LPNs.
- Completion of application to the program form. This must be completed on an annual basis.
- A pre-admission conference with the coordinator or the coordinator's designee is required prior to an applicant's consideration by the Practical Nursing Admissions Committee.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Preference may be given to:

- a) Applicants with a PAX score of 100 or higher and LPNs with a NACE score of 75 or higher.
- b) Applicants who have completed 12 or more credit hours in the approved curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better from any regionally accredited college.
- c) Kentucky residents and applicants within the community college service area.
- d) Only applicants meeting the following minimal admission criteria will be considered for admission to the nursing class. Unless you meet these minimal criteria, you will not be considered for admission.
- e) A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better

Meeting these minimal criteria should not be interpreted to mean that you will be admitted to the nursing program. Admission will be offered to those students with the highest PAX/NACE and GPAs.

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Pre-requisites to NSG 101: The following must be completed prior to enrolling to the first nursing course, but these courses are not required to be completed before applying to the program.

- Quantitative Reasoning that meets the AA or AS degree requirement with a grade of "C" or better.
- General Psychology (PSY 110)
- Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 137) with a grade of "C" or better
- Successful completion of a Medicaid Nurse Aide equivalent course and proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry.
- Digital literacy

The following curriculum was revised 1/10/2018 and applies to those admitted in the Fall 2018.

First Semester

NSG 101: Nursing Practice I	9
BIO 139: Anatomy & Physiology II	4

Second Semester

NSG 210: Medical Surgical Nursing I	6
NSG 215: Pharmacology I	1
NSG 212: Behavioral Health Nursing	3
ENG 101: Writing I	3

Third Semester

NSG 220: Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
NSG 211: Maternal Newborn Nursing	3
BIO 225: Medical Microbiology with Lab	4

Fourth Semester

NSG 230: Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
NSG 225: Pharmacology II	1
NSG 213: Pediatric Nursing	3
Heritage/Humanities Course	3

TRANSFER

Applicants who wish to be considered transfer from one KCTCS college Nursing Program or other nursing programs must:

1. Meet all admission requirements of the receiving institution;
2. Notify the Coordinator of the Associate Degree Nursing Program in writing, stating anticipated entry date and reason for transfer; and
3. Have a faculty member from the program previously attended submit a letter of recommendation to the receiving institution.

If more than three years have elapsed since initial enrollment in the first nursing course in any registered nursing program, an applicant must repeat all nursing courses.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN) APPLICANTS

Applicants who hold an unencumbered license in Kentucky as an LPN may receive credit for NSG-101 upon admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program if a minimum score of 75 is achieved on the NLN-NACE Exam. To be eligible, the LPN must have graduated within the past 3 years from their LPN Program or provide documentation that they have worked 1 year as an LPN within the past 3 years.

READMISSION PROCESS

1. A student may be re-admitted to the Nursing Program one time.
2. To be considered for re-admission by the Nursing Admission Committee, the applicant must complete the following by the posted application deadline:
 - a) Submit a written request for re-admission to the Nursing Program Coordinator
 - b) Meet current admission guidelines.
 - c) Submit a letter of recommendation from at least one nursing faculty.
 - d) Furnish sufficient evidence of remedial study, additional preparation or resolution of factors contributing to unsuccessful course completion.
3. If more than three years has elapsed since initial enrollment, an applicant must repeat all nursing courses.
4. Attend a pre-admission conference for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Upon completion of the re-admission application process, applicants will be considered for re-admission by the Nursing Program Admission Committee. The Nursing Program Admission Committee may recommend the re-entry point for applicants considered for re-admission based on academic performance. No more than 3 applicants for re-admission per course will be admitted.

READMISSION CRITERIA

Preference may be given to:

- Assessment and placement test scores
- Cumulative GPA
- Applicant performance (Unit exams and standardized test scores) in previous nursing courses that the applicant was enrolled in.

Additional information about the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including the cost of the program and transferability of credit may be found on the following website:

http://www.hazard.kctcs.edu/en/Academics/Programs_of_Study/Nursing_Integrated_Program.aspx

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