

Northern Virginia Community College 2009-2010 Catalog
Medical Education - Allied Health and Nursing Curricula

NURSING

Associate of Applied Science Degree

MEC

Purpose: There are four ways to complete the Nursing program tracks: (1) the traditional, four-semester program with no classes in the summer; (2) accelerated, four consecutive semester program with classes held in the summer; (3) online, four consecutive semester program with the didactic portion of courses online; and (4) Momentum 2 + 1, a six consecutive semester program at NOVA that prepares students to transfer to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at George Mason University. Complete information regarding each of these program tracks can be found at www.nvcc.edu/medical/health/nursing. 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 take 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: Transfer is *not* the primary purpose of an A.A.S. program, but NOVA 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.

Admission Requirements:

Students must:

- Comply with all General Admission Requirements for the Nursing Program.
- Attend a Nursing Information Session on-line.
- Meet prerequisites for admission to Nursing. The Nursing program admission process is competitive.
 - Hold a high school diploma or GED.
 - 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.
 - Qualify for MTH 151 through acceptable scores on the college Math placement test. This requirement must be met prior to the student sitting for the Nursing Pre-Admission Test.
 - Complete NAS 161 and 162 with a "C" or higher. (NAS 161 and 162 or any transferred courses used to satisfy this requirement must have been completed within 10 years by verification of the checklist.)
 - Complete ENG 111 and SDV 101 (Orientation to Healthcare) or SDV elective.
 - **Achieve a satisfactory score on the computer competency test or have passed HIM 130, AST 232, AST 236, BUS 226, CSC 110 or ITE 115.**
 - Have minimum 2.5 curricular GPA.
- Successfully complete the Nursing Pre-Admission Test. Students may take the test three times only,
- Look for the competitive admission and deadlines for applications on the Nursing web site at <http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/health/nursing/index.htm>.
- Complete Basic Life Support Provider CPR prior to registering for a nursing course.
- Submit a completed Health Examination/Physical Form with all required immunizations prior to beginning nursing classes.

Special Notation for Admission: The State of Virginia may prohibit anyone from sitting for the Nursing Licensing Examination who has been convicted of a felony or of crime(s) involving theft, drug offenses or physical harm to another, therefore NOVA will not consider persons convicted of the above offenses for admission to the NOVA nursing program.

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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.

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 the first semester and HLT 250 must be taken no later than the second semester, as co-requisites to NUR 111, 180 and 201 respectively.

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.

LPN to RN Transition: The transition courses are designed to acknowledge the previously acquired skills of the LPN and begin the development of professional nursing skills. LPN to RN applicants must successfully complete NUR 115 (3 credits) and NUR 116 (1 credit). LPNs licensed in Virginia who are admitted to NOVA’s nursing program and who successfully complete NUR 115 LPN Transition and NUR 116 Selected Nursing Concepts will be granted credit for NUR 111 Nursing I (8 cr.).

NUR 115 and 116 are designed to bridge the gap between LPN training and the first semester of the nursing program. A grade of “C” or better is required in these courses.

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 NOVA Nursing program will be required to take NUR 116, Skill Competency Assessment, prior to every re-admission. 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 NOVA 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 apply to the college and attend an LPN-RN Information Session online for detailed information. The LPN must meet all prerequisite and co-requisite requirements as do the generic nursing students to fulfill the A.A.S. degree requirements.

| 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 | | 12 |

| Two Years | | Credits |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| 1st Semester | | |
| HLT | 141 Introduction to Medical Terminology | 1 |
| NUR | 111 Nursing I | 8 |
| NUR | 150 Community-Based Nursing in a Multicultural Environment | 3 |
| PSY | 201 Introduction to Psychology I | <u>3</u> |
| Total | | 15 |

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NURSING A.A.S**2nd Semester**

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| HLT | 250 General Pharmacology | 3 |
| NUR | 180 Essentials of Maternal/Newborn Nursing | 4 |
| NUR | 201 Psychiatric Nursing | 4 |
| PSY | 202 Introduction to Psychology II | <u>3</u> |
| | Total | 14 |

3rd Semester

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| CST | 229 Intercultural Communication or ST 110, or CST 115 or CST 126 | 3 |
| ¹ ____ | Humanities/Fine Arts Elective | 3 |
| NUR | 221 Second Level Nursing Principles & Concepts I | <u>9</u> |
| | Total | 15 |

4th Semester

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| NUR | 222 Second Level Nursing Principles & Concepts II | 9 |
| NUR | 254 Nursing Dimensions | 1 |
| NUR | 255 Nursing Organization & Management | <u>3</u> |
| | Total | 13 |

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

¹ Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives. Elective should be selected with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet graduation requirements.