

Associate Degree Nursing

A45110 (Associate Degree)

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.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the graduate will upon licensure:

1. Practice professional nursing behaviors incorporating personal responsibility and accountability for continued competence.
2. Communicate professionally and effectively with individuals, significant support person(s), and members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team.
3. Integrate knowledge of the holistic needs of the individual to provide an individual centered assessment.
4. Incorporate informatics to formulate evidence-based clinical judgements and management decisions.
5. Implement caring interventions incorporating documented best practices for individuals in diverse settings.
6. Develop a teaching plan for individuals, and/or the nursing team, incorporating teaching and learning principles.
7. Collaborate with the interdisciplinary healthcare team to advocate for positive individual and organizational outcomes.
8. Manage health care for the individual using cost effective nursing strategies, quality improvement processes, and current technologies.

The McDowell Tech Associate Degree Nursing (AD Nursing) program is approved by the NC Community College System Office and the NC Board of Nursing.

Characteristics of the AD Nursing program:

- a) will prepare students to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) which is required to practice as a registered nurse.
- b) is designed for five sequential semesters in length.
- c) will be separate from the existing practical nurse programs.

Please schedule an appointment with the Pre-Nursing Health Sciences Advisor for complete admission information and to obtain an admission packet.

In addition to the courses listed below, students may be required to take transition/co-requisite classes based on RISE criteria. These classes do not count toward hours required for graduation.

Title	Class/Lab/Clinical/Credit
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I. General Education Courses

BIO	168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
BIO	169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4

BIO	175	General Microbiology	2	2	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
PSY	241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3

Humanities Elective-Select one from the list below: 3 0 0 3

ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 215, PHI 240, or
HUM 115

II. Major Courses

NUR	111	Introduction to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
NUR	112	Health-Illness Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR	113	Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR	114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR	211	Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR	212	Health System Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR	213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
NUR	214*	Nsg. Transition Concepts	3	0	3	4

*LPN to ADN students: All LPN to ADN students must complete NUR-214. For LPN to ADN students only (LPN's completing the traditional, non-concept based Practical Nursing diploma will be required to complete NUR 211 in addition to NUR 214.)

III. Other Required Courses - Select 1 credit hour

(Maximum of 7 shc for AAS, 4 shc for diploma and 1 shc for certificate)

(Includes free electives, orientation, and/or study skills courses)

ACA	115	Success and Study Skills	0	2	0	1
ACA	122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1

Total Credits: 70

Recommended Semester Schedule

Students are not allowed to enroll in the NUR courses until formally accepted into the program. Please see admission requirements.

First Year-Fall

ACA	115	College Student Success	0	2	0	1
BIO	168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
NUR	111	Introduction to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3

First Year-Spring

BIO	169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
NUR	112	Health-Illness Concepts (8 weeks)	3	0	6	5
NUR	211	Health Care Concepts (8 weeks)	3	0	6	5
NUR	214*	Nursing Transition Concepts	3	0	3	4

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First Year-Summer

ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
NUR	114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
PSY	241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3

Second Year-Fall

BIO	175	Microbiology	2	3	0	3
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
NUR	113	Family Health Concepts (8 weeks)	3	0	6	5
NUR	212	Health System Concepts (8 weeks)	3	0	6	5

Second Year-Spring

NUR	213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
Humanities Elec.-See list on preceding page			3	0	0	3

Total Credits: 70