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. This nursing education program is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. 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 ladder approach in which the student may exit after the first level of nursing education with a Level I Nursing Certificate, qualified to take 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 take 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 student meeting program qualifications. Students are then ranked accordingly to admission criteria point system.

For further information regarding the Admission Guidelines or Applications, visit www.dacc.edu/depts/nursing.

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

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