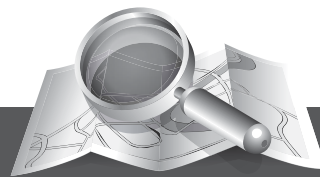


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NURSING (421)

Associate of Applied Science

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the student is eligible to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN).

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for RNs in long-term care facilities, home health, hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics. Employment is available nationwide. Nurses are encouraged to continue their formal nursing education by going on for a baccalaureate degree at a number of institutions. HCC nursing graduates may want to consider pursuing a Master's degree in nursing instead of a Bachelors, an option that is becoming more readily available. Students should check with a student advisor or the Nursing/ Allied Health Coordinator for more information regarding transfer to other institutions and what requirements may be needed before transfer is possible.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students entering the health care professions (i.e. nursing, medical assistant, emergency medical technician) must have a positive attitude about the importance of the work that they are being prepared to do. In part, a professional attitude involves personal integrity, the use of positive communication techniques, flexibility in regards to clinical assignments, and taking on a leadership role when necessary.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by the nurse or student nurse to successfully perform the essential functions of both the job requirements of a nurse and the required clinical experiences of a student nurse. While performing the duties of the nursing program/job, the student nurse is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; talk; and hear. The student nurse is frequently required to sit, reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, and/ or crawl. The student nurse/nurse must regularly move up to ten pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. It is the responsibility of the student applying for admission to the nursing program to notify the Dean of Health, Natural Science & Math in his/her Request for Admission to the Nursing Program any concerns regarding the physical, mental, or emotional health of the applicant that could impact the student's success in the program.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

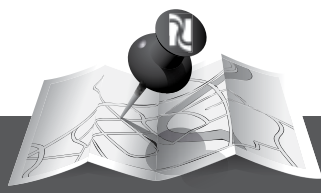
Call Highland for the following program contacts:

- Ms. Donna Kauke, MSN, RN, Dean of Health, Natural Science and Math, 815-599-3688
- Ms. Jennifer Grobe, Coordinator of Nursing Program and Lab, 815-599-3679
- Ms. Heather Moore, Nursing Program Student Advisor, 815-599-3483
- Ms. Jessica Larson, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3452
- Ms. Christine Sanders, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3439
- Ms. Kay Sperry, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3684
- Ms. Chrislyn Senneff, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3685
- Ms. Laura Weter, MSN, Nursing Faculty, 815-599-3516
- Ms. Joani Bardell, Division Secretary, 815-599-3433

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

1. A completed high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) on file with the Admissions Department.
2. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Admissions Department and an unofficial copy to the Nursing/Allied Health Department.
3. HCC placement test results indicating that the applicant does not need any reading development course, does not need any math course below MATH 158, and does not need any English communication course below ENGL 121. Successful completion of appropriate courses will satisfy any deficiency identified by placement tests.
4. Completed all prerequisite courses and a GPA of 2.50 or higher by the end of the spring semester in which they are applying.
5. Complete program entrance exam.
6. Active on the IDPH CNA registry or equivalent.
7. Submit application & other admission requirements to the Coordinator of Nursing & Allied Health by March 1st.

**Program requirements are subject to change. For the most current admission criteria see our web page.



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*PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES 14 Credit Hours

BIOL	213	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CHEM	120	Elementary General Chemistry	4
ENGL	121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
PSY	161	Introduction to Psychology	3

NOTE: High school algebra and MATH 067 or placement into MATH 158 or above are the prerequisites to CHEM 120.

**SUPPORT COURSES 11 Credit Hours

BIOL	214	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL	211	General Microbiology	4
PSY	262	Human Growth and Development	3

CORE CURRICULUM

Fall - First Year 10 Credit Hours

NURS	103	Pharmacology	2
NURS	191	Fundamentals of Nursing	8
**BIOL	214	Anatomy & Physiology II	4

Spring - First Year 13 Credit Hours

NURS	192	Health & Illness I	8
NURS	291	Family Nursing	5
** PSY	262	Human Growth and Development	3

Fall - Second Year 13 Credit Hours

NURS	292	Health & Illness II	8
NURS	293	Psychiatric Nursing	5

Spring - Second Year 12 Credit Hours

NURS	294	Health & Illness III	8
NURS	298	Professionalism and Leadership in Nursing	2
**BIOL	211	General Microbiology	4
NURS	Elective		2

Total Hours = 73



- * All prerequisite courses must be successfully completed prior to program entry
- ** Support courses marked with a (**) can be taken during the core curriculum, these courses must be successfully completed with a grade of "C" or better in the semester in which they are shown above to be allowed to continue on in the nursing program. Support courses (to the left) are not counted in semester credit hour totals.
- Two credits of nursing electives must be taken during the core curriculum.
- Please note that core nursing classes designated with the NURS prefix follow a different grading scale requiring an 80% to successfully complete the course and continue on in the nursing program.
- The curriculum is planned sequentially so that if a student drops, withdraws from, or fails any core course, he/she will need to withdraw from the nursing program.