The Nursing Program prepares students for a career as a registered nurse. Nursing courses include 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 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-TEAS Academic Preparedness level of **Proficient**.

**Required General Education Coursework** (must complete all 3 courses totaling 9 credit hours):

- 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 complete only ONE of the following 3 credit hour courses):

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

**Core Requirements** (must complete all 4 courses totaling 15 credit hours):

- 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  Introduction to 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. Any grade below a “C” will not be accepted coursework towards admissions.