

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING & PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS



A graduate of the Wilson Community College Nursing program will be prepared to practice as an entry-level nurse and meet the educational competencies defined by the Nursing Practice Act of North Carolina. The practice of nursing is directed toward meeting the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan. The graduate's role is characterized by evidence-based practice with the provision of care for individuals and families in structured settings. The graduate demonstrates the competencies identified by the Institute of Medicine (2004) to provide safe entry-level nursing care.



Nursing programs at Wilson Community College include classroom lecture and activities, faculty-designed lab activities and scheduled lab times, open lab practice under the supervision of a nursing faculty member, simulation, clinical and facilitated learning experiences.

Associate Degree Nursing

The Associates of Applied Science Degree in Nursing is a five-semester program. Upon successful completion, the graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).



Employment opportunities for ADN students include acute care settings, health care provider offices, long term care facilities, mental health, maternal child health, pediatrics, geriatrics, medical surgical, perioperative, dialysis, telemetry, emergency departments, intensive care settings, home health, and public health.

Practical Nursing Education

Nursing education at the practical nurse level is a process that facilitates changes in behavior, the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to function in the role of the entry-level practical nurse. The curriculum is conceptually based and founded on the principles of adult and collaborative learning. As Rachel (2002) states, this includes self-direction, utilizing adult experiences, problem solving and activity centered learning. This is a three-semester program.

Employment opportunities for PN graduates include long term care, health care provider offices, home health, public health, and medical clinics.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (A45110)

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs, which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

CLASS TITLE	CLASS HRS	LAB HRS	CLINICAL HRS	CREDIT HRS
FALL SEMESTER				
ACA 111 College Student Success	1	0	0	1
BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
NUR 111 Intro to Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
*PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	3
Total	11	9	6	16
SPRING SEMESTER				
BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
**NUR 112 Health - Illness Concepts	3	0	6	5
**NUR 114 Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 117 Pharmacology	1	3	0	2
Total	10	6	12	16
SUMMER SEMESTER				
*PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
NUR 113 Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
Total	6	0	6	8
FALL SEMESTER				
*CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
*ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
*MAT 143 Quantitative Lit.	2	2	0	3
NUR 211 Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 212 Health System Concepts	3	0	6	5
Total	13	4	12	19
SPRING SEMESTER				
*ENG 112 Writing & Res. in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
Total	10	3	15	16
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS FOR DEGREE				75

*This course is a component of the general education requirements needed for graduation.

**NOTE: NUR 112 will run the first 8 weeks of the semester. NUR 114 will run the second 8 weeks of the semester. NUR 112 must be passed in order to continue to the second 8 weeks.

NOTE: Students are required to take ACA 111 in their first semester.

NOTE: Once admitted to the nursing program, all remaining courses must be taken in sequence or completed during the required term.

NOTE: If any facility prohibits the student from participating in the clinical experience, the student will be dismissed due to an inability to progress and complete the curriculum.

NOTE: Clinical hours vary each semester based upon the availability of clinical sites.

NURSING TRANSITION PROGRAM (A45110T) – LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE TO REGISTERED NURSE

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

CLASS TITLE	CLASS HRS	LAB HRS	CLINICAL HRS	CREDIT HRS
FIRST SUMMER SEMESTER				
*PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
NUR 214 Transition Nursing Concepts	3	0	3	4
Total	6	0	3	7
SECOND FALL SEMESTER				
*CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
*ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
*MAT 143 Quantitative Lit.	2	2	0	3
NUR 211 Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 212 Health System Concepts	3	0	6	5
Total	13	4	12	19
SECOND SPRING SEMESTER				
*ENG 112 Writing & Res. in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
Total	10	3	15	16
TRANSITION CURRICULUM TOTAL				42

*This course is a component of the general education requirements needed for graduation.

NOTE: Students are required to take ACA 111 in their first semester.

NOTE: Once admitted to the nursing program, all remaining courses must be taken in sequence or completed during the required term.

NOTE: If any facility prohibits the student from participating in the clinical experience, the student will be dismissed due to an inability to progress and complete the curriculum.

NOTE: Clinical hours vary each semester based upon the availability of clinical sites.

PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA (D45660)

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides knowledge and skills to integrate safety and quality into nursing care to meet the needs of the holistic individual which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes safe, individualized nursing care and participation in the interdisciplinary team while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long-term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

CLASS TITLE	CLASS HRS	LAB HRS	CLINICAL HRS	CREDIT HRS
FALL SEMESTER				
ACA 111 College Student Success	1	0	0	1
**BIO 163 Basic Anat./Physiology	4	2	0	5
NUR 101 Practical Nursing I	7	6	6	11
*PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	3
Total	15	8	6	20
SPRING SEMESTER				
*CIS 113 Computer Basics	1	2	0	1
*ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
NUR 102 Practical Nursing II	7	0	9	10
NUR 117 Pharmacology	1	3	0	2
Total	12	5	9	16
SUMMER SEMESTER				
NUR 103 Practical Nursing III	6	0	9	9
Total	6	0	9	9
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS FOR DIPLOMA				45

*This course is a component of the general education requirements needed for graduation.

**NOTE: BIO 168 and BIO 169 may be substituted for this course.

NOTE: Students are required to take ACA 111 in their first semester.

NOTE: Once admitted to the nursing program, all remaining courses must be taken in sequence or completed during the required term.

NOTE: If any facility prohibits the student from participating in the clinical experience, the student will be dismissed due to an inability to progress and complete the curriculum.

NOTE: Clinical hours vary each semester based upon the availability of clinical sites.