Nursing Requirements

Associate of Applied Science

The Nursing Program prepares students for a career as a registered nurse. Nursing courses consist of didactic and clinical training over a two-year period that includes fundamentals of nursing, pharmacology, nursing care of the adult in a medical-surgical setting and an intensive care unit, family nursing including care of children and expectant mothers, and mental health nursing. In addition to classroom education, students will participate in simulation and clinical settings in hospitals and agencies located in middle Tennessee. The program includes a course to help with the transition from student into independent clinical decision-maker. This degree program trains students to work with persons from various cultures across the life span and the wellness-to-illness continuum. At the conclusion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Admission

Admission to this program is limited to 50 students each fall. Prospective students are required to attend an information session prior to applying to the program. At the beginning of each fall semester, dates and times for the information sessions are posted on the website http://www.nscc.edu/nursing. Completion of all Learning Support/developmental courses is a pre-requisite before application submission.

Applications for the nursing program are accepted in the spring semester for the next fall semester.

Students accepted into the nursing program must complete any/all remedial and/or developmental coursework before they begin the program, and are encouraged to complete all required General Education courses as well as math and science courses before beginning the Nursing curriculum.

Prior to submitting an application, it is mandatory that students attend an information session.

To be admitted into the nursing program students must achieve a minimum ATI Academic Preparedness level of Proficient.

**Required General Education Coursework:**

- **ENGL 1010** English Composition I 3 Credit Hours
- Humanities Elective 3 Credit Hours
- **PSYC 1030** Introduction to Psychology 3 Credit Hours

**Required General Education Coursework Options (must take one):**

- **COMM 2025** Fundamentals of Communications 3 Credit Hours
- **ENGL 1020** English Composition II 3 Credit Hours
- **PSYC 2130** Lifespan Development Psychology 3 Credit Hours
- **BIOL 1215** Principles of Nutrition 3 Credit Hours

**Core Requirements:**

- **BIOL 2010** Anatomy and Physiology I * 4 Credit Hours
- **BIOL 2020** Anatomy and Physiology II * 4 Credit Hours
- **BIOL 2230** Microbiology * 4 Credit Hours
- **MATH 1530** Introductory Statistics* 3 Credit hours

* Core Requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” or better and it is recommended that these courses be completed within the past five years.