

Nursing Program A.A.S. Degree

Under the direction of Dean Maris Lown, this program prepares the student for entry-level nursing positions in hospitals or comparable facilities. Clinical learning experiences are required for all courses. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Exam for Registered Nursing. Successful completion of this examination results in licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). This program is accredited by the State Board of Nursing, Department of Law & Public Safety Division of Consumer Affairs, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, (973) 504-6403, and by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, New York 10006-2701, (212) 363-5555, extension 153.

Specific admission criteria for the program are outlined on page 16 of this catalog. Separate policies exist for the Nursing Program, including grading. These policies can be found in the Nursing Student Handbook.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Practice holistic nursing using human needs as a framework
- Collect subjective and objective data using human needs as a framework
- Implement caring interventions in a variety of settings
- Utilize critical thinking as a framework for decision making in the delivery of care
- Communicate and collaborate effectively with clients, groups, and members of the health care team, using current technology
- Coordinate and direct care for diverse individuals and groups in various care settings
- Use teaching/learning principles to enhance wellness and promote health
- Synthesize knowledge from nursing and other disciplines to promote health
- Demonstrate a commitment to the profession of nursing and demonstrate accountability for professional practice

Requirements

General Education - 26 credits as follows
(Credit hours listed with each course)

BIOL 111 Anatomy and Physiology I 4

BIOL 112 Anatomy and Physiology II 4

ENGL 121 English Composition 3

The Writing Process

ENGL 122 English Composition 3
Writing and Research
PSYC 106 Introduction to Psychology II 3
PSYC 208 Life Span Development 3
ENGL 235 World Literature I 3
SOCl 101 Principles of Sociology 3
OR

ANTH 105 Cultural Anthropology 3
Career Studies - 43 credits as follows:
BIOL 213 Microbiology 4
NURS 160 Introduction to Human Needs 3
NURS 161 Nursing and Human Needs I 7
NURS 162 Nursing and Human Needs II 8
NURS 163 Nursing and Human Needs 2
in the Community
NURS 260 Issues in Nursing 2
NURS 261 Nursing and Human Needs III 8
NURS 262 Nursing and Human Needs IV 5
NURS 263 Managing and Coordinating 4
Nursing Care
Electives 3

Advanced Placement in Nursing

Licensed practical nurses and individuals with previous clinical education may be eligible for advanced placement. Credits for the first two nursing courses (NURS 160 and NURS 161) are held in escrow until the student successfully completes the third nursing course (NURS 162). Reviews during the Summer I term prepare students to challenge the third nursing course (NURS 162). Successful completion of the NURS 162 challenge exam qualifies the student to enter the fourth nursing course (NURS 261). Applicants for advanced placement must have met all criteria as stated in the Nursing admission policy and have completed all program requirements in order to be eligible for graduation.

Suggested Sequence - Nursing A.A.S. Program Degree

The following sequence is an example of how this degree can be completed. This sequence is based on satisfaction of all Basic Skills requirements and prerequisites and presumes a Fall Term start date. An individual's program may vary depending on transfer institution, career objectives, or individual needs. See your counselor for other options and to monitor your progress. Students must satisfy specific requirements in order to be admitted to this program. See Admission to Health Science Programs, page 16 in this catalog.

SEMESTER 1 SEMESTER 2
NURS 160 3 NURS 161 7
BIOL 111 4 BIOL 112 4
PSYC 106 3 PSYC 208 3
ENGL 121 3 SOCI 101 or ANTH 105 3
13 17

SEMESTER 3 SEMESTER 4
NURS 162 8 NURS 260 2
NURS 163 2 NURS 261 8
BIOL 213 4 ENGL 122 or SPCH 115 3
14 13

SEMESTER 5
NURS 262 5
NURS 263 4
ENGL 235 3
Elective 3
15

Total Credits for Degree 72

This degree may take longer than two years to complete. BIOL 111 may be taken either before admission to the Nursing program or concurrently with NURS 160. BIOL 111 must be completed before progression into NURS 161. The other general education courses may be taken before starting clinical courses or with the nursing courses.

Bachelor's Through Brookdale
Students may pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing at Brookdale's New Jersey Coastal Community. For program details and transfer information, students should talk to their Student Development Specialist or call the Community at 732-280-2090.

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