

Contact Information

SSS - Student Support Specialist

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- Provides direct advising and counseling services to students enrolled in the two-year associate degree nursing program at HCC
- Advises in course selection, making educational plans, and assisting in potential career and transfer possibilities
- Offers counseling and case management services within the community college setting
- Interprets SAT, ACT, and Hagerstown Community College placement test results
- Works with baccalaureate colleges and universities to aid in student transition to BSN programs

LSS - Learning Support Specialists

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- Helps students to develop their academic skills
- Develops study groups, workshops, and skills practice opportunities
- Assists students with coordination of learning services

LSC - Learning Support Center

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- Open 7 days a week
- Helps students to succeed in general education as well as nursing courses
- Provides access to professional staff, drop-in tutoring, computers, printers, anatomical models, and workshops

Hours of Operation

Learning Support Center:
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday: 12 to 5 p.m.

Student Support Specialist:
Monday-Friday, By appointment

Learning Support Specialist:
Hours to be determined as needed



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Two-Year RN Program



*An accelerated nursing pathway to
ADN with easy transfer to BSN*

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This special two-year RN program is a grant-funded program designed to give high academic achievers the opportunity to begin the pursuit of an ADN degree, with the plan of transferring to BSN programs offered by four-year universities.



What are the benefits of BSN versus ADN degrees?

- Hospitals are moving toward Magnet Status, in which BSN prepared nurses are recruited over ADN prepared nurses
- With a BSN degree, nurses can advance into management positions

How long will it take to complete the ADN and the BSN degrees?

- The HCC ADN program can be completed in two years and requires students to complete nursing classes and program general education course requirements concurrently
- Advising support aids students in transitioning to BSN programs, that require two years, for a total of four active years to achieve the BSN degree

Who should pursue the two-year pathway?

- This program is a good fit for students who are able to take up to 16 credits a semester and who are academically prepared for a more rigorous course load. Included in the program are supports for students to be successful, as provided by the Student Support Specialist and Learning Support Specialist. Students also have access to an additional satellite lab to practice nursing skills.

How do I apply to the two-year pathway?

- Each year, there are two application deadlines (January 15 for the fall semester, July 15 for the spring semester.) 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 Registration by the application deadline.

- Must be eligible to take Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO-203) prior to the start of the nursing program
- Eligibility requirements to take BIO-203 are demonstrated by:
 - Passing the A&P Placement test or earning a 'C' or higher in BIO-119
 - CHM-101 or CHM-103 or high school chemistry within the past 5 years
 - Math and English placement testing
- MAT-100 must be in-progress, tested out of, or completed by application deadline
- ENG-100 must be in-progress, tested out of, or completed by application deadline
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Program GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Submit a completed program application known as the "Supplemental Application for the Nursing Program (RN) form"
- Submit official TEAS scores
- Submit official AP test scores, ACT, or SAT scores
- Official college transcripts from all colleges attended
- Foreign educated students must have their college transcripts evaluated by the World Education Services (WES) or AACRAO International Education Services (IES)

What is required of participants in this program?

- Meet with Student Support Specialist monthly
- Utilize Learning Support Services weekly
- Complete two workshops in the LSC each semester they are offered

What resources are available to students participating in this program?

- A designated Student Support Specialist (SSS) for primary advising and counseling
- A designated Learning Support Specialist (LSS) for coordination of tutoring for all courses including general education and nursing courses
- A designated learning space in the LSC including a satellite simulation lab and available texts for use in the LSC

What are the benefits of participating in this program?

- Save money with low tuition and high quality education before transferring to a BSN program
- Complete BSN degree on a similar timeline as a four-year institution at a great amount of savings
- Heighten skills in the Satellite Simulation Lab
- Lighten your work load through one-on-one tutors, group tutoring, anatomical models, skills lab, and on-hand resource texts
- Participate in workshops tailored to student needs such as Introduction to Care Plans, Overcoming Nursing Exam Challenges, and Nursing Assessment Skills
- Gain knowledge in study groups by creating and fostering a positive learning environment with peers
- Organize notes and study plans

What is the Satellite Simulation Lab?

- A designated space equipped with a moderate fidelity manikin to practice skills
- Access to nursing support tutors for group study or one-on-one tutoring
- On-site coordination with Learning Support Staff including English, math, and science supports
- The lab is currently located in the LSC, in the third group study room, 121C