

NURSING



Associate of Applied Science Degree 10-543-1

Nursing is the dynamic interpersonal goal-directed process that seeks to promote optimal health within the context of individuals, family, community and society. The concept of caring, which is central to nursing, is communicated through both attitude and action. Nursing uses the nursing process, a problem solving approach to provide holistic care to individuals, families, and groups within the health care system. Nurses assess health and make clinical decisions to provide safe and effective nursing care according to standards of practice within the legal, ethical and regulatory frameworks. Nursing practice is based on its own body of knowledge. Through collaboration with other health care professionals, nursing is responsive to the needs of the community across the health-illness continuum. The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares nurses to function with the knowledge, skill and judgment of beginning staff nurses in a variety of health care settings.

The Associate Degree Program is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). For more information about this accreditation contact:

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Graduates are eligible to apply to the Wisconsin Board of Nursing to take the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse. State Administrative Code rules state that a graduate may have difficulty obtaining a license with an arrest or conviction record that is substantially related to nursing practice. The Coordinator of the program is available to discuss concerns in this area.

Students may apply for testing for licensure as L.P.N. (Licensed Practical Nurse) after successfully completing all courses through the second semester. L.P.N.'s entering into the ADN program may receive credit for past clinical education based on their current knowledge, skills and judgment. In order to help L.P.N.'s be program ready, they will need to take the Nursing Bridge course before entering third semester. Re-entry, transfer, and LPN students must contact the counseling office for information about entry to the nursing program. Acceptance to the program will be based upon space availability and approval of the nursing faculty.

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Integrate professional nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing standards.
- Communicate comprehensive information using multiple sources in nursing practice.
- Integrate theoretical knowledge to support decision making.
- Integrate the nursing process into client care across diverse populations.
- Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care.

Graduates may work as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse in a variety of settings including acute care, long term care, or some community settings.

View the entire course listing (<http://catalog.blackhawk.edu/courses/>).

Courses Taken Prior to Program Entry		Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	1-3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	1-4

809-198	Introduction to Psychology	1-3
Credits		3-10
Semester 1		
543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	1-2
543-102	Nursing Skills	1-3
543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	1-2
543-104	Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice	1-2
809-188	Developmental Psychology	1-3
Credits		5-12
Semester 2		
543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	1-3
543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	1-3
543-107	Nsg: Clin Care Across Lifespan	1-2
543-108	Intro Clinical Care Management	1-2
806-179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	1-4
801-198	Speech	1-3
Credits		6-17
Semester 3		
543-109	Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 1	1-3
543-110	Mental Health Community Concepts	1-2
543-111	Nsg: Intermed Clin Practice	1-3
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	0.5-1
806-197	Microbiology	4
Credits		7.5-13
Semester 4		
543-113	Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 2	1-3
543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	1-2
543-115	Nsg: Adv Clinical Practice	1-3
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	1-2
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	1-3
Credits		5-13
Total Credits		26.5-65

- Basic Nursing Assistant must be completed within five (5) years. Consideration will be given for those who are or have been employed as a Nurse Assistant. Approval for completion of requirement is given on a case-by-case basis for nursing assistant experience.
- Chemistry – one year of high school chemistry with lab OR one semester of college chemistry. Acceptable BTC Courses include: Prep for Basic Chemistry (836-133), Chemistry Prep (856-787), General Chemistry (806-134), General, Organic, and Biochemistry (806-199), OR Intro to Biochemistry (806-186)

General Education Courses Within Program

Code	Title	Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	3
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
801-198	Speech	3
806-179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3

Required Courses – completed with a grade of “C” or better:

- English Composition 1 (801-136)
- General Anatomy & Physiology (806-177)
- Introduction to Psychology (809-198)