

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

Features of Distinction

- More than 50 years' cumulative experience educating over 3000 nurses
- Curriculum based on current standards and evidence-based practices
- Faculty have professional nursing expertise in diverse health care settings
- Innovative and accessible courses intentionally designed to meet diverse health care needs of the community
- Small clinical/lab/simulation sections of 8-10:1 student faculty ratio
- Simulation lab with high-fidelity manikins on campus
- Premier health care facilities utilized for on-going clinical experiences
- Extensive set of electronic library, books, journals and databases accessible online and on mobile devices
- The ADN program is designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary for graduates to seamlessly pursue RN-BSN completion education
- New student cohorts are accepted each semester
- Completion of 180-hour practicum at a local accredited hospital

End of Program Learning Outcomes (EPSLO)

The National League for Nursing (NLN) Educational Competencies Model revolves around four outcome areas: Human Flourishing, Nursing Judgment, Professional Identify and Spirit of Inquiry. The Nursing Department has identified End of Program Student Learning Outcomes for each outcome area. Upon successful completion of the Capito Department of Nursing, Associate Degree in Nursing program the graduate will be able to:

Graduates of the ADN program will demonstrate achievement of the following:

Outcome 1: Human Flourishing: Advocate for patients and families in ways that promote his or her self-determination, integrity and ongoing growth as human beings.

Outcome 2: Nursing Judgement: Develop judgements in practice, substantiated with evidence, that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe, quality care and promote the health of patients within a family and community context.

Outcome 3: Professional Identity: Implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving identity as a nurse committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy, and safe quality care for diverse patients within a family and community context.

Outcome 4: Spirit of Inquiry: Examine the evidence that underlies clinical nursing practice to challenge the status quo, question underlying assumptions, and offer new insights to improve the quality of care for patients, families, and communities.

Student Achievement Data (2019)

- ADN Beckley Pass Rate 80.95%
- ADN Charleston Pass Rate 100%
- Employment Rate 100%
- Completion Rate Beckley 90.66%
- Completion Rate Charleston 90%

Admission Requirements

Admission to the ADN program occurs three times per calendar year. Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston. Students may apply to the ADN program after completion of BIOL 212/BIOL 212L with a grade of a “C” or better. Applicants must score 60% or higher on the TEAS entrance exam and have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation from the ADN program requires completion of all course work with a grade of “C” or better. Students must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and successfully complete the ATI Comprehensive exam.

Curriculum

The Associate Degree Nursing program consists of 60 credit hours with a 4 credit-hour pre-requisite requirement. Delivered in a hybrid format, this program combines traditional, face-to-face class time with online and out-of-class course work. In the ADN program hybrid courses replace face-to-face class time with 49% online or out-of-class work. Students must attend face-to-face classes at the location designated on the course schedule. Students will be required to complete on-campus activities as designated by his or her instructor.

Associate Degree Nursing Program Curriculum Sequence

Semester 1		
COMM 101	Freshmen Writing I	3
NURSA 101	Fundamentals of Nursing	4
NURSA 101L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	2
NURSA 204	Health Assessment	3
NURSA 204L	Health Assessment Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
PSYCH 212	Lifespan Development	3
TOTAL		16

Please Note: Each semester, all courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better prior to entering subsequent semester courses. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in all courses to progress to the next semester.

Semester 2		
COMM 102	Freshmen Writing II	3
NURSA 110	Medical Surgical Nursing I	4
NURSA 110L	Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical/Lab/Simulation	2
NURSA 115	Mental Health Nursing	2
NURSA 115L	Mental Health Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
NURSA 125	Pathopharmacology I	2
TOTAL		14

Please Note: Successful completion of all courses listed for a semester is required for the student to enroll in courses for the following semester.

Semester 3

NURSA 215		Pathopharmacology II		2	
NURSA 225		Medical Surgical Nursing II		4	
NURSA 225L		Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical/Lab/Simulation		2	
NURSA 230	NURSA 240	Obstetric Nursing	Pediatric Nursing	2	2
NURSA 230L	NURSA 240L	Obstetric Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	Pediatric Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1	1
ELECTIVE		Elective		2	
TOTAL				16	

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Semester 4

NURSA 235		Medical Surgical Nursing III		4	
NURSA 235L		Medical Surgical Nursing III Clinical/Lab/Simulation		2	
NURSA 250		Nursing Practicum		2	
NURSA 250L		Nursing Practicum Clinical/Lab/Simulation		4	
NURSA 255		NCLEX-RN		2	
TOTAL				14	

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