



What is the Nursing Program?

HCC's Nursing Program is a Maryland State Board of Nursing approved program designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to function effectively in all areas of professional nursing. Graduates of the nursing program are eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Students must have a social security or tax ID number to sit for this exam.

Individuals who excel in this program have excellent critical thinking skills, great attention to detail, and display both compassion and confidence in their work.

How is the curriculum designed?

The curriculum is divided into several broad areas of study and consists of lecture, laboratory, and clinical experiences. Emphasis is on the use of the nursing process to meet the needs of individuals, family members, and the community. Courses in general education provide students with the scientific and social background to function as effective health care providers.

What is the employment outlook for this career?

Overall job opportunities for registered nurses are expected to be excellent. Registered nurses are projected to generate 371,500 new

jobs through 2028, among the largest of any occupation. Hundreds of thousands of job openings will result from the need to replace experienced nurses who leave the occupation or retire (source: www.bls.gov/ooh).

What do registered nurses earn?

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median wage for a registered nurse is \$71,730 per year. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$50,800, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$106,530.

Why should I choose HCC?

Nursing is a profession that is open to men and women with various career interests. HCC's Registered Nursing Program is accredited with the Maryland State Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

HCC prepares nurses to meet the challenges of today's health care industry and lay the foundation to rise to future challenges as new knowledge and technologies occur. Successful completion of the HCC Nursing Program enables the graduate to apply for the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse (RN).

This program of study is designated as a Health Manpower Shortage Program; therefore, some residents of Maryland enrolled in this program of study on the first day of the term may be eligible for in-county tuition rates for courses required for program completion.

Pre-Admission Requirement

Students must complete the nationally normed test for nursing students known as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS is a scholastic aptitude assessment in the areas of math, reading, English, and science. Students will not be considered for admission to the program until they achieve the required scores on the TEAS. Applicants should consult the HCC website at www.hagerstowncc.edu/teas for specific information about the TEAS, including score requirements. This requirement should be completed prior to submission of the *Supplemental Application*, but no later than the application deadline.

All pre-nursing students are required to attend a Nursing Preview Program prior

to the supplemental application deadline they are applying for. For more information and to register for the program, visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/academics/divisions/nursing/nursing-preview-program.

Admission Requirements

Admission to HCC does not guarantee admission to the Division of Nursing. The requirements below must be completed and submitted to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management by the application deadline (January 15 for fall entry or July 15 for spring entry).

- All students planning on applying to the Registered Nursing Program must attend a Nursing Program Preview before the Supplemental Application deadline. Students who are transferring in who have completed a nursing class at another accredited college are exempt from this orientation.
- Submit a completed program application known as the *Supplemental Application for the Nursing Program (RN)*
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended (Students taking classes at HCC do not need to submit an HCC transcript)
- Completion of any previously earned, required science credits within seven years prior to program admission
- BIO 203 must be completed or in progress at the time of application to the program
- A minimum cumulative grade point average for all college coursework of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum grade point average of 2.5 for all program courses is required
- A grade of "C" or higher is required for all general education requirements
- Foreign educated students must have their college and high school transcripts evaluated by World Education Services (WES)
- Submit official TEAS scores to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management
- Eligibility to enter college level math and English
- Submit official SAT scores to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management. SAT scores are valid for five years.

Program Requirements

Students practice selected procedures on each other in the college laboratory. All nursing students must receive:

1. A minimum overall grade of 75 percent in each nursing course.
2. A minimum exam grade average of 75 percent in each nursing course.
3. A minimum grade of 75% on 50% or more of the total exams for the course during the second year of the program (NUR-126, NUR-226, NUR-228, NUR-230, and NUR-231).
4. A minimum grade of 90 percent on a drug calculation exam each nursing course.
5. A mark of satisfactory for both the simulation laboratory and clinical experiences. Students who receive a final mark of unsatisfactory in the clinical laboratory or clinical experience, or fail the drug calculation exam, despite a passing theory grade, will not be permitted to progress in the nursing program and will receive a final grade of "F" for the course.
6. For students in the two-year pathway, a grade of "C" or better is required for all general education courses. A failure in a required general education course will stop progression in the nursing program until all required general education courses are successfully completed.
7. Upon completion of nursing coursework, students must achieve an adjusted individual score of 70 percent or higher on the ATI Comprehensive Predictor Exam. Students who do not achieve this score will be allowed to retake the exam after appropriate remediation until they achieve the required score.

Students who do not meet program or course standards that result in termination from the nursing program by the director of nursing are not eligible for readmission. This includes students who cannot meet safety standards, and students who violate the college's Honor Code and Standards of Conduct, the nursing program's Standards of Conduct, and the American Nurses' Association Code of Ethics for Nurses.

Are there any disqualifying crimes for this major?

There is no specific list of disqualifying crimes for this profession. However, any felony conviction or drug-related or violent misdemeanor makes it exceedingly difficult to work in this field. Criminal history of any kind will likely result in a delayed licensing process and extra paperwork. Students with a criminal history who do choose to pursue a career in this field will be best-served by a solid work history (post-conviction) and several professional and character references.

Additional Information

Additional information on associate to bachelor's programs and program requirements including selection criteria, final acceptance, criminal background checks, drug screening, readmission to the nursing program, and transferring from another college or nursing program can be found at www.hagerstowncc.edu/nursing.

A.S. Degree Nursing (Three-Year Pathway)

HCC's three-year nursing pathway allows students to earn the associate of science degree in nursing in three calendar years. These students finish the majority of general education requirements before enrolling in two years of nursing courses. Students on this pathway apply for entry into the nursing program after completing a minimum of 12 credits of coursework toward the degree and meeting other admission standards. Students in the three-year pathway may choose to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing within five years.

General Education Requirements 33 credits

Arts/Humanities
Select one Arts/Humanities course from approved General Education course list..... 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences
PSY 101 General Psychology..... 3
PSY 204 Developmental Psychology:
Lifespan Human Development..... 3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3

Biological/Physical Science
BIO 203 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ... 4
BIO 204 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .. 4
BIO 205 Microbiology 4

English
ENG 101 English Composition 3
**Minimum grade of "C" or better is required*
ENG 102 Composition and Literature..... 3

Mathematics
MAT 109 Introduction to Statistics..... 3

OR

Select one course from the approved General Education course list (3)

Nursing Course Sequence

Program Requirements 37 credits

First Year – Semester 1
NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing..... 9

First Year – Semester 2
NUR 127 Nursing Care of Children..... 4
NUR 229 Nursing Care of the Acute and
Chronically ill Adult I 4

Summer Semester
NUR 224 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice.. 2

Second Year – Semester 1
NUR 126 Nursing Care of Women and
Infants..... 4
NUR 226 Behavioral Health Nursing 4

Second Year – Semester 2
NUR 228 Contemporary Trends in
Nursing and Leadership 2
NUR 230 Nursing Care of the Acute and
Chronically ill Adult II 4

NUR 231 Nursing Care of the Acute and
Chronically ill Adult III 4

Degree Requirement..... 70

A.S. Degree Nursing (Two-Year Pathway)

HCC's two-year nursing pathway allows students to complete the associate of science in nursing in two calendar years by integrating general education requirements with nursing courses. It is a time-intensive program designed for full-time students who wish to enter the workforce more quickly or transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing in four years.

Suggested Course Sequence

Preclinical Semester I

BIO 203 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ... 4
Gen Ed Mathematics from approved General
Education course listing..... 3
ENG 101 English Composition 3
PSY 101 General Psychology..... 3

Semester I

NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing..... 9
PSY 204 Developmental Psychology:
Lifespan Human Development..... 3
BIO 204 Anatomy and Physiology II 4

Semester 2

NUR 127 Nursing Care of Children..... 4
NUR 229 Nursing Care of the Acute and
Chronically ill Adult I 4
BIO 205 Microbiology 4

Semester 3

NUR 126 Nursing Care of Women and Infants 4
NUR 226 Behavioral Health Nursing 4
NUR 224 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice.. 2
ENG 102 Composition and Literature..... 3
Gen Ed Arts & Humanities from approved
General Education course list 3

Semester 4

NUR 228 Contemporary Trends in Nursing and
Leadership..... 2
NUR 230 Nursing Care of the Acute and
Chronically ill Adult II 4
NUR 231 Nursing Care of the Acute and
Chronically ill Adult III 4
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3

Degree Requirement..... 70

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