

Nursing

Associate in Science Degree

Program **NUR.B.AS**
CIP 513801



The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program combines coursework in nursing and general education with clinical experiences in area healthcare facilities under the supervision of college faculty.

The Nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102, 973-504-6430; and by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000.

The ADN program faculty is committed to providing high-quality nursing education to meet the diverse and changing healthcare needs of the community and to promote the development of qualified students prepared for the professional role of the entry-level registered nurse. Students are challenged to achieve their goals in a caring, creative, and engaged learning environment.

The foundation for the curriculum is based on the principles of patient-centered care, teamwork and collaboration, clinical reasoning, quality improvement, leadership, information technology, and safety. Based on these principles, faculty mentor, teach, and encourage students to develop competency in the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to provide safe and effective nursing care.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings to diverse patient populations across the lifespan;
- Engage in clinical reasoning to make patient-centered care decisions;
- Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care;
- Collaborate with members of the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient's support persons;
- Use information management (informatics) principles, techniques, and systems as well as patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making;
- Assimilate leadership, management, legal, and ethical guidelines in practice as a Registered Nurse.

The Nursing program offers both a daytime and an evening/weekend option. Upon enrollment in the college, students must declare their program of study (major) as Health Science - Nursing. Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Qualified out-of-county applicants will be considered for admission only after all qualified Mercer County residents are accommodated.

Admission to the college requires a high school diploma or its equivalent, satisfactory performance on the college skills placement test, and completion of any required academic foundations courses.

Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab/clinical hours)	Credits	
FIRST SEMESTER			
BIO 103	Anatomy and Physiology I (3/3)	4	
CHE 107	General and Physiological Chemistry (2/1/2)	4	
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0) ¹	3-4	
SECOND SEMESTER			
BIO 104	Anatomy and Physiology II (3/3)	4	
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3	
	OR		
ENG 112	English Composition II with Speech (3/0)		
NRS 111	Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice (1/0)	1	
NRS 112	Concepts of Nursing Practice I (3/3/6)	6	
THIRD SEMESTER			
BIO 201	Microbiology (3/3)	4	
NRS 125	Concepts of Nursing Practice II (3/3/12)	8	
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)	3	
FOURTH SEMESTER			
NRS 225	Concepts of Nursing Practice III (3/3/12)	8	
PSY 207	Developmental Psychology: Across the Life Span (3/0)	3	
	OR		
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (3/0)		
FIFTH SEMESTER			
NRS 235	Concepts of Nursing Practice IV (3/3/12)	8	
—	—	General Education elective ²	3
			65-66

¹ MAT 135, 140 (4 credits), or 200 (3 credits) are acceptable alternatives.

² PHI 102 or 205 recommended.

Admission to the Nursing program requires a cumulative (transfer or Mercer) minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher; an 80% or higher in the English Language Composite and 80% or higher on the math portion of the HESI Admission Assessment Exam; completion of first semester courses (ENG 101, CHE 107, BIO 103 and math elective) with a C or higher, with the exception of BIO 103 (requiring a C+ or higher); and attendance at a mandatory Nursing program information session. The program also offers an LPN-RN Advanced Placement option (see following page).

Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all required general education courses and C+ or higher in BIO 103, 104, and 201 as well as all nursing courses in order to progress through the curriculum and graduate.

Upon completion of the program, graduates can apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse through the New Jersey Board of Nursing and are prepared to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN). The New Jersey Board of Nursing reserves the right to determine the eligibility for licensure of any student with a history of substance abuse or criminal offenses.

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LPN-RN Advanced Placement

The LPN-RN Advanced Placement option offers licensed practical nurses (LPNs) the opportunity to gain experiential credit for their LPN license and receive 6 credits for Concepts of Nursing Practice I (NRS 112). Applicants must possess a high school diploma (or equivalent), have graduated from an accredited LPN school, and possess a valid New Jersey LPN license.

Admission to the LPN-RN Advanced Placement option requires a cumulative (transfer or MCCC) minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher; an 80% or higher in the English Language Composite and 80% or higher on the math portion of the HESI Admission Assessment Exam; attendance at a mandatory Nursing program information session; and completion of prerequisite courses as outlined on the Nursing program website. LPN candidates will also be required to pass a comprehensive skills assessment exam, a Dosage Calculation exam, and complete the HESI Fundamentals of Nursing Exam. The successful candidate will be enrolled in Concepts of Nursing Practice II (NRS 125).

LPN candidates are required to meet the same residency and immigration requirements as generic applicants.

BSN Completion

MCCC students have the opportunity to apply to a variety of BSN completion programs through the college's partnership with four-year Nursing programs, including those of Rutgers University and Felician College, both of which offer RN-BSN completion programs on-campus at Mercer County Community College.

For **further information** on these opportunities as well as details concerning admission to MCCC's Nursing program, visit the Nursing program website: www.mccc.edu/nursing. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make advisement appointments with the Nursing program office.

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