

Associate in Applied Science Degree

ADVANCED PLACEMENT NURSING

The Nursing Department has developed a process to award credit for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Paramedic for previous course work and work experience leading to certification or licensure. This process allows eligible LPN and Paramedic candidates to advance beyond the fundamental and basic nursing courses that are covered in the early portions of the ADN program.

The Associate Degree in Nursing and Practical Nursing programs are approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Board of Nursing and are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Phone (404) 975-5000, Fax (404) 975-5020, www.acenursing.org.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

Applicants will be accepted for Advanced Placement Nursing by completing the Associate Degree Nursing Application for Advanced Placement Nursing, in addition to the following requirements. The form is available on the Health Science web page, as well as current application deadlines for the next available class.

A waiting list of applicants is not maintained. An applicant who receives notification that s/he was not admitted must resubmit the Associate Degree Nursing Application for Advanced Placement Nursing during the published application period in order to be considered for the program admissions for the next available class.

For eligibility for Advanced Placement Nursing requirements, applicants must have:

- Certification or Licensure:
 - Copy of current, valid, and unrestricted South Carolina or National Paramedic Certificate or evidence of National Registry testing with original certification with current state certification OR
 - Current LPN licensure in South Carolina;
- Note: HGTC Practical Nursing Graduate, who has not taken boards, with at least a 2.75 GPA for both the general education requirements and the PNR program is eligible for admission. These students must follow a four semester enrollment plan. Students who are not licensed LPNs in SC by the deadline will be withdrawn from the program.
- Submitted all documentation to meet HGTC admission requirements;
- Transfer students must meet College transfer student admission requirements;
- Minimum placement test scores from one of the following tests: SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER, the College placement test. The Developmental Studies sequence is required if minimum placement test scores are not achieved;
- Students must pass a criminal background check and urine drug screening 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester.
- Submit a Health Sciences Division Student Health Record Form indicating the candidate has the ability to perform the physical tasks required in the program prior to enrollment in the first nursing course.
- Successful completion (minimum grade of "C") of the 9 Nursing core courses (BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 110/120, PSY 201, SPC 205, and Humanities) with a GPA of at least a 2.75. (BIO 211 and BIO 225 - 5 year time limit and MAT - 10 year time limit).

Once applicants have completed these requirements, they will be granted acceptance into Advanced Placement Nursing, based on weighted admissions for available class seats. Paramedics and LPNs also have the option to apply for regular acceptance to the ADN Program.

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all NUR-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Grades below "C" are considered course failures. Any student who fails to meet the requirements for progression will be dropped from the nursing program and must apply for re-acceptance. For further information regarding re-acceptance, see the PN Student Handbook.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

Required General Education Courses:

BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO 225	Microbiology	4
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3

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MAT 110	College Algebra	3
or		
MAT 120	Probability & Statistics	
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
SPC 205	Public Speaking	3
Humanities**	3	
	TOTAL	30
First Semester		
NUR 150	Chronic Health Problems*	6
NUR 162	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 201	Nursing Transition*+	3
	TOTAL	12
Second Semester		
NUR 161	Basic Concepts in Pharmacology	2
NUR 220	Family-Centered Nursing	7
	Humanities	3
	TOTAL	12
Third Semester		
NUR 217	Trends Issues in Nursing*	2
NUR 221	Advanced Nursing Concepts	5
	TOTAL	7
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	31

*Courses prepare students in basic computer applications.