Registered Nursing

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.

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

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- A.S. Degree, Nursing (Registered Nurse)

CAREER OUTLOOK

MEDIAN SALARY

$75K
for
registered nurses

EMPLOYMENT

3M jobs in U.S.
7% growth in next ten years

Demand for healthcare services will increase because of the aging population, given that older people typically have more medical problems than younger people. Nurses also will be needed to educate and care for patients with chronic conditions, such as arthritis, dementia, diabetes, and obesity.

(source: www.bls.gov/ooh)

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 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% in each of the first year nursing courses (NUR 105, NUR 127, NUR 224, NUR 229). A mini-

mum overall grade of 77% in each of the second year nursing courses (NUR 126, NUR 226, NUR 228, NUR 230, NUR 231). Two final course grades below a 75% in the first year of the program and/or below a 77% in the second year of the program means a dismissal from the Nursing program and the student cannot continue or reapply to the RN program.

2. A minimum exam grade of 75% in each of the first year nursing courses (NUR 105, NUR 127, NUR 224, NUR 229). A minimum exam grade of 77% in each of the second year nursing courses (NUR 126, NUR 226, NUR 228, NUR 230, NUR 231).

3. A minimum grade of 77% 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, 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 1
   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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