Nursing, A.A.S.

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DEPARTMENT: NURSING

The Nursing AAS degree prepares students with the professional training and hands-one clinical experience for a career as a Nurse. The degree provides a balance of general education and nursing courses to prepare students with the competencies to provide safe, caring, patient-centered, evidence-based nursing care to culturally diverse populations. The curriculum incorporates the QSEN Competencies of Patient-Centered Care, Teamwork and Collaboration, Evidence-based Practice, Safety and Informatics with the NCLEX-RN Categories of Client Needs. Students are eligible for licensure exam(s) after the successful completion of the course of study presented in this degree program.

The curriculum presented here applies to students who started the major in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027. If you enrolled as a matriculant prior to that, please see the *College Catalog* for the year you started the major as a matriculant for the curriculum requirements that apply to you.

Consultation with the Program Advisor is required.

Degree Maps:

Degree Map for Nursing, A.A.S.
Degree Map for Nursing, A.A.S. - LPN to RN Bridge Program

Your Degree Map contains the suggested term-by-term course sequence for your academic path towards graduation.

To ensure successful and timely completion of your degree, it is recommended that you meet with your academic advisor to discuss your unique map.

Please note some courses *may* only be offered once an academic year.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Nursing degree program requirements, graduates will:

1. organize nursing care to provide a safe patient environment.
2. prioritize nursing interventions when providing nursing care.
3. integrate evidence-based nursing practice into nursing care.
4. integrate critical thinking/clinical reasoning strategies when providing nursing care.
5. support principles of teamwork and collaboration when working with members of the inter-professional team.

6. develop appropriate leadership/management strategies when providing nursing care.
7. incorporate the utilization of informatics principles and technology systems while providing nursing care.
8. support ethical and legal principles relevant to the practice of a registered nurse.

College Requirements:

English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s).

Civic Engagement Experiences:

One (1) Civic Engagement experience satisfied by Civic Engagement Certified or Civic Engagement Component course or approved outside activity.

Required Core (4 Courses, 12 Credits):

When Required Core Courses are specified for a category, they are required for the major

- ENG 1200 - Composition I 3 Credit(s)
- ENG 2400 - Composition II 3 Credit(s)
- **Life & Physical Sciences Course 3 Credit(s)***
    - BIO 1100 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Credit(s)

Flexible Core (4 Courses, 13 Credits):

When Flexible Core Courses are specified for a category, they are required for the major (Group D and E are satisfied by courses shown.)

D. Individual and Society Designated Course

- PSY 3200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Credit(s)
- SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit(s)

E. Scientific World Designated Course*

- BIO 1200 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Credit(s)
- PSY 1100 - General Psychology 3 Credit(s)

Major Requirements (10 Courses, 43 Credits):

- SCI 2500 - Applied Physical Sciences for Allied Health Careers 3 Credit(s)
- BIO 5100 - Microbiology in Health and Disease 4 Credit(s)
- NUR 1700 - Calculations for Medication Administration 1 Credit(s) **
- NUR 1800 - Fundamentals of Nursing 7 Credit(s) **

- NUR 1900 - Family Centered Maternity Nursing 4 Credit(s)
- NUR 2000 - Nursing the Emotionally Ill 4 Credit(s)
- NUR 2100 - Nursing the Ill Adult I 9 Credit(s) **
- NUR 2200 - Nursing the Ill Adult II 5 Credit(s)
- NUR 2300 - Nursing of Children 5 Credit(s)
- NUR 2400 - Issues In Nursing 1 Credit(s)

Prerequisite Courses:

Students are enrolled as a Liberal Arts major their first and second semesters as they complete the following prerequisite courses. Students must meet specified grades for the courses below and must apply for Pre-Clinical:

- ENG 1200 - Composition I 3 Credit(s)
- PSY 1100 - General Psychology 3 Credit(s)
- BIO 1100 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Credit(s)

Once accepted, Pre-Clinical students are eligible to register for the following course:

- SCI 2500 - Applied Physical Sciences for Allied Health Careers 3 Credit(s)

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Pre-Clinical Students will then take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), which will play a role in determining whether they are accepted into the Clinical Nursing Program.

First Semester of Clinical Component

- BIO 1200 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Credit(s)
- PSY 3200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Credit(s)
- NUR 1700 - Calculations for Medication Administration 1 Credit(s)
- NUR 1800 - Fundamentals of Nursing 7 Credit(s)

Second Semester of Clinical Component

- BIO 5100 - Microbiology in Health and Disease 4 Credit(s)
- NUR 2100 - Nursing the Ill Adult I 9 Credit(s)

Third Semester of Clinical Component

- ENG 2400 - Composition II 3 Credit(s)
- NUR 2000 - Nursing the Emotionally Ill 4 Credit(s)
- NUR 2200 - Nursing the Ill Adult II 5 Credit(s)

Fourth Semester of Clinical Component

- SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit(s)
- NUR 1900 - Family Centered Maternity Nursing 4 Credit(s)
- NUR 2300 - Nursing of Children 5 Credit(s)
- NUR 2400 - Issues In Nursing 1 Credit(s)

Electives:

0 credits sufficient to meet required total of 66 credits

Notes:

*This program has a waiver to require particular courses in the Common Core, otherwise more than the minimum credits for the degree may be necessary.

**Students who are accepted into the LPN to RN Bridge Program (LRN) will complete NUR 1000 LPN to RN Bridge Course their first semester of Clinical. Upon successful completion of NUR 1000, students will be awarded Credit for Prior Learning for NUR 1700 - Calculations for Medication Administration, NUR 1800 - Fundamentals of Nursing, and NUR 2100 - Nursing the Ill Adult I.

The Nursing, A.A.S., is approved by the New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions, Division of Professional Licensing Services Nurse Unit, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234-1000 or phone (518) 474-3817, ext. 280, and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 or phone (404) 975-5000.

Total Credits: 66

THE A.A.S. IN NURSING HAS A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE FOR ADMISSION EACH SEMESTER.

ALL FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED AS LIBERAL ARTS (A.A.) STUDENTS TAKING A SEQUENCE OF COURSES WHICH, ONCE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED, COULD LEAD TO ENTRANCE INTO THE CLINICAL NURSING MAJOR.

Admission Criteria

The Nursing Program consists of two components: Pre-Clinical and Clinical.

To be considered for the Clinical component of the Program, students must comply with the following:

1. be enrolled in the Pre-clinical Component. Students must complete an application for Pre-Clinical Nursing during the period noted on the Academic Calendar. This application is obtained in the Registrar's Office, A-101. The student must see a nursing counselor to discuss their academic performance and obtain a counselor's signature on the application. The application is submitted to the Nursing Department;
2. be English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s) before completion of the four (4) courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence;
3. complete the four (4) courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence: ENG 1200, PSY 1100, BIO 1100 and SCI 2500;
4. complete the four courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence with at least a grade point average of 2.80 and earn at least two (2) "B's" (one of which must be in SCI 2500 or BIO 1100);
5. students who have repeated and/or withdrawn from any of the Pre-Clinical Sequence courses may not be considered for admission to the Nursing program;
6. all grades received for courses taken in the Pre-Clinical Sequence at Kingsborough will be included in the Pre- Clinical average computation;
7. submit transcripts from other colleges (NOTE: Letter grades received in the Pre-Clinical sequence courses at other colleges will be used to determine eligibility for admission); **any biological sciences course more than 10 years old will not be accepted for exemption or credit;**
8. perform satisfactorily on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and;
9. transfer students from other colleges must be in good academic standing. Students who are on academic probation or have been administratively dismissed from a Nursing program at a previous school are not eligible for admission to the Nursing program.

10. The student must earn a minimum of "C" in all pre- and corequisite courses inclusive of BIO 1200, BIO 5100, ENG 2400, PSY 3200, and SOC 3100. Students who have repeated and/or withdrawn from these courses may not be considered for admission to the Nursing Program.
11. Students are permitted to defer for one (1) semester only and with the approval of the Chairperson of the Nursing Department. Upon approval the student must enter the program the following semester. Failure to do so will result in the need to reapply to the program following all the criteria for admission, inclusive of retaking the TEAS.

Students who successfully complete the prescribed Pre-Clinical Sequence requirements may formally file for enrollment into the Clinical component of the Nursing Program. Application forms for the Clinical component of the Nursing Program are available online through the Nursing website. The application should be filed during the fall or spring session in which the student expects to complete the pre-clinical requirements. **Students completing the requirements during the summer or winter module should file their applications in the following semester. Specific filing dates are available in the Nursing Department Office.**

Completion of the above conditions (1–8) **does <u>not</u>** guarantee admission into the Clinical component of the Nursing Program. Admission into the Clinical component will be based on space availability, the Pre-Clinical Sequence average and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) results.

Qualified applicants who are not admitted to the Clinical component due to lack of available space **will <u>not</u>** be placed on a waiting list or be given preferential admission into a later class. These students should consult with their academic Advisor to discuss further options.

Licensed Practical Nurses who are accepted into the Clinical phase of the Nursing Program may receive credit for NUR 1800 - Fundamentals of Nursing by earning a score of level two or better on the ATI Proctored RN Fundamentals Exam. Credit for NUR 1700 - Calculations for Medication Administration may be earned by passing the Nursing Department examination with a grade of "B" or higher.

Licensed Practical Nurses who are accepted into the Clinical phase of the Nursing Program may apply to the LPN to RN Bridge Program (LRN), an advanced standing pathway for Licensed Practical Nurses, that allows students to receive Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for NUR 1700 - Calculations for Medication Administration (1 credit), NUR 1800 - Fundamentals of Nursing (7 credits), and NUR 2100 - Nursing the Ill Adult I (9 credits). Applicants must hold a current LPN licensure and complete the LPN to RN Bridge Course (NUR 1000) with a minimum grade of "C".

Starting in the Fall 2020 semester and beyond, the Nursing program will consider applicants for admission who are eligible for licensing in New York under the regulations of the New York State Education Department. The regulations provide eligibility for citizens and non-citizens

who are “not unlawfully present,” including those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and those permanently residing in the United States under color of law (PRUCOL)

In order to advance into nursing clinicals, students may demonstrate eligibility through documents that verify that they meet the required criteria. Most common documents include:

1. Proof of U.S. Citizenship through a birth certificate, U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or a certificate of citizenship
2. Proof of legal permanent resident status with what is known as a “Green Card”
3. Proof of various eligible categories, listed below, generally through an employment authorization document (EAD) or other satisfactory documents

   Eligible immigration categories:

   - International student with F-1 status
   - Asylee
   - Refugee
   - Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
   - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
   - Individuals paroled into the Unites States whose parole has not expired
   - Persons residing in the U.S. pursuant to an Order of Supervision
   - Persons granted a stay of deportation/removal
   - Persons granted an indefinite voluntary departure
   - Persons on whose behalf an immediate relative petition has been approved
   - Persons who have filed an application for adjustment of status to permanent resident
   - Persons granted Deferred Action Status
   - Persons who entered and have continuously residency in the U.S. before 01/01/1972
   - Persons granted suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal
   - Cuban/Haitian entrants
   - Persons with a pending application for asylum, withholding of removal or deportation, protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), cancellation of removal, or TPS
   - Persons in T or U non-immigrant status
   - Self-petitioner under the Violence Against Women Act
   - Other persons living in the U.S. who are not unlawfully present

Retention Criteria

A large number of those students who are accepted into the Clinical component of the Nursing Program, complete the Nursing Program.

Criteria for retention in the Nursing Program mandates that students:

1. Earn a minimum of a "C" grade in every required Nursing and corequisite course inclusive of BIO 1200, BIO 5100, ENG 2400, and PSY 3200.
2. Students who achieve a "C-" grade in a required clinical nursing course may apply to repeat the course one time only in the semester immediately following, subject to space availability. The minimum grade for clinical courses that are repeated is a "B-". The "Intent to Return to Nursing Course" form is available on the KCC Nursing Department website under "Forms". This must be completed with a plan of success that demonstrates significant changes in how the course material will be mastered when repeated. Only one required nursing course may be repeated.
3. Students who enter NUR 1700 and NUR 1800 **or** NUR 1000 must complete the Nursing program within four years from the date of entry into these courses. Any student who has not attended nursing courses for two or more consecutive semesters cannot be readmitted into the Nursing Program unless qualifying examinations have been passed in the required nursing courses previously completed successfully. Qualifying examinations may be repeated only once.
4. Students must achieve a grade of "B" in order to pass NUR 1700. Students in NUR 1700 who achieve a failing grade of no less than "C-"may repeat the course one time only after submitting an "Intent to Return Form."
5. Students in the clinical component can only appeal the retention criteria one time.
6. Students in the clinical component can only withdraw once and must be passing to do so.

Pre-NCLEX RN Examination

All students must take the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor examination while enrolled in their last clinical nursing course.

Malpractice Insurance – Health Clearance – CPR Certification – Criminal Background Checks

Prior to registration, students entering nursing courses in which there are laboratory experiences in hospitals and other health agencies, are required to have malpractice insurance, health clearance and a CPR (BLS) certificate and a criminal background check. The insurance policy, CPR (BLS) certificate, and health clearance must be satisfactory for the entire semester. Information on CPR Certification is available in the Nursing Department Office. Information on health requirements is available from the Health Services Office, A-108. CUNY

is now providing nursing students with malpractice insurance thus it is no longer necessary to purchase individual policies.

Notes:

a. **Clinical Nursing students incur the expenses of purchasing a required uniform and equipment necessary for clinical practice in health care agencies.**
b. **The academic requirements in the Nursing curriculum are demanding and students are cautioned to plan their work schedules or extra-curricular activities with this in mind.**

Legal Limitations for State Licensure

Requirements for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in New York State include: having attained the age of eighteen years or more, the successful completion of the A.A.S. Degree Program in Nursing, passing the National Council Licensing Examination and being of good moral character. The Office of Professional Discipline investigates all applicants with a prior criminal conviction(s) and/or pending criminal charges (felony or misdemeanor). Following its investigation, a determination will be made as to the applicant's eligibility for licensure.

The majority of students who complete the Nursing Program requirements and graduate from Kingsborough pass the licensing examination (NCLEX-RN) on their first attempt. Most graduates are employed in acute care or long-term care facilities.