

Nursing

Associate Degree in Nursing (AAS)

This program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and approved by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Associate Degree Nursing education prepares practitioners who provide direct care and meet complex health needs of individuals in community-based environments. The graduate of the Associate Degree program is prepared to make collaborative nursing assessments with other health care professionals, to act as a health educator and client advocate, and to provide leadership by making responsible, ethical decisions within the nursing profession. The Nursing program at DACC implements a multi-exit ladder approach in which the student may exit after the first level of nursing education with a Level I Nursing Certificate, qualified to write the licensure exam for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) OR the student can continue in the second level and earn an Associate Degree in Nursing/Registered Nursing. Upon satisfactory completion of both levels of this curriculum the graduate is qualified to write the licensure exam for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). The purpose of the ladder associate degree nursing curriculum is to prepare qualified men and women to fulfill the current responsibilities of the Practical Nurse (Level I) and of the Registered Nurse (Level II).

Clinical laboratories include a variety of health care facilities, and students are required to provide their own transportation. Acceptance into the program is dependent upon qualifications and testing in addition to admission to the College.

General Education courses: Sciences must be current within 5 years. All courses must be "C" or better. Math requirement prior to admission: Successful completion of MATH 105 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher level math course within five (5) years of the desired admission date OR placement into MATH 111 (College Algebra) or higher level math course by placement testing within three (3) years of the desired admission date. No substitutions will be accepted for SPCH 101 (Oral Communications), BOFF 140 (Medical Terminology), HLTH 102 (First Aid and Personal Safety), and HITT 115 (Patho-Physiology and Pharmacology) are recommended.

Students must submit documentation of current CPR certification upon admission to the program, including two-rescuer for children and adults, and must maintain such certification throughout the program.

This is an occupational program typically not designed to transfer; however, this program has been articulated to some senior institutions. Please contact a counselor for specific details.

First time degree seeking students must complete INST101, Success in College, as a requirement for graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS	F,S,I,SU	GRADE
General Education Courses			
ENGL 101 Rhetoric I	3		
SPCH 101 Oral Communications	3		
PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology	3		
BIOL 136 Anatomy and Physiology I	4		
BIOL 137 Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
BIOL 140 Microbiology	4		
Humanities Elective--From approved IAI (see advisor or counselor for list of classes)	3		
Total	24		
Level One First Semester/Fall Semester			
NURS 190 Concepts of Nursing I	4		
NURS 191 Concepts of Nursing II	8		
Total	12		
Level One Second Semester/Spring Semester			
NURS 194 Adult Nursing	8		
NURS 195 Maternal-Child Health Nursing	4		
Total	12		

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REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS	F,S,I,SU	GRADE
Level Two First Semester/Fall Semester			
NURS 296 Advanced Nursing I	6		
NURS 297 Advanced Nursing II	6		
Total	12		
Level Two Second Semester/Spring Semester			
NURS 298 Advanced Nursing III	8		
NURS 299 Advanced Nursing IV	4		
Total	12		

Total Hours 72