

Registered Nursing



What is the Nursing Program?

HCC's Nursing Program is a Maryland State Board of Nursing approved program and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to function effectively in all areas of professional nursing. Graduates of the nursing program are eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Students must have a social security or tax ID number to sit for this exam.

Individuals who excel in this program have excellent critical thinking skills, great attention to detail, and display both compassion and confidence in their work.

How is the curriculum designed?

The curriculum is divided into several broad areas of study and consists of lecture, laboratory, and clinical experiences. Emphasis is on the use of the nursing process to meet the needs of individuals, family members, and the community. Courses in general education provide students with the scientific and social background to function as effective health care providers.

Why should I choose HCC?

Nursing is a profession that is open to men and women with various career interests. HCC's Registered Nursing Program is accredited with the Maryland State Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

HCC prepares nurses to meet the challenges of today's health care industry and lay the foundation to rise to future challenges as new knowledge and technologies occur. Successful completion of the HCC Nursing Program enables the graduate to apply for the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse (RN).

This program of study is designated as a Health Manpower Shortage Program; therefore, some residents of Maryland enrolled in this program of study on the first day of the term may be eligible for in-county tuition rates for courses required for program completion.

Pre-Admission Requirement

Students must complete the nationally normed test for nursing students known as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS is a scholastic aptitude assessment in the areas of math, reading, English, and science. Students will not be considered for admission to the program until they achieve the required scores on the TEAS. Applicants should consult the HCC website at www.hagerstowncc.edu/teas for specific information about the TEAS, including score requirements. This requirement should be completed prior to submission of the *Supplemental Application*, but no later than the application deadline.



Admission Requirements

Admission to HCC does not guarantee admission to the Division of Nursing. The requirements below must be completed and submitted to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management by the application deadline (*January 15 for the fall nursing class and July 15 for the spring nursing class*).

- All students planning on applying to the Registered Nursing program must attend a Nursing Preview Program before the Supplemental Application deadline. Students who are transferring in who have completed a nursing class at another accredited college are exempt from this orientation. Students who have only completed a CNA class must attend this program. For more information and to register for the program, visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/academics/divisions/nursing/nursing-preview-program.
- Submit a completed program application known as the Supplemental Application for the Nursing Program (RN) form
- Submit official TEAS scores. Official TEAS score reports are required to be sent through the ATI site for TEAS taken at locations other than the HCC Testing Center. Students who do take the TEAS at HCC are encouraged to bring a copy of the scores or email the scores to the HCC Admissions Office. Applicants will not be considered for admission to the program until they achieve a 69% or higher on the Adjusted Individual Score for Reading and an Adjusted Individual Total Score of at least 60%.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- A.S. Degree, Nursing (Registered Nurse)

CAREER OUTLOOK

MEDIAN SALARY

\$86K

for registered nurses

EMPLOYMENT



3.3M jobs in U.S.
6% growth in next ten years

Demand for healthcare services will increase because of the aging population, given that older people typically have more medical problems than younger people. Nurses also will be needed to educate and care for patients with chronic conditions, such as arthritis, dementia, diabetes, and obesity.

(source: www.bls.gov/ooh)

- Official transcripts from all colleges attended even if the courses taken are not directly applicable to the RN program. HCC calculates cumulative GPA from all college coursework as part of the scoring process (students who took classes at HCC do not need to submit official HCC transcripts). All transcripts must be complete and show grades or outcomes for each class taken or the status of in-progress for classes that are in-progress at the application deadline.
- Completion of all required science courses within seven years prior to the application deadline.
- BIO 203 must be completed or in progress at the time of application to the program.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average for all college coursework of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. In addition, a minimum grade point average of 2.5 for all program courses is required
- Eligibility to enter college level Math and English
- In addition to the minimum grade requirement for English Composition set forth by COMAR, HCC requires nursing students to complete all General Education requirements with a minimum grade of "C" or higher. If a student has a grade below a "C", they are not eligible to be scored until that grade is replaced with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Submit official SAT scores (If taken within five years of application date).
- Submit official AP scores if using these scores to meet one of the general education requirements. AP scores of 3 or higher are used.

- Foreign educated students must have their college transcripts evaluated by World Education Services (WES).
- The Nursing program is a Maryland Health Manpower Shortage program. All students who apply for this program must be eligible to work in the State of Maryland at the application deadline and while enrolled in the program.

Program Requirements

Students practice selected procedures on each other in the college laboratory. All nursing students must receive:

- A minimum overall grade of 75% in each of the first year nursing courses (NUR 105, NUR 127, NUR 224, NUR 229). A minimum overall grade of 77% in each of the second year nursing courses (NUR 126, NUR 226, NUR 228, NUR 230, NUR 231). Two final course grades below a 75% in the first year of the program and/or below a 77% in a second year of the program means a dismissal from the Nursing program and the student cannot continue or reapply to the RN program for 5 years.
- A minimum exam grade of 75% in each of the first year nursing courses (NUR 105, NUR 127, NUR 224, NUR 229). A minimum exam grade of 77% in each of the second year nursing courses (NUR 126, NUR 226, NUR 228, NUR 230, NUR 231).
- A minimum grade of 77% on 50% or more of the total exams for the course during the second year of the program (NUR 126, NUR 226, NUR 228, NUR 230, NUR 231).
- A minimum grade of 90 percent on a drug calculation exam in each nursing course.
- A mark of satisfactory for both the simulation laboratory and clinical experiences. Students who receive a final mark of unsatisfactory in the clinical laboratory or clinical experience, or fail the drug calculation exam, despite a passing theory grade, will not be permitted to progress in the nursing program and will receive a final grade of "F" for the course.
- For students in the two-year pathway, a grade of "C" or better is required for all general education courses. A failure in a required general education course will stop progression in the nursing program until all required general education courses are successfully completed.
- Upon completion of nursing coursework, students must achieve 92% probability of passing the NCLEX on the first attempt on the ATI comprehensive Predictor Exam. Students who do not achieve this score will be allowed to retake the exam after appropriate remediation until they achieve the required score.

Students who do not meet program or course standards that result in dismissal from the nursing program are not eligible for readmission. This includes students who cannot meet safety standards, and students who violate the college's Honor Code and Standards of Conduct, the nursing program's Standards of Conduct, and the American Nurses' Association Code of Ethics for Nurses.

Are there any disqualifying crimes for this major?

There is no specific list of disqualifying crimes for this profession. However, any felony conviction or drug-related or violent misdemeanor makes it exceedingly difficult to work in this field. Criminal history of any kind will likely result in a delayed licensing process and extra paperwork. Students

with a criminal history who do choose to pursue a career in this field will be best-served by a solid work history (post-conviction) and several professional and character references.

Additional Information

Additional information on associate to bachelor's programs and program requirements including selection criteria, final acceptance, criminal background checks, drug screening, readmission to the nursing program, and transferring from another college or nursing program can be found at www.hagerstowncc.edu/nursing.

A.S. Degree Nursing (Three-Year Pathway)

HCC's three-year nursing pathway allows students to earn the associate of science degree in nursing in three calendar years. These students finish the majority of general education requirements before enrolling in two years of nursing courses. Students on this pathway apply for entry into the nursing program after completing a minimum of 12 credits of coursework toward the degree and meeting other admission standards. Students in the three-year pathway may choose to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing within five years.

General Education Requirements 33 credits

Arts/Humanities
Select one Arts/Humanities course from approved General Education course list..... 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences
PSY 101 General Psychology..... 3
PSY 204 Developmental Psychology:
Lifespan Human Development..... 3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3

Biological/Physical Science
BIO 203 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ... 4
BIO 204 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .. 4

English
ENG 101 English Composition 3
**Minimum grade of "C" or better is required*
ENG 102 Composition and Literature..... 3

Mathematics
MAT 109 Introduction to Statistics..... 3

OR

Select one course from the approved General Education course list(3)

Nursing Course Sequence

Program Requirements 37 credits

BIO 205 Microbiology 4

First Year – Semester 1
NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing..... 9

First Year – Semester 2
NUR 127 Nursing Care of Children..... 4
NUR 229 Nursing Care of the Acute and Chronically ill Adult I..... 4

Summer Semester
NUR 224 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice.. 2

Second Year – Semester 1
NUR 126 Nursing Care of Women and Infants..... 4
NUR 226 Behavioral Health Nursing 4

Second Year – Semester 2
NUR 228 Contemporary Trends in Nursing and Leadership 2
NUR 230 Nursing Care of the Acute and Chronically ill Adult II 4

NUR 231 Nursing Care of the Acute and Chronically ill Adult III 4

Degree Requirement..... 70

A.S. Degree

Nursing (Two-Year Pathway)

HCC's two-year nursing pathway allows students to complete the associate of science in nursing in two calendar years by integrating general education requirements with nursing courses. It is a time-intensive program designed for full-time students who wish to enter the workforce more quickly or transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing in four years.

Suggested Course Sequence

Preclinical Semester I

BIO 203 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ... 4
Gen Ed Mathematics from approved General Education course listing..... 3
ENG 101 English Composition 3
PSY 101 General Psychology..... 3

Semester I

NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing..... 9
PSY 204 Developmental Psychology:
Lifespan Human Development..... 3
BIO 204 Anatomy and Physiology II 4

Semester 2

NUR 127 Nursing Care of Children..... 4
NUR 229 Nursing Care of the Acute and Chronically ill Adult I 4
BIO 205 Microbiology 4

Semester 3

NUR 126 Nursing Care of Women and Infants 4
NUR 226 Behavioral Health Nursing 4
NUR 224 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice.. 2
ENG 102 Composition and Literature..... 3
Gen Ed Arts & Humanities from approved General Education course list 3

Semester 4

NUR 228 Contemporary Trends in Nursing and Leadership..... 2
NUR 230 Nursing Care of the Acute and Chronically ill Adult II 4
NUR 231 Nursing Care of the Acute and Chronically ill Adult III 4
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3

Degree Requirement..... 70

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