

REGISTERED NURSING (RN)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

NURSING DIVISION

The associate degree nursing program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate competency in providing nursing care in a variety of health care settings and for employment as a registered nurse. The five semester program incorporates face-to-face and online coursework, labs, and clinicals to prepare the student to function as a member of the healthcare team. Students must meet all admission criteria and obtain certification as a state tested nursing assistant prior to taking a clinical nursing course.

Submit the following to the College Admissions Office.

- Application to Northwest State Community College.
- Official High School Transcript and/or G.E.D. certificate.
- Official College Transcript(s) (if you have college work).

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program:

- Submit directly to the Nursing Office.
 - High school transcript or copy of GED.
 - Application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. All students are required to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, writing, and mathematics based on scores on the College placement test or ACT or take the recommended classes. If you have not taken these tests, call (419) 267-1320 for a testing appointment; recommended courses must be completed.
- Complete NLN Pre Admission Exam PAX \geq 50 Percentile score on AD scale in each of the three areas.
- Meet ONE criteria in each of the following areas:
 - Academic Background**
 - HS GPA \geq 2.5 from accredited high school.
 - Non-accredited HS or GED with ACT composite score \geq 23.
 - HS GPA $<$ 2.5 or GED; complete 16 semester hours college work with GPA \geq 2.5.
 - College degree with GPA \geq 2.5.
 - Algebra**
 - Meets course placement results for MTH090 Intermediate Algebra proficiency.
 - Algebra II in high school and ACT \geq 22.
 - College equivalent (MTH090 Intermediate Algebra) with a minimum grade of "S."
 - Chemistry**
 - High school chemistry with lab with minimum grade of "B".
 - High school chemistry with a "C," plus an ACT science score of \geq 24.
 - College equivalent (CHM101) with minimum grade of "C".
 - Biology**
 - High school biology with lab with minimum grade of "B."
 - High school biology with a "C," plus an ACT science score of \geq 24.
 - College equivalent (BIO101) with minimum grade of "C".
 - Computer Competency**
 - High school microcomputer course with a minimum grade of "C" since 1992.
 - Successfully complete or proficiency CIS090 Introduction to Computers or equivalent.
- Keyboard Competency**
 - High school keyboarding course with a minimum grade of "C".
 - Successfully complete or proficiency OAS090, Keyboarding Basics or equivalent.
- Students will not be admitted to the program if a grade of less than "C" is received more than one time in any of the above courses.
- Acceptance into the program is based on completion of criteria and review by the Admissions Committee. Applicants will be notified by letter regarding their acceptance into the program. When more qualified applicants have applied than seats are available:
 - Consideration will be given to students having the greatest number of credit hours completed from the Associate Degree Nursing curriculum.
 - Priority will be given to students who have completed course work at NSCC.
 - Technical grade point average will be used to determine placement when criteria are equal.
- If taken prior to admission, the student must provide official documentation that knowledge of BIO231, BIO232, and BIO257 is seven (7) years old or less. If coursework is older than seven years, current knowledge may be demonstrated by taking a re-qualifying exam or by retaking the course.
- Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit: Nursing Acceptance deposit fee (\$100.00) to hold a seat in the assigned clinical.
- Prior to entry into the program the student must submit:
 - Completed health and immunization forms and verify current CPR with Red Cross (CPR/AED) or American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Provider.
 - Verification of current State-tested Nursing Assistant certification.
 - Criminal background check.
 - Drug Screen.
- Clinical agencies utilized by the nursing program may require a negative criminal background check and a negative drug screen. Although the College will make reasonable efforts to place admitted students in clinical experiences, it will be up to the host facility to determine whether a student will be allowed to be placed at that facility. A positive criminal background check or drug screen requires a conference with the Dean of Nursing to determine whether the student can continue in the clinical nursing program. Students with a positive background check or drug screen may be dismissed from the nursing program.
- This is a rigorous program. Full-time employment is not recommended during the clinical courses.
- Guidelines from the Center for Disease Control state that "health care workers who have exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis should refrain from all direct patient care until the condition resolves."

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10. The following physical requirements are necessary to safely and accurately carry out the nursing duties:
 - a. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
 - b. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
 - c. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.
 - d. Ability to prepare and administer medications.
 - e. Ability to transfer patients.
 - f. Ability to read medication labels and patient records.
 - g. Ability to take blood pressure and hear breath sounds through a stethoscope (special types are available).
 - h. Communicate English clearly enough for most patients to understand and understand the verbal communication of English speaking clients.
 - i. Clear written communication.
11. The State of Ohio requires criminal background checks for individuals providing care for children or the elderly. The College requires students to submit to a criminal background check at the beginning of the program prior to their first clinical experience. The College will make a determination of whether a student can be placed at an agency based on a list of disqualifying offense provided by the agency that the agency normally used to hire its employees. The agency's disqualifying criminal offense may be more restrictive than required by the law.
12. Anyone with a felony, misdemeanor, or a D.U.I. conviction will be required, after completing the nursing program, to attend a hearing before the Ohio State Board of Nursing to determine eligibility to sit for the National Licensure exam. Anyone who has been convicted of or pled guilty to aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery or aggravated burglary will not be eligible for licensure in Ohio.
13. Clinical component must be completed within four (4) years.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Integrate knowledge from physical, biological, behavioral and nursing sciences and general studies in providing comprehensive nursing care.
2. Integrate the nursing process to maintain, restore, and promote health of individuals, families, and groups of all ages in a variety of settings.
3. Incorporate principles and techniques of effective interpersonal relationships with clients, colleagues, and health team members.
4. Adapt nursing practice to reflect the worth and dignity of clients within the ethical-legal obligations of associate degree nursing.
5. Assume responsibility for continued learning and personal growth in nursing practice.
6. Accept accountability and responsibility to clients, to the nursing profession, and to society for own nursing practice.
7. Analyze the past, present and emerging roles of the associate degree nurse.
8. Apply concepts of leadership and management in utilizing human and material resources for nursing practice as an associate degree nurse.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse. Students who have prior misdemeanor, felony, or D.U.I. convictions may be denied access to clinical agencies and the opportunity to take the NCLEX-RN. State Law (Senate Bill 38 and Senate Bill 160) requires certain agencies providing care to children or adults age 60 or older to require a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) check of past misdemeanors and felonies. Job seekers are prohibited from holding such jobs if they have previously been convicted of (or pleaded guilty to) a variety of offenses.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.