

NURSING – RN– Course Requirements and Suggested Schedule

Associate in Science Degree (RN Program)

NURSING, Associate in Science Degree (#3456P)		PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 69) FALL 2025	
General Education		Major	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	NURS 140 Intro to Nursing Practice Concepts I	1
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3	NURS 141 Intro to Nursing Practice Concepts II	1
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	NURS 142 Health Assessment Concepts for Nursing Practice	3
Humanities/Arts elective (SPAN 104 recommended)	3	NURS 143 Concepts of Informatics in Nursing Practice (FYS)	1
BIOL 121 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	NURS 144 Fundamental Concepts for Nursing Practice	3
BIOL 122 Anatomy & Physiology II	4	NURS 150 Holistic Health Concepts for Nursing Practice I (Wellness)	5
BIOL 221 Microbiology	4	NURS 151 Holistic Health Concepts for Nursing Practice II	4.5
MATH 103 College Algebra OR	3	NURS 240 Adult Health Concepts for Nursing Practice I	2
MATH 202 Intro to Statistics (4cr)		NURS 241 Adult Health Concepts for Nursing Practice II	2.5
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	NURS 242 Family Health Concepts for Nursing Practice I	2.5
FYS Elective (AH 100 recommended)	1	NURS 243 Family Health Concepts for Nursing Practice II	2.5
	31	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.

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

All prospective nursing students begin in the **Allied Health major**. When they fulfill the clinical [application requirements](#) (admission criteria including dates and deadlines for clinical application), they can apply for admission to either the Registered Nursing program or the Practical Nursing program. These admission criteria will be discussed during their advising sessions and during the nursing information sessions.

Among the criteria to be eligible to apply for clinicals:

- Earned a TEAS Version 7 score of **70** or higher (transfer students from another Nursing program may request to have this requirement waived). TEAS scores are valid for 3 years.
- If you completed at least ONE nursing course at another institution **within the past 2 years (with no C-, D, F, W)**, please review the [Nursing External Transfer Procedure](#) (PDF)
- Have a documented high school diploma or GED or equivalent foreign education as verified by a HACC-approved credential evaluation service **(REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS even if you have a college degree)**
- Will be at least 18 years of age by the cohort start-date
- Eligible to enroll in (or has completed) ENGL 101 by the first day of the first clinical term
- Eligible to enroll in MATH 103 or MATH 202 by the first day of the first clinical term
- Enrolled in or has completed (with a 'C' or better) BIOL 121* (Anatomy and Physiology I) by the first day of the first clinical term

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE LIKE FOR THE 4-SEMESTER PROGRAM?

THIS OPTION IS AVAILABLE ON THE GETTYSBURG, HARRISBURG AND LANCASTER CAMPUSES WITH BOTH A FALL AND SPRING START

Prior to acceptance	Credits	1 st Semester	Credits	2 nd Semester	Credits	Summer	Credits	3 rd Semester	Credits	4 th Semester	Credits
BIOL 121*	4	NURS 140	1	NURS 150	5	BIOL 221	3	NURS 240	2	NURS 243	2.5
ENGL 101	3	NURS 141	1	NURS 151	4.5	MATH (103 or 202)	3 or 4	NURS 241	2.5	NURS 250	2.5
FYS/AH100	1	NURS 142	3	ENGL 102	3			NURS 242	2.5	NURS 251	4
		NURS 143	1	PSYC 101	3			NURS 244	2.5	Humanities/	3
		NURS 144	3					COMM 101	3	Arts Elective	
		BIOL 122**	4								
	8		13		15.5		6 or 7		12.5		12

*Students **NEED** general education courses to meet financial aid requirements

Sequence may vary depending on each student's individual situation

*BIOL 121 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to first semester having Nursing classes

**BIOL 122 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to taking NURS 240

***BIOL 221 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to taking NURS 250

NURS242, 243, 244 vary by campus

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE LIKE FOR THE 8-SEMESTER PROGRAM?

ALL CAMPUSES OFFER THE 8-SEMESTER **EVENING** OPTION (CLASSES CAN START AS EARLY AS 4P AND CLINICALS AS EARLY AS 3P)
YORK ALSO OFFERS AN 8-SEMESTER **DAY** OPTION (CLASSES CAN START AS EARLY AS 9A AND CLINICALS ARE ALTERNATE WEEKENDS)

Semester Previous to Entrance	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	4 th Semester	5 th Semester	6 th Semester	7 th Semester	8 th Semester
BIOL 121* (4) ENGL 101 (3) FYS/AH100 (1)	NURS 140 (1) NURS 142 (3) NURS 143 (1)	NURS 141 (1) NURS 144 (3) BIOL 122** (4)	NURS 150 (5) PSYC 101 (3)	NURS 151 (4.5) BIOL 221 (4)	NURS 240 (2) NURS 244 (2.5) COMM 101 (3)	NURS 241 (2.5) NURS 242 (2.5) MATH 103 or 202 (3 or 4)	NURS 243 (2.5) NURS 250 (2.5) ENG 102 (3)	NURS 251 (4) Humanities/ Arts Elective (3)
8 credits	5 credits	8 credits	8 credits	8.5 credits	7.5 credits	8 or 9 credits	8 credits	7 credits

*Students **NEED** general education courses to meet financial aid requirements

*Sequence may vary depending on each student's individual situation

*BIOL 121 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to first semester having NURS classes

**BIOL 122 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to taking NURS 240

***BIOL 221 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to taking NURS 250

NURS242, 243, 244 vary by campus

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE LIKE FOR THE WEEKEND PROGRAM?

THIS OPTION IS ONLY OFFERED ON THE HARRISBURG CAMPUS

Accepted into the Program	Classes needing successful completion by end of Summer	Fall 1	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits	Fall 2	Credits
	BIOL 121* (4) ENGL 101 (3) FYS/AH100 (1)	NURS 140 NURS 141 NURS 142 NURS 143 NURS 144 BIOL 122**	1 1 3 1 3 4	NURS 150 NURS 151 ENGL 102 PSYC 101	5 4.5 3 3	NURS 240 NURS 241 NURS 242 NURS 243 COMM 101 BIOL 221***	2 2.5 2.5 2.5 3 4	NURS 244 NURS 250 NURS 251 Humanities/Arts Elective Math (103 or 202)	2.5 2.5 4 3 3 or 4
	8		16		15.5		16.5		15 or 16

*Sequence may vary depending on each student's individual situation
 *BIOL 121 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to first semester having NURS classes
 **BIOL 122 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to taking NURS 240
 ***BIOL 221 MUST be completed with a C or better prior to taking NURS 250
 Students needing General Education courses, will need to take those during the week.

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-semesters 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