

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2010
[2010*03]

Curriculum Program Title	Associate Degree Nursing	Program Code	A45110
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	51.3801

Curriculum Description

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- 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. *Refer to the numbered memo CC15-009 regarding specific general education courses to be in compliance with block one of the Uniform Articulation Agreement between the RN to BSN Programs and the NCCCS Associate Degree Nursing Programs.*

- II. **Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning 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
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 (SHC)	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-based learning 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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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE	43-46 SHC	NR	NR
Required Courses: NUR 111 Intro to Health Concepts 8 SHC NUR 112 Health-Illness Concepts 5 SHC NUR 113 Family Health Concepts 5 SHC NUR 114 Holistic Health Concepts 5 SHC NUR 211 Health Care Concepts 5 SHC Required Subject Area: Generic/LPN Completion: (Choose one of the following sets) Generic NUR 212 Health System Concepts 5 SHC NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts 10 SHC or LPN Completion NUR 221 LPN to ADN Concepts I 9 SHC NUR 223 LPN to ADN Concepts II 9 SHC			
B. CONCENTRATION <i>(Not applicable)</i>			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> BIO, BUS, CHM, CIS, COM, CSC, HEA, HSC, MAT, NUR, PED, PSY, SOC, and WBL <i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i> <i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.</i>			