

NURSING

Associate of Applied Science degree



Program and

Career Description:

Registered Nurses (RN) assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. RNs administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients and advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or management. Registered nursing is a profession that requires licensing by a state board of nursing. The RN is required to observe professional standards or practice and adhere to a code of ethics.

How long is the program?

The traditional track of AAS Nursing core courses may be completed in as few as four semesters. Qualifying LPNs may complete AAS Nursing core courses in as few as three semesters. Learning support requirements and completion of additional non-NRSG courses prior to program enrollment extend the completion timeline in either pathway.

What does the program provide?

- Affordable pathway to a career in nursing.
- Classroom instruction in vital areas prior to clinical rotations.
- Hands-on experiences at clinical sites within approximately 60 miles of Columbia State.
- Introductory rotations in specialty areas (Obstetrics, Labor & Delivery, Newborn Nursery, Mental Health, Pediatrics).
- Skills competencies in campus labs including Human Patient Simulators.
- Numerous scholarship opportunities.

How is the job market?

Check out www.jobs4tn.gov website for information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. Nursing is poised to change the face of health care as never before. Demand for quality Registered Nurses continues to escalate. Employment of RNs is projected to grow 15% from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at www.bls.gov. Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Opportunities

Columbia State's nursing program prepares graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX) administered by state boards of nursing. Graduates may pursue additional formal education (certifications, BSN or MSN degrees) at other institutions through traditional or online formats. Future employers may also offer on the job training in various specialty areas.

www.columbiastate.edu/nursing

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a GPA of at least 2.0 or higher.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

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Student ID: _____ Student Name: _____ Adviser Name: _____		Catalog: 2020-2021 Catalog and Student Handbook Program: Nursing, A.A.S. Minimum Credits Required: _____		
Nursing, A.A.S. Major in Nursing (A.A.S.)				
Sample Academic Plan - Total Credit Hours: 67 <i>Only in-program Nursing students are eligible to register for NRSG courses. Students in the Pre-Allied Health Nursing track may take non-NRSG course work. Additional Pre-requisites for the Career Mobility Tract for LPNs include Foundations of Nursing LPN Challenge Exam within three (3) years prior to the semester seeking entry. Program Requirements - The courses below are applicable to degree requirements. Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.</i>				
First Semester - Credit Hours: 18				
Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
NRSG 1710 - Fundamentals of Nursing	Credits: 7			
BIOL 2010 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I *	Credits: 4			
MATH 1530 - Introductory Statistics **	Credits: 3			
PSYC 1030 - Introduction to Psychology	Credits: 3			
COLS 101 - Columbia State College Success	Credits: 1			
Second Semester - Credit Hours: 16 (LPNs Bridge into 2nd Semester)				
Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
NRSG 1620 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I	Credits: 6			
NRSG 1340 - Mental Health Nursing	Credits: 3			
NRSG 1360 - Pharmacology in Nursing	Credits: 3			
BIOL 2020 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II *	Credits: 4			
Third Semester - Credit Hours: 16				
Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
NRSG 2630 - Medical-Surgical Nursing II	Credits: 6			
NRSG 1320 - Women's Health and the Childbearing Family	Credits: 3			
BIOL 2230 - Microbiology *	Credits: 4			
PSYC 2130 - Lifespan Development Psychology	Credits: 3			
Fourth Semester - Credit Hours: 17				
Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
NRSG 2640 - Medical-Surgical Nursing III	Credits: 6			
NRSG 2240 - Professional Practice in Nursing	Credits: 2			
NRSG 1330 - Pediatric Nursing	Credits: 3			
ENGL 1010 - English Composition I OR ENGL 1020 English Composition II	Credits: 3			
² General Education - Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement	Credits: 3			
Pre-requisites to Be Completed prior to LPN to RN Bridge Admission: LPN Bridge Option - Credit Hours: 11 (Courses must be completed prior to admission to LPN to RN Bridge)				
Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
Foundations of Nursing LPN Challenge Exam				
BIOL 2010 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I *	Credits: 4			
MATH 1530 - Introductory Statistics **	Credits: 3			
PSYC 1030 - Introduction to Psychology	Credits: 3			
COLS 101 - Columbia State College Success	Credits: 1			
Note(s): *BIOL 2010 and BIOL 2020 must have been completed no more than five years prior to program entry. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all Biology courses. **Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in the Mathematics course. ² Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement - Select from ART 1035, ART 2000, ART 2020, ENGL 2160, ENGL 2860, HUM 1010, HUM 1020, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2200, THEA 1030. Literature Options: ENGL 2055, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2235, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320. Requirements for Graduation Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State. 2. Earn a GPA of at least 2.0 in program courses. 3. Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. 4. Take the Exit Exam required by Columbia State. This degree program is in compliance with the Common Course Curriculum Library for the A.A.S. in the Nursing program as delivered by the Tennessee Board of Regents community colleges. Students and advisors should run a degree audit from myChargerNet each semester to confirm classes are applicable to the program of study. For more information contact: Cheryl Smith at csmith56@columbiastate.edu or 931.540.2609 Health Sciences Division office at healthsciences@columbiastate.edu or 931.540.2600 or 931.540.2599 Detailed information is available via www.columbiastate.edu/nursing				