

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 libraries, 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; and,
- Completion of 180-hour practicum at a local accredited facility.

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.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the ADN program occurs three times per calendar year. Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston based on the appropriate student type (freshman, transfer, readmit). After obtaining general admission to the University, ADN candidates must submit an ADN application along with copies of transcripts of all college credit attempted (if applicable), their high school transcript, and their scores on the TEAS entrance exam. Pre-Requisite courses which are required to be completed prior to application/acceptance into the ADN Program are as follows: BIOL 212/BIOL 212L, ENGL 101, ENGL 102, PSYC 212. These courses must be completed with a ‘C’ or higher to apply to the ADN program. ADN selection is a competitive process in which applicants are scored on their cumulative college/ university GPA, their TEAS score, and holding health care licensure (e.g., EMT or LPN license). Applicants are ranked by their total scores and cohort seats are offered to the top scoring applicants until the cohort is full or the number of qualified applicants is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

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 2.0 and successfully complete the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor exam.

Curriculum

The Associate Degree Nursing program consists of 61 credit hours 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.

Semester 1		
HSCI 110	History of Health Sciences	3
HSCI 230	Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURSA 101	Fundamentals of Nursing	4
NURSA 101L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	2
NURSA 102	Health Assessment	3
NURSA 102L	Health Assessment Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
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 2.0 or better in all courses to progress to the next semester.

Semester 2

HSCI 212	Drug and Dosage Calculation	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	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I	2
TOTAL		14

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 2.0 or better in all courses to progress to the next semester.

Semester 3		
NURSA 215	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II	2
NURSA 225	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NURSA 225L	Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical/Lab/Simulation	2
NURSA 230	Obstetric Nursing	2
NURSA 230L	Obstetric Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
NURSA 240	Pediatric Nursing	2
NURSA 240L	Pediatric Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
HSCI 302	Health Ethics and Policy	3
TOTAL		17

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 2.0 or better in all courses to progress to the next semester.

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

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 2.0 or better in all courses to progress to the next semester. All students must complete an Exit Level Assessment in their major (e.g., ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor exam).