

Health Careers Registered Nursing

Nursing

Associate in Applied Science Degree

(430A) major code

The nursing program prepares individuals to function as staff nurses in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, and offices. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination (NCLEX-RN) which leads to licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN). The program is accredited by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

General Education Courses

m	BIO	250	Microbiology	4
m	BIO	270	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
m	BIO	272	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
m	COM	100	Fund. of Speech Communication	3
m	ENG	101	First-Year Composition I	3
m	ENG	102	First-Year Composition II	3
m	PSY	100	Introduction to Psychology	3
m	PSY	205	Life-Span Psychology.....	3
			American Heart Association Health Care Provider (CPR) Certificate	0
			TOTAL	27

Nursing Courses

(Each are eight weeks long.)

m	NUR	105	Introduction to Healthcare +	5
m	NUR	106	Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology for Nurses +.....	1
m	NUR	120	Basic Concepts of Nursing +	5
m	NUR	150	Medical-Surgical Nursing I +	5
m	NUR	175	Psychiatric Nursing +.....	5
m	NUR	205	Medical-Surgical Nursing II +	5
m	NUR	220	Maternity and Gynecologic Nursing +	5
m	NUR	250	Medical-Surgical Nursing III +	5
m	NUR	275	Medical-Surgical Nursing IV +	5
			TOTAL	41

TOTAL SEM HRS FOR DEGREE68

NOTE: Students enrolled in the clinical portion of the nursing program for the full 16-week semester are considered full-time students. However, student financial aid awards are based on the actual number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled.

- m *Major course requires a minimum grade of C.*
- + *Program admission required for enrollment.*

Job Title

- Registered Professional Nurse (RN)

About the Occupation

Nurses use acquired skills, scientific knowledge and nursing expertise to assess, prioritize actions and assist the client to meet physical and psychological needs. State licensure requirements determine the scope of the nurse's responsibilities. Nurses assess and record clients' symptoms and response to treatment, administer medications, assist in convalescence and rehabilitation, instruct clients and families in proper care, and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain health. Career advancement for experienced nurses with further education may be directed toward nursing management, advanced practice nursing or nursing education.

Highlights of Waubonsee's Program

- For the 2006-07 academic year, 98% of Waubonsee's nursing graduates passed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination (NCLEX-RN); this rate is 10 percentage points higher than the national average.

Professional Certification Opportunities

- *Registered Professional Nurse (RN)* — Graduates are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination (NCLEX-RN).



Procedure for Entering the Nursing Program

Students seeking admission to the nursing program are required to:

1. Submit a completed New Student Information Form to Registration and Records.
2. Meet with Counseling and Advising to establish a schedule for taking prerequisite courses.
3. Obtain specific admission information by contacting the Health Care Programs Office (see directory).
4. Take the required Nurse Entrance Test (NET) and Nelson-Denny (ND) assessment test. Recommended testing time is when the student is in his/her last required nursing prerequisite course.
 - Contact the Center for Learning Assessment (see directory) to make an appointment for testing.
 - Acceptance into the program is based on assessment results, with documentation of reading and math skills of 51% for the NET and reading skills at the 12th grade level for the ND.
 - A student has two (2) opportunities to successfully meet assessment requirements. Eight weeks must elapse between testing sessions.
 - Guidance is provided by the Learning Enhancement Center and the Center for Learning Assessment for students who do not meet these entry requirements.
 - Note: Test scores are only valid for 24 months.
5. Complete and submit the nursing application required for entry into the program, along with a program application fee of \$10 (check or money order made out to Waubonsee Community College). The application is available from the offices of Registration and Records, Counseling, and Health Care Programs, or on the Internet at www.waubonsee.edu. Application to the program must be made prior to the deadline for the semester the student desires to enter:
 - March 15 for fall enrollment (August/October)
 - September 15 for spring enrollment (January/March)
 Enrollment is limited in the nursing (NUR) courses in order to provide the best possible educational experience for students. (*Note: Selection for admission into the program for either August/October or January/March will be determined by the Admissions Committee. Applicants should anticipate acceptance for either start date for fall or spring semesters.*)
6. Attain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher for prerequisite courses.
7. Complete science courses within five years of application filing deadline. Science courses taken prior to five years must be retaken. **There are no exceptions.**
8. Understand that all of the following documentation **must be submitted** in order to be considered for acceptance into the program:
 - New Student Information Form;
 - nursing program application;
 - successful completion of prerequisite courses or test results from any proficiency examinations (CLEP);
 - nursing assessment entrance testing;
 - transcripts from high school and other colleges/universities.

9. Once accepted into the program, the student must:
 - follow the program sequence for all NUR courses;
 - attain a 2.0 (C) or better GPA in each of the nursing courses;
 - submit documentation of a physical and dental examination, current immunizations, and a 2-step tuberculosis (TB) test;
 - attend the mandatory new student orientation to the nursing program.
10. Official written notification of acceptance into the program will be received via certified mail. Students not accepted must reapply.
11. In compliance with the Illinois Community College Act, in-district applicants will be given preference over out-of-district applicants. Proof of residency may be required. Contact Registration and Records for information regarding residency.

NOTE: Applicants who lack basic, beginning keyboarding and Windows navigation skills are encouraged to take an introductory computer course before starting the nursing course sequence. To maximize success, students may take NUR 100 prior to entry into the program.

Advanced Placement

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) may be eligible for advanced placement into the program, as well as students transferring from another nursing program. Applications will be reviewed on an individual basis. Contact the Health Care Programs Office (see directory).

Program Costs

In addition to tuition and regular fees, the registered nursing student has the following minimum fees and expenses:

Textbooks for NUR classes (excludes general education courses).....	\$850
BLS certification	\$45
Uniform/shoes	\$105
Nursing supplies (e.g. watch, stethoscope)	\$175
NCLEX-RN licensure exam fee	\$264
State of Illinois criminal background check fee	\$50
Physical examination, immunizations, TB testing.....	per health care provider

Total Estimated Costs

(excluding medical requirements):\$1490

In addition, students are responsible for personal transportation to required clinical experiences.

NOTE: These fees and expenses are *approximate costs* and are subject to change without prior notice to the student.



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