

Nursing

Program

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Degree Type

AAS Degree

Location

All Locations

The nursing curriculum design is based on conceptual learning to facilitate transfer of knowledge, facilitate collaborative and active learning, focus on problems, foster systematic observations, and focus on nursing actions and interdisciplinary efforts and foster understanding of relationships. The concept-based learning approach helps learners to extrapolate meanings from one concept to another and identify commonalities.

Courses have been carefully planned to provide the student with a continuity of learning experiences. Content is organized in a spiraling manner from simple to complex, building on previous learning and adding new information, while allowing for continual review.

Students will obtain a practical nursing certificate after successful completion of NUR 112, NUR 113, NUR 114, and NUR 115 during the first three semesters of the program. The last two semesters will incorporate more advanced concepts required to ensure competency of the associate degree nurse.

Admission Criteria

1. Unconditional admission to the college (Application must be updated if student did not attend BSCC the previous semester).
2. Original transcripts from all colleges attended must be in the Office of Student Services by the nursing application deadline. Unlike routine college admission, the nursing department does not allow one semester to receive transcripts. Transcripts must be sent by the institution directly to the BSCC Central Records Office.
3. A complete nursing application must be submitted online via the BSCC college Website.
4. A minimum of 18 ACT composite score (writing component not required), National or Residual, is required and ACT results must be attached to the nursing application. There is no expiration date on ACT for this nursing application. ACT scores from on campus testing are valid only at that college and cannot be transferred by transcript or other means to any other institution or agency. The only exception is a waiver agreement between ACCS and ACT to allow the exchange of scores among the Alabama Community College System colleges. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that official ACT scores are in the admissions office by the application deadline.
5. A minimum of 2.5 GPA is required on a 4.0 scale based on the nursing required academic core courses. The core college courses are English Composition 1, Intermediate College Algebra, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Microbiology, Human Growth & Development, Speech and a Humanities Elective (Art or Music Appreciation, Philosophy, Ethics, Religion, or a foreign language).
6. A minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA is required for high school students without prior college work (GED acceptable).
7. Eligibility is required for English Composition I, Intermediate College Algebra, and Anatomy & Physiology I if not previously taken.
8. Good academic standing with the College. Students may not be on academic probation or suspension status or be a transfer student who is admitted to the college on probation.
9. Meet the Essential Functions for nursing.

10. Name of application is current legal name and matches copy of photo ID and name in BSCC system.

Associate degree nursing graduates are encouraged to consider the RN to BSN and/or the RN to BSN/MSN degree offered at four- year universities. To be considered for admission to the RN to BSN track, students may contact their BSCC nursing advisor or the RN Mobility Track advisor at a four-year institution to inquire about additional academic core courses and admission requirements.

Graduation

To receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. File an application for graduation with the Office of Student Services.
2. Clear all obligations with the College.
3. Students must successfully complete required Nursing curriculum with a grade of “C” (2.0 GPA) or better.
4. Must complete 25% of program requirements at BSCC.

Upon completion of program requirements students must pass a program specific licensure exam for employment purposes.

First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 201	HUMAN A & P I	4
MTH 100	INTERMEDIATE COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3
ORI 107	STUDENT SURVIVAL SKILLS	1
NUR 112	FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF NURSING	7

Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3
BIO 202	HUMAN A & P II	4
PSY 210	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	3
NUR 113	NURSING CONCEPTS I	8

Third Semester

Choose either SPH 106 or SPH 107

Item #	Title	Credits
NUR 114	NURSING CONCEPTS II	8
NUR 115	EVIDENCE BASED CLINICAL REASONING	2
	SPH 106 or SPH 107	3

Fourth Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 220	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
NUR 211	ADVANCED NURSING CONCEPTS	7

Fifth Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
NUR 221	ADVANCED EVIDENCE BASED CLINICAL REASONING	7
	Total Credits	67