

NURSING

Associate of Applied Science Degree

MEC

Purpose: The program in Nursing is designed to prepare students to participate as contributing members of the health team, rendering direct care to patients in a variety of health care facilities and agencies. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students will be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) leading to state licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) and are qualified to assume registered nurse positions in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices, HMOs, and other community-based settings.

Transfer Information: Although transfer is not the primary purpose of an A.A.S. program, NVCC has articulation agreements that facilitate the transfer of this and other career-oriented programs to selected senior institutions. Students interested in transfer should contact a counselor or their faculty advisor early in their program.

Students must comply with all General Admission Requirements for Allied Health Programs. (See page 127.)

Additional Admission Requirements:

1. Attend a Nursing information session.
2. Meet prerequisites for admission to Nursing.
 - a. Hold a high school diploma or GED.
 - b. Have completed one unit of high school level algebra and two units of science (1 unit of biology and 1 unit of chemistry) with a grade of C or better.
 - c. Qualify for MTH 151 through acceptable scores on the college Math placement test.
 - d. Complete NAS 161 and 162 with a C or better. (NAS 161 and 162 or any transferred courses used to satisfy this requirement must have been completed within 10 years by verification of the check list.)
 - e. Complete ENG 111 and SDV 101 or SDV Elective.
 - f. Complete the computer competency requirement either by taking the Computer Competency Test or taking an *approved* computer course. See "Computer Usage" College Catalog, page 54.
 - g. 2.5 curricular GPA.
3. Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Pre-Admission Examination and achieve a 45% composite score. Remedial assistance is available through courses and/or the learning resource center for students who do not achieve acceptable scores. Students can take the test three times only.
4. **For the class starting the nursing program in fall 2008, the admission process will be competitive. Look for the new information on the Nursing web site at www.nvcc.edu/medical/health/nursing detailing deadlines for application.**
5. Complete Basic Life Support Provider CPR prior to registering for a nursing course.
6. Submit a completed Health Examination/Physical Form with all required immunizations prior to the beginning nursing classes.

Special Program Requirements: Once enrolled in the nursing program all students must maintain a "C" grade (78 or higher) to continue in the program. This includes both lecture and clinical components. First year students must complete HLT 141 no later than fall semester and HLT 250 must be taken no later than spring semester, as co-requisites to NUR 111 and 118 respectively.

Licensure Requirements: The Virginia State Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny licensure to any candidate who has been convicted of a crime or any offense relating to the abuse of alcohol and/or use or sale of controlled

substances in Virginia or any other state. Any applicant to the Nursing program who has been found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony must consult with the Assistant Dean of Nursing prior to placement into the Nursing program.

Re-Admission: Students who leave the Nursing program and wish to be re-admitted must meet the requirements for initial admission into the program. Any developmental studies that were prescribed at the time the student left the program must have been satisfactorily completed. Students wishing to be re-admitted to the NVCC Nursing program will be required to satisfactorily complete NUR 116, Skill Competency Assessment. Readmission is based on space availability.

Transfer and Advanced Placement: Nursing credits earned at other institutions are reviewed by the assistant dean to determine if the courses in question apply to the curriculum and/or if substitutions may be made within the curriculum. Students who transfer to NVCC with prior nursing courses will be required to satisfactorily complete NUR 116, Skill Competency Assessment.

Advanced placement is available for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) wishing to enter the Nursing program with advanced standing. LPNs must attend an LPN-RN Information Session for detailed information.

LPN to RN Transition Program: The transition course is designed to acknowledge the previously acquired skills of the LPN and begin the development of professional nursing skills. Upon successful completion of the transition course, NUR 115 LPN to RN Transition (4 cr.), the LPN is awarded advanced placement standing into the second year class.

The interested applicant should attend a Nursing Information Session and apply to the College. The LPN must meet all prerequisite and co-requisite requirements as do the generic nursing students to fulfill the A.A.S. degree requirements. The LPN *is exempt*, however, from taking the TEAS entrance exam, and is not required to have high school Biology, as a prerequisite.

Special Accreditation Status: The Nursing program is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. Tel. (212) 363-5555 or (800) 669-1656 Ext. 153.

Prerequisites:

		Credits
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
NAS	161 Health Science I	4
NAS	162 Health Science II	4
SDV	101 Orientation to Health Care	<u>1</u>
	Total Credits	12

Two Years

1st Semester

		Credits
HLT	141 Intro. to Medical Terminology	1
NUR	111 Nursing I	8
NUR	150 Community-Based Nursing in a Multicultural Environment	3
PSY	201 Intro. to Psychology I	<u>3</u>
	Total	15

2nd Semester

HLT	250 General Pharmacology	3
NUR	118 First Level Nursing II	8
PSY	202 Intro. to Psychology II	<u>3</u>
	Total	14

3rd Semester

NUR	216 Integrated Concepts II	9
SPD	229 Intercultural Communication OR SPD 110, or SPD 115 or SPD 126	3
¹ ____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	15

4th Semester

NUR	217 Integrated Concepts III	9
NUR	254 Nursing Dimensions	1
NUR	255 Nursing Organization & Mgt.	<u>3</u>
	Total	13

Total credits for the A.A.S. Degree in Nursing = 69 (includes 12 prerequisites credits).

¹ The humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from list on page 54. Elective should be selected with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of the transfer institution.