

Associate in Science Degree (Registered Nursing Program)

NURSING, Associate in Science Degree (#3456P)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 67) 2019

General Education

ENGL 101 English Composition I	3
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3
Humanities/Arts elective (SPAN 104 recommended)	3
BIOL 121 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 122 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 221 Microbiology	4
MATH 103 College Algebra OR	3
MATH 202 Intro to Statistics (4cr)	
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
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Major

NURS 140 Intro to Nursing Practice Concepts I	1
NURS 141 Intro to Nursing Practice Concepts II	1
NURS 142 Health Assessment Concepts for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 143 Concepts of Informatics in Nursing Practice (FYS)	1
NURS 144 Fundamental Concepts for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 150 Holistic Health Concepts for Nursing Practice I (Wellness)	5
NURS 151 Holistic Health Concepts for Nursing Practice II	4.5
NURS 240 Adult Health Concepts for Nursing Practice I	2
NURS 241 Adult Health Concepts for Nursing Practice II	2.5
NURS 242 Family Health Concepts for Nursing Practice I	2.5
NURS 243 Family Health Concepts for Nursing Practice II	2.5
NURS 244 Advanced Behavioral Health Concepts for Nursing Practice	2.5
NURS 250 Complex Health Concepts for Nursing Practice	2.5
NURS 251 Leadership & Management Concepts for Nursing Practice	4
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NOTE: A grade of C or higher is required in all courses.

FOR LPNS ONLY

LPN Transitional Track students receive credits for NURS 140, 141 by providing current unencumbered PA practical nursing license and official transcript showing successful completion of a practical nursing program.

Acceptance into the clinical component of the Associate Degree Nursing program as an LPN transitional track student is competitive and is based on published admission criteria and point system.

The student who enters the Associate Degree program as an LPN will have the opportunity to earn credit for Nursing 144, 150, 242, 243, and 244 by completing the Assessment Technology Inc. (ATI) Proctored Assessments and scoring at a passing level, as determined by the nursing department

- Nursing 144 and Nursing 150 -ATI RN Fundamental
- Nursing 242: ATI RN Maternal Newborn
- Nursing 243: ATI RN Pediatric Nursing
- Nursing 244: ATI RN Mental Health

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Summer I		Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I	
BIOL 121 (Core C)	4	BIOL 122 (Core C)	4	ENGL 102	3
ENGL 101	3	NURS 140	1	NURS 150 (W)	5
		NURS 141	1	NURS 151	4.5
		NURS 142	3	PSYC 101 (Core B)	3
		NURS 143 (FYS)	1		
		NURS 144	3		
Summer II		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
BIOL 221	4	COMM 101	3	Arts/Humanities Elective	3
MATH 103	3	NURS 240	2	(SPAN 104)	
or 202 (Core C)	(or 4)	NURS 241	2.5	NURS 243	2.5
		NURS 242	2.5	NURS 250	2.5
		NURS 244	2.5	NURS 251	4

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

Spring Semester I		Summer I		Fall Semester I		Spring Semester II		Summer II	
BIOL 121 (Core C)	4	BIOL 122 (Core C)	4	PSYC 101 (Core B)	3	BIOL 221	4	COMM 101	3
NURS 140	1	NURS 141	1	NURS 150 (W)	5	NURS 151	4.5	ENGL 101	3
NURS 142	3	NURS 144	3					NURS 240	2
NURS 143 (FYS)	1							NURS 242	2.5
Fall Semester II		Spring Semester III		Summer III					
MATH 103 or 202 (Core C)	3 or 4	ENGL 102	3	Arts/Hum Elect (SPAN 104)	3				
NURS 241	2.5	NURS 243	2.5	NURS 251	4				
NURS 244	2.5	NURS 250	2.5						

Nursing (RN) Program Time Commitment – Comparison of 4-semester and 8-semester options

Please note, students are admitted to a Cohort. Seats available in each Cohort vary. Admission is selective and NOT guaranteed.

Four-semester (previously called *full-time or day*) Option – Please note *Day means that most hours occur during the day. Class will be offered during the day, however, some clinical hours can be scheduled during the evening. Offered on Gettysburg, Harrisburg, and Lancaster Campus*

- 4-semester program courses are offered in 7-week “mini-mesters”.
- Time commitments for nursing students will vary according to the campus and the semester.
 - Class: 2 to 4 hours of theory two to three days each week
 - Clinical or Clinical Lab experiences: 6 to 7 hours of clinical experiences, two days each week
 - In some cases, the clinical experiences will be scheduled during the day, as early as 6:30 am, **or during the evening as late as 10:00 pm.**
 - Nursing Simulation Lab practice is in addition to these experiences and will consume many additional hours each week.
 - For each hour in class, the student should expect to spend 3 hours outside of class for preparation, assignments, and study time.

Four-semester Weekend Option (*Harrisburg Campus ONLY*)– This program is designed for second degree students who have completed all of the general education requirements, for returning LPN’s seeking to advance their degree who have completed most or all of the general education requirements or for any student who has completed most or all of the general education requirements.

- Time commitments for this option include:
 - Class: 8 am to 3 or 5 pm on Fridays in the fall and spring
 - Class: 8 am to 3 or 5 on Thursdays in the summer
 - Clinical: Saturday **and/or** Sunday from 6:30 am to 3:30 or 5:30 pm.
 - Additionally, students in this program who have not completed all the general education requirements will need to take courses during the week.
 - Nursing Simulation Lab practice is in addition to these experiences and will consume many additional hours each week.
 - For each hour in class, the student should expect to spend 3 hours outside of class for preparation, assignments, and study time.

Eight-semester (previously called part-time or evening) Option: This program is designed for working students. To qualify for financial aid, students must take general education courses along with Nursing courses. This program will take 8 consecutive semesters (including summers) to complete as compared to 4-semester in the traditional full-time program.

- Day/Evening #1: Classroom Theory
 - Currently all students in the program attend one lecture class together on their respective campuses:
 - One evening per week (Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster and York)
 - One day per week (York Campus ONLY)
 - Classes can start as early as 3 pm and run as late as 11 pm, depending on the Campus.
 - Nursing Simulation Lab practice is in addition to these experiences and will consume many additional hours each week.
 - For each hour in class, the student should expect to spend 3 hours outside of class for preparation, assignments, and study time.
- Day/Evening #2: Clinical
 - Currently all students in the program attend one clinical day per week.
 - The total Cohort group is divided into smaller groups for clinical.
 - Clinical groups have a max of 8 students to 1 instructor ratios.
 - Clinical can start as early as 3 pm and run as late as 11 pm. Times may vary slightly depending upon the clinical rotation and Campus.
 - This second evening is a combination of skill training which takes place on campus and clinical rotation.
- Summer Session:
 - Summer is a 12-week semester, vs a 15-week semester.
 - Hours for summer semesters are 3 – 11 p.m

COMPARISON

Sequence of Nursing 4-semester and 8-semester Options

NURS242, NURS243 and NURS244 are offered as sequenced by each campus.

Clinical course sequence by semester – includes credits (cr) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-semester students, courses and finals will be offered in two-part mini-mesters (weeks 1-7 and weeks 8-15) 8-semester students have same courses over the full 15-week semester 				
8-Semester Option 2.5 yr program Fall, Spring and Summer starts Includes SUMMER	4-Semester Option Fall and Spring starts NO SUMMER		4-Semester Weekend Option Fall start ONLY, Harrisburg ONLY Includes SUMMER	
Semester 1	Semester 1		Semester 1	
NURS 140 – 1 cr NURS 142 – 3 cr NURS 143 – 1 cr	Mini-mester 1 NURS 140 – 1 cr NURS 142 – 3 cr NURS 143 – 1 cr	Mini-mester 2 NURS 141 – 1 cr NURS 144 – 3 cr	Mini-mester 1 NURS 140 – 1 cr NURS 142 – 3 cr NURS 143 – 1 cr	Mini-mester 2 NURS 141 – 1 cr NURS 144 – 3 cr
Semester 2	Semester 2		Semester 2	
NURS 141 – 1 cr NURS 144 – 3 cr	Mini-mester 3 NURS 150 – 5 cr	Mini-mester 4 NURS 151 – 4.5 cr	Mini-mester 3 NURS 150 – 5 cr	Mini-mester 4 NURS 151 – 4.5 cr
Semester 3	Semester 3		Semester 3	
NURS 150 – 5 cr	Mini-mester 5 NURS 240 – 2 cr NURS 242 – 2.5 cr	Mini-mester 6 NURS 241 – 2.5 cr NURS 243 – 2.5 cr	Mini-mester 5 NURS 240 – 2 cr NURS 242 – 2 cr	Mini-mester 6 NURS 241 – 2.5 cr NURS 243 – 2 cr
Semester 4	Semester 4		Semester 4	
NURS 151 – 4.5 cr	Mini-mester 7 NURS 250 – 2.5 cr NURS 244 – 2.5 cr	Mini-mester 8 NURS 251 – 4 cr	Mini-mester 7 NURS 250 – 2.5 cr NURS 244 – 2.5 cr	Mini-mester 8 NURS 251 – 4 cr
Semester 5				
NURS 240 – 2 cr NURS 242 – 2.5 cr				
Semester 6				
NURS 241 – 2.5 cr NURS 243 – 2.5 cr				
Semester 7				
NURS 250 – 2.5 cr NURS 244 – 2.5 cr				
Semester 8				
NURS 251 – 4 cr				

Certificate (Practical Nursing Program)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 53) NEW FALL 2019

General Education				Major			
ENGL 101 English Comp I	3	PNUR 140 Intro to PN Concepts I	1	PNUR 151 Holistic Health Concepts II	5		
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	PNUR 141 Intro to PN Concepts II	1	PNUR 152 Intro Concepts of Leadership	4.5		
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PNUR 142 Data Collection Concepts for PN	1	PNUR242 Family Health Concepts I	3		
BIOL121 Anatomy & Physl I	4	PNUR 143 Concepts of Informatics in PN	1	PNUR 243 Family Health Concepts II	3		
BIOL 221 Microbiology	4	PNUR 144 Fundamental Concepts for PN	4	PNUR 244 Advanced Behav Health Concepts	3		
		PNUR 145 Intro to Concepts of Gerontology	2	PNUR 245 Intro Concepts of Community Health	2		
	17	PNUR 150 Holistic Health Concepts I	5.5				

Program-specific courses (taken upon acceptance into the clinical phase)

BIOL 121 (4 cr) must be taken prior to first PNUR course.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Summer		Fall Semester II	
BIOL 121	4	BIOL 221	4	PNUR 242	3	PNUR 150	5.5
ENGL 101	3	COMM 101	3	PNUR 243	3	PNUR 151	5
PNUR 140	1	PNUR 141	1	PNUR 244	3	PNUR 152	4.5
PNUR 142	1	PNUR 144	4	PNUR 245	2		
PNUR143	1	PNUR 145	2				
PSYC 101	3						
TOTAL	13		14		11		15

The complete program is available only at the Lancaster, Harrisburg and York campuses. Prerequisites offered at all other campuses and on-line.

Practical Nursing Program Time Commitment

This program is offered in 4-consecutive semesters. The program is a 5-day a week time commitment in the fall and spring and a 4-day a week time commitment in the summer.

- Theory is typically held 2 days a week and requires from 4 to 8 hours each day on campus
- Clinical is typically held 3 days a week and requires from 7 to 8 hours each day at clinical
- The PA State Board of Nursing (PASBON) requires 600 theory hours and 900 clinical hours. This program follows PASBON requirements.
- For students seeking advanced standing/placement into the Associate Degree RN program, this program is 100% stackable. This means that all credits will transfer between programs.
 - Students will complete a request for Advanced Standing Form with the Director of Programs on the Campus of choice.
 - Students must meet the minimum TEAS score of 70 required by the AD-RN program.
 - Students must successfully complete the PN program and obtain licensure in the State of PA as an LPN.
 - Placement is based on available seats.
 - Upon acceptance, students must complete all general education requirements for the Associate Degree-RN program.
 - Students will complete NURS240, NURS241, NURS250 and NURS251 in the Associate Degree-RN program to graduate with an Associate Degree.