

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2007
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Curriculum Program Title

Associate Degree Nursing (Integrated)

Code

A45100

Concentration

(not applicable)

Curriculum Description

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings.

Courses will include content related to the nurse's role as provider of nursing care, as manager of care, as member of the discipline of nursing, and as a member of the interdisciplinary team.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community agencies.

*Curriculum Requirements**

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. (*See second page for additional information.*)
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

| | AAS | Diploma | Certificate |
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| Minimum General Education Hours | 15 | 6 | 0 |
| Minimum Major Hours | 49 | 30 | 12 |
| Other Required Hours | 0-7 | 0-4 | 0-1 |
| Total Semester Hours Credit in Program | 64-76 | 36-48 | 12-18 |

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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| Minimum Major Hours Required | 49 SHC | 30 SHC | 12 SHC |
| A. CORE Required Courses: NUR 110 Nursing I 8 SHC NUR 120 Nursing II 8 SHC NUR 130 Nursing III 7 SHC Required Subject Areas: Generic/ LPN Completion Generic NUR 210 Nursing IV 10 SHC & NUR 220 Nursing V 10 SHC <i>or</i> LPN Completion NUR 222 LPN to AD Nursing I 8 SHC & NUR 224 LPN to AD Nursing II 9 SHC | 40 - 44 SHC | NR | |
| B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>) | | | |
| C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> BIO, CIS, COE, CSC, HEA, HSC, NUR, PSY, and SOC <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i> | | | |