

NURSING

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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, basic education/ applied education, and nursing technical courses providing graduates with the skills necessary to competently and safely care for patients and their families.

Various community healthcare settings are utilized for students to apply the nursing process in identifying and meeting the 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 healthcare agencies to apply competent patient-centered nursing care. The RN will be able to provide collaborative evidence-based care through principles of quality and safety and informatics.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN), 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, (614) 466-3947, <https://nursing.ohio.gov/>; or email: Education@Nursing.Ohio.gov, and continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), Inc., 3390 Peachtree Road, NE, Ste. 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000; email: info@acenursing.org; website: <http://www.acenursing.org>.

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.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, the student will be able to:

1. Prioritizes factors to promote patient-centered care.
2. Evaluates the interprofessional teamwork approach in achieving quality patient care.
3. Synthesizes Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) while providing patient care.
4. Critiques interventions to promote quality and safety in patient care.
5. Adapts the tools of technology to communicate effectively, manage knowledge, mitigate error and support decision making.

Additional Information

Students will be assigned to day or evening or weekend clinical experiences in the Nursing Programs (Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and 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 Nursing office.

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 office.

Admission or Reentry for Clinical Placement

Students seeking admission or reentry into a nursing clinical course will be reviewed and a decision made by the Program Administrator (or designee) and faculty based on space availability and the following criteria (see the Associate Degree Nursing Admission Requirements for detailed admission criteria):

1. Rhodes State College students in good standing and those who meet admission or reentry requirements for the nursing program may be permitted to register for the appropriate Nursing course.
2. Transfer students in good standing and those who meet admission requirements may be permitted to register for the appropriate Nursing course.
3. Admission or reentry may or may not be granted based upon review of qualifying data, including GPA requirements.
4. Science courses must be completed within the previous five years (exceptions may be granted by the Program Administrator and will require additional information and documentation).
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 office for additional information.

The availability of space will not be known until grades have been reported for the term immediately preceding the desired term of re-entry. Students will be notified of placement in time to register if space is available.

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 three years of beginning the first semester of the nursing clinical program.

Technical Standards

See here for details.

Tech Prep Partner

See here for details.

“C” grade policy

- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required for graduation.
- A grade of “C” or higher must be achieved in all courses carrying the specific program prefix such as DHY, EMS, MAT, NSG, OTA, PNS, PTA, RAD, RES and SRG.
- All programs and certificates require a grade of “C” (2.0) or better in required science courses and in required basic/related health science (BHS) courses as well as in selected general education and basic/related science courses (see program requirements).

All of the following required coursework needs to have been completed within five years of matriculation into a Health Sciences program or certificate. The five year limit may be waived by the Program Chair or Coordinator if the applicant is currently working in a healthcare field.

Code	Title	Hours
BIO 1000	Basic Human Structure and Function	3
BIO 1110	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 1120	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 1400	Microbiology	4
BHS 1390	Medical Terminology	2
BHS 2110	Growth and Development: Lifespan	2
CHM 1120	Introductory Organic and Biochemistry	4
DTN 1220	Principles of Nutrition	2
NSG 1721	Pharmacology for Nursing	2

Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening

To meet the expanding requirements of our clinical affiliates, both a criminal background check and a drug screen will be mandatory prior to clinical experiences for most students within the Division of Health Sciences and Public Service. Some program exceptions may apply.

You are at risk if you have been convicted of a prior felony and/or some misdemeanors. Students with certain felony, misdemeanor, or drug-related convictions will be ineligible for admission into clinical experiences. A criminal record may also prevent you from obtaining a license or certificate in your chosen healthcare profession or to obtain employment post-graduation. Students admitted to a program containing off-campus clinical/practicum experiences will be required to submit to drug screening. Positive drug screenings may result in dismissal from all clinical courses. Any student who refuses/fails to cooperate or complete any required drug screening will be considered “positive” and dismissed from the clinical component of their program. All students requiring drug screening may be subject to random drug screens and for cause during the program.

Recommended High School Coursework

Students are encouraged to complete college prep classes in high school. Although not required, the courses provide a better understanding of college-level work. Recommended college prep courses include:

English: 4 units

Math: 4 units

Natural Science: 3 units

Social Science: 3 units


Health Insurance

The Division of Health Sciences and Public Service is committed to protecting students, faculty, and patients from infectious diseases during clinical practice and taking every reasonable precaution to provide a safe educational and work environment. All new students entering the health-related programs will be informed of the risks of blood-borne and other infectious diseases. Students with a high risk of infectious diseases should be aware of their own health status and risk of exposure to other students, employees, or patients involved in the clinical environment. All students are required to provide their own health insurance coverage for the duration of their program and be able to provide proof of insurance if requested.

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Registered Nursing Program Sequence

Pre-requisite Semester		
BHS 2110	Growth and Development: Lifespan	2
BHS 2120	Introduction to Nursing	2
or NSG 1990	or Independent Study in NSG	
BIO 1110	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
COM 1110	English Composition	3
MTH 1260	Statistics	3
or MTH 1151	or Quantitative Reasoning	
SDE 1010	First Year Experience	1
Term Hours		15
First Year		
First Semester		
BHS 1711	Pathophysiology for Healthcare	2
BIO 1120	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NSG 1510	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
Term Hours		12
Second Semester		
NSG 1523	Adult Health I	6
NSG 1524	Care of Childbearing Family	3
SOC 1010	Sociology	3
Term Hours		12
Second Year		
First Semester		
DTN 1220	Principles of Nutrition	2
NSG 1721	Pharmacology for Nursing	2
NSG 2521	Psychosocial Nursing	3
NSG 2522	Adult Health II	6
Term Hours		13
Second Semester		
BIO 1400	Microbiology	4
NSG 2525 	Essentials of Nurse Practice	9
Term Hours		13
Total Hours		65

 Capstone Course

See here for Capstone information.

Note: Students may elect to take general education courses and sciences prior to beginning the first nursing clinical course.

Acceptance Requirements

All Acceptance Requirement Criteria including Nursing Technical Standards must be met for entrance into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

Criteria

1. General College requirements (see General Admissions Procedures.)
2. Must be remediation-free in math, English, reading, and science.
3. Completion of Pre-requisite nursing semester (see Academic Plan). All Pre-requisite courses must be passed with a "C" grade or higher. BHS-2120 must be successfully completed within two semesters or 1 year of program entry. All science courses must be successfully completed within five years of program entry. Age review may be requested by the student to the Program Administrator if the student is currently working in a healthcare field.
4. Must be 18 years old before the first Nursing Clinical course begins.
5. College cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
6. Certificate of completion of state-approved nurse aide training course or equivalency.
7. Declaration of Nursing as the major course of study.

Additional Requirements upon acceptance into the Nursing Program

1. Evidence of sufficient physical and mental health to engage in the practice of nursing.
2. Current American Heart Association (BLS Healthcare Provider) or American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) with in-person hands-on CPR component.
3. Completed health and immunization forms.
4. Criminal background check.
5. Drug screening.
6. Nursing Orientation.

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