

Division of Health Professions

Nursing

(Traditional Option - January or August Cohort)

An Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Nursing program prepares individuals to become registered nurses. The associate degree nurse is a generalist whose practice encompasses the interrelated roles of care provider, manager of care, and a member of the comprehensive healthcare team. Assessment, caring interventions, clinical decision making, collaboration, communication, managing care, professional behaviors, and teaching and learning characterize this role. The curriculum framework is derived from NLN's eight Core Competencies (2000), selected NLN Core Values (2010), and ANA's professional Standards (2015).

The Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

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NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Nursing program has specific admission criteria, and admission to Northeast State does not guarantee admission to this program. For consideration of admission into the Nursing program, students must possess a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 after completing a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework required for the Associate of Applied Science degree Nursing program or possess a minimum ACT score of 23 in each of the following areas: Math, Reading, Science, and English. Biological science courses previously taken must have been completed in the last 10 years.

TYPICAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

Semester I		
BIOL 2010	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology	3
*NRSRG 1710	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
Semester II		
BIOL 2020	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics	3
NRSRG 1120	Pharmacology I	1
NRSRG 1340	Mental Health Nursing	3
NRSRG 1620	Medical Surgical Nursing I	6
Semester III		
BIOL 2230	Introduction to Microbiology	4
COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication	3
NRSRG 1330	Pediatric Nursing	3
NRSRG 2130	Pharmacology II	1
NRSRG 2630	Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
Semester IV		
**Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
NRSRG 1320	Women's Health & the Childbearing Family	3
NRSRG 2140	Pharmacology III	1
NRSRG 2240	Professional Practice in Nursing	2
NRSRG 2640	Medical Surgical Nursing III	6
Total Credit Hours		66
***Total Clinic Hours Included in Program		450

* Must be accepted into the Nursing Program to register for any NRSRG courses.

** See online catalog for approved courses for General Education Humanities/Fine Arts elective.

*** A specific number of clinic hours may be required to qualify for NCLEX-RN. Students, who reside in Virginia, must complete Virginia Board of Nursing requirements in order to write for the NCLEX-RN which includes a minimum of 500 clock hours of direct client care supervised by qualified faculty. NRSRG 1210, Nursing Special Topics-Clinical, provides students with an additional 90 clock hours of clinical which fulfills this mandate. [18VAC90-27-100]

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A student desiring to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing must:

1. Submit the Northeast State Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records.
2. Indicate Associate of Applied Science degree program in Nursing as the desired program on the Northeast State application form.
3. Seek advisement from the student's assigned nursing advisor to establish a program plan of study.
4. Complete all courses required for the degree with a grade of "C" or higher.
5. Apply and be accepted to the Nursing Program.

TYPICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The associate of applied science degree in Nursing offers a lifetime of career opportunities. Employment in hospital settings, extended care facilities, public/community health, and ambulatory care are just a few career options available. Graduates may also choose nursing education within schools or community centers or enter a more specialized field such as physicians' offices or emergency departments.

Ten-Year Projected Job Increase Rate*

7.0% (2019-2029)¹

Average Salary*

\$56,680 (Salary)¹; \$27.78 (Hourly)¹;
\$56,083 (Salary)²; \$27.00 (Hourly)²

*Source:

1. The Bureau of Labor Statistics Report (2021)
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>
2. Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
<http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/wages/2014/tennessee.pdf>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Northeast State Community College's policy on nondiscrimination can be found at <https://apps.northeaststate.edu/ie/policymanual/pol.asp?p=254>.

Northeast State Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Questions about the accreditation of Northeast State may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).