



Nursing

Cooperative Program with St. Francis Medical Center

Associate in Science Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Mercer County Community College, in collaboration with the diploma school of nursing at St. Francis Medical Center, awards the Associate in Science degree to students who successfully complete their program of study. Students also receive a diploma from the school of nursing and are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to earn licensure as a registered nurse. St. Francis is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

St. Francis combines mathematics, science, and general education courses at the college with nursing courses conducted at their school. The nursing courses integrate classroom activities with clinical experiences in the home hospital and at other agencies in the area. The cooperative program with St. Francis requires attendance for two consecutive years, including summers.

Candidates must meet the admissions requirements of the college and additional requirements specific to the program. Details regarding admission standards, grading and retention policies, and graduation requirements are available from the cooperating nursing school. The cooperative program also maintains a list of baccalaureate nursing programs for students who contemplate transfer.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Pass the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse;
- Integrate concepts from the sciences and evidence-based nursing practice in the care of diverse patients, families, and communities;
- Effectively communicate and collaborate as a member of the health care team, incorporating technological resources to deliver quality patient-centered care;
- Practice within the legal and ethical parameters of the profession;
- Function competently and safely, incorporating professional standards in the delivery of patient-centered care;
- Employ leadership and management skills in the delivery of patient-centered care;
- Exhibit responsible behavior that is self-directive and encompasses personal and professional growth.

Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all nursing, science, and general education courses to graduate.

Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab/clinical hours)	Credits
FIRST SEMESTER		
BIO 103	Anatomy and Physiology I (3/3)	4
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)	3
NSG 131	Concepts of Nursing I (4/0/8)	6
NSG 137	Physical Assessment (2/1)	3
SECOND SEMESTER		
BIO 104	Anatomy and Physiology II (3/3)	4
PSY 207	Developmental Psychology: Across the Life Span (3/0)	3
NUR 151	Pharmacology in Nursing (3/0)	3
NSG 133	Concepts of Nursing III (2/0/5)	3
NSG 135	Concepts of Nursing II (4/0/12)	7
THIRD SEMESTER		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
NSG 234	Concepts of Nursing IV (6/0/12)	9
BIO —	Lab Science elective ¹	4
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
FOURTH SEMESTER		
PHI 204	Ethics (3/0)	3
	OR	
PHI 205	Moral Choices (3/0)	9
NSG 232	Concepts of Nursing V (6/0/12)	
		70-71

¹ Any course in the field of microbiology.

² Algebraic or Statistical math at 100 level or higher.