

NURSING

Health Career Admissions
Program Code: G.NUR.AAS

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Graduation requirement — 68 semester hours

The Associate Degree Nursing Program prepares the student to practice nursing at a beginning level, such as a staff nurse position in health care facilities including hospitals, extended care facilities, clinics, and community agencies. The program integrates practice and theory and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404/975-5000.

Graduates are eligible to take the R.N. license examination (NCLEX-RN). Students considering application to the Nursing program need to be aware of background check, drug screen, and potential legal limitations.

Program Notes

- This program prepares students to meet the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. Parkland College has not yet determined that this program meets the requirements for licensure of any other state.
- This is a selective admissions program—students must be admitted into the program before taking NUR courses. See the selective admissions page for more information regarding admission, progression, and graduation.

Requisite conditions to be met prior to scoring for admission:

- Attain college reading, writing, and mathematics placement:
 - Current placement out of MAT 072 Math Literacy or completion of college level math within the past five years. Note: developmental math expires in two years.
 - Placement into ENG 101 Composition I and college level reading.
- For students who are non-native speakers of English, establish English proficiency prior to applying through:
 - Minimum TOEFL iBT scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 20-22-26-20; or
 - Minimum IELTS scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 6.5-6.5-8-5.5.
- Complete the Kaplan Online Admissions Exam.

Minimum admission score:

- Achieve a selective admissions score of 2.75 or above.

Requirements for remaining in the program and graduation:

- Complete program requirements for graduation within a maximum of 6 semesters. At least one nursing course with a clinical component or lab must be taken each semester to remain in the program.
- Maintain a 2.5 minimum program GPA.
- Maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA in NUR courses. Program grading scales are higher than the traditional college scale.
- Attain at least a grade of C or higher in each program course including general education courses.
- Pass all clinical and lab requirements as specified in the course syllabus and core competencies.
- Complete the required standardized testing requirements as stated in each course syllabus.

- Demonstrate Level 4 behaviors and competencies as defined in the National League for Nursing (NLN) Core Clinical Competencies document in the Program Handbook.
- Adhere to the Parkland Code of Ethics; the Essential Qualifications for Nursing; and the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics.

Suggested Full-time Sequence

1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
NUR 113	NUR 151	NUR 236	NUR 257
NUR 117	NUR 118	NUR 238	NUR 258
NUR 114	†BIO 122	NUR 255	NUR 215
†BIO 121	†PSY 101	†BIO 123	†ENG 102
†ENG 101		†PSY 209	†SOC 101
			†Hum/FA elec

Suggested Part-time Sequence

Students wishing to pursue course work on a part-time basis should complete the courses marked with † before admission to the nursing program. See Program Notes for further explanation of requirements once admitted. Gen Ed and other non-NUR required courses can be taken prior to the semester recommended, but courses cannot be postponed past the semester scheduled in the full-time sequence.

Once the student is admitted to the nursing program, all courses in the first semester must be completed in order to progress to the second semester. The same is required for each subsequent semester.

Required Program Courses (49 hours) Cr. Hrs.

BIO 121	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 122	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 123	Microbiology	4
NUR 113	Nursing Health Assessment	3
NUR 114	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
NUR 117	Introduction to Medication Principles for Nurses	1
NUR 118	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	5
NUR 151	Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR 236	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	3
NUR 238	Pediatric Nursing	3
NUR 215	Leadership in Nursing	1
NUR 255	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR 257	Population Health Nursing	3
NUR 258	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	5

Required General Education Courses (19 hours)

ENG 101	Composition I	3
ENG 102	Composition II	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY 209	Human Growth and Development	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts elective	3

Total Semester Credit Hours 68

Recommended Optional Course

HCS 154	Medical Terminology	3
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