The Associate Degree Nursing program is designed for qualified men and women interested in providing patient care as members of the health team. The curriculum is a blend of general education, nursing courses and applied education courses providing the graduate with the skills necessary to effectively serve patients and their families.

Various community health care settings are utilized for students to apply the nursing process in identifying and meeting needs of patients. A nursing laboratory and a simulation laboratory contain equipment for practicing skills and provide settings for independent study as well as instructor-supervised study. Graduates of the program receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree and are eligible to take the national licensing examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse.

Upon licensure, the RN is able to work in acute care, long-term care and community health care agencies to apply competent nursing care that is patient-centered. The RN will be able to provide collaborative evidence-based care through principles of quality and safety and informatics.

The program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Ste. 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.

Mission Statement

The Associate Degree Nursing Education Program serves to change lives, build futures, and improve communities by providing an opportunity for students with diverse learning needs to obtain an affordable, quality entry-level professional nursing education, and thereby, meet the community’s need for nurses.

Additional Information

Due to limited clinical practice opportunities, students will be assigned to day or evening or weekend clinical experiences in the Nursing Programs (Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), Practical Nursing (PN), LPN to ADN Transition). Specific qualification information for each nursing program is found within the program sections. Any questions pertaining to these criteria should be directed to the Office of Advising and Counseling or to the Nursing Department.

Some students may choose to extend their course of study beyond the recommended plan due to academic deficiencies, employment commitments, or personal choice. If a student chooses to extend their course of study, it is the student’s responsibility to notify the Nursing Department.

Admission or Reentry for Clinical Placement

Students submitting an application for admission or reentry into a clinical course will be reviewed and a decision made by the Assistant Dean of Health Sciences/Nursing or designee based on space-availability and the following criteria:

1. Rhodes State College students in good standing will be ranked by GPA and may be granted permission to register into the appropriate Nursing course.
2. Transfer students in good standing.
3. Admission or reentry may or may not be granted based on application review.
4. Basic science courses must be completed within the previous five-years (some exceptions may apply).
5. Students who are out one year or more from a Nursing Clinical course are evaluated on an individual basis to ensure competency in previous coursework. Contact the Nursing Department for additional information.

Availability of space for the above applicants will not be known until grades have been reported for the term immediately preceding the desired term of admission or reentry. Applicants will be notified of placement in time to register.

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 4723 and rule 4723-5-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code, students who reenter or are readmitted to an Ohio school of nursing must “meet the curriculum requirements effective at the time of readmission.”

Associate Degree Program Completion

The student is expected to complete the clinical nursing coursework within five years of beginning the first semester of the nursing clinical program.

Tech Prep Partner

See here for details.

Nursing

Associate of Applied Science
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Acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Major

1. All students who apply for acceptance to the ADN program must meet the "Acceptance Requirements", which are stated in the College catalog. Upon receipt of an application for admission, the advisor in the Office of Advising and Counseling will review the application with the student to verify that admission criteria have been met. In the event that two or more students qualify on the same day, the student’s cumulative GPA and date of application to the College is used to rank the students.

   a. All students seeking acceptance into the ADN program must be remediation-free to qualify for acceptance.

   b. Students who did not score at or above remediation-free levels on the placement test, or did not meet the high school criteria (if applicable), may qualify for acceptance to the ADN program by successfully completing the respective developmental course(s).

   c. If the student must complete developmental courses, he/she must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher to be eligible to apply for entrance into the ADN program. Developmental education courses do not count toward graduation.

   d. Students must be 18 years or older prior to entering the first clinical nursing course.

2. Acceptance into the first ADN program clinical course may occur in fall or spring semester. Students are notified of acceptance prior to the beginning of the semester. The program will continue to accept students until all seats are filled or the first day of classes whichever occurs first.

3. Two seats in either fall or spring will be designated for Tech Prep and/or College Credit Plus students who have met the minimum qualifying criteria by June 30 and who have graduated from a Tech Prep program during May or June of that same year. Tech Prep students will be listed on the qualified list in the order in which they met all qualifying criteria, using the date on which documentation was received, verifying that all criteria have been met. In the event that two or more Tech Prep students qualify on the same day, the date of application to the college will be used to rank the students. Tech Prep designated seats may rollover to the next term if no qualified Tech Prep students are available. These two seats will then be filled by Tech Prep designated students, as they are listed on the qualification list, irrespective of high school graduation date. Remaining seats will be given to students as they are listed in numerical order on the program’s qualified list. Up to 25 or more seats may be competitively awarded through an Accelerated Clinical Entry (ACE) opportunity.

4. If a student has been convicted of a felony and/or a misdemeanor, he/she may not be able to participate in clinical education experiences at some hospitals or other clinical sites, therefore, preventing the student from completing the program. A criminal conviction or guilty plea may also prevent the student from obtaining a license or certificate in his/her chosen healthcare profession.

5. To meet the expanding requirements of our clinical affiliates, students with objections/refusal to receive required immunizations or have convictions of certain felonies, misdemeanors, or drug-related offenses will be ineligible for admission into clinical experiences and may be dismissed from the program. Positive drug screens will result in dismissal from all clinical courses. Any student who refuses/fails to cooperate, or complete any required drug screen will be considered “positive” and will be dismissed from the program. All students may be subject to random drug screens throughout the program.
Acceptance Requirements

Applicants must meet "Acceptance Requirement Criteria" before being accepted into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. Students are required to submit a completed nursing application to the Office of Advising and Counseling. The applicant and an advisor from the advising office will review the application and verify that "Acceptance Requirement Criteria" are met. In the event that two or more students qualify on the same day, the date of application to the college is used to rank order these students. Applicants who do not meet the qualification requirements should meet with an advisor in the Office of Advising and Counseling to plan a course of study. Also, all applicants must meet the Nursing Technical Standards.

Criteria

1. General College requirements (see General Admissions Procedures.)
2. Attend mandatory Nursing Program Student Orientation.
3. Graduation from high school or equivalent.
4. Must be remediation free in math, English, reading, and science.
5. College cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
6. Certificate of completion of state-approved nurse aide training course.
7. Declaration of Nursing as the major course of study.

Additional Requirements After Entry into the First Clinical Nursing Course

1. Evidence of sufficient physical and mental health to engage in the practice of nursing.
2. Current American Heart Association or equivalent certification in CPR.
3. Completed health and immunization form.
4. Criminal background check.
5. Drug screening prior to second clinical nursing course.