

Nursing, AAS

School of Health Professions

Program Description

The Westmoreland County Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program is a selective admission program that prepares students for a career path in nursing. Nursing students are equipped with the skills needed to assess clinical scenarios, navigate patient interactions and work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals to improve patient outcomes. Enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 303266; phone 404-975-5000. The ACEN is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs and is nationally recognized as a specialized accrediting agency for both postsecondary and higher degree programs in nursing education. The Nursing program is approved by the PA State Board of Nursing, <https://www.dos.pa.gov>. The Nursing program utilizes Standardized testing to assess student performance.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

Caring (QSEN: Patient Centered Care)
 1. Provide safe, quality, evidenced-based, patient centered care with respect for diversity across the lifespan.

Competency (QSEN: Safety)
 2. Implement technical aspects of care by following the standards of safe, professional practice.

Communication (QSEN: Teamwork and Collaboration)
 3. Implement therapeutic and professional communication when participating in the collaborative care of patients and their families.

Clinical Judgment (QSEN: Evidence-Based Practice and Informatics)
 4. Use the nursing process, critical thinking, and clinical reasoning to manage patient care.
 5. Use information technologies to coordinate safe care for individuals and their families.

Commitment (QSEN: Quality Improvement)
 6. Incorporate nursing actions within the legal and ethical framework of nursing practice by conducting self in a civil and professional manner.

Traditional Daytime Program Option Apply to the Nursing Program by January deadline						
Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq(s)	Options Available
1st Fall	1.	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIO 171	
	2.	NSG 112	Introduction to Professional Nursing	3	BIO 171, CPT 150	
	3.	NSG 114	Health and Physical Assessment	3	BIO 171, CPT 150	
	4.	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	BIO 171, CPT 150	
1st Spring	5.	NSG 124	Medical/Surgical Nursing Care of the Adult	9	BIO 172, NSG 112, NSG 114, NSG 116	
	6.	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	7.	ENG 161	College Writing	3	Placement	
	8.	MTH 157	College Algebra	3	Placement	MTH 100, MTH 160
2nd Fall	9.	NSG 212	Specialty Nursing Care Across the Lifespan	10	NSG 124, PSY 160, ENG 161, MTH Elective	
	10.	BIO 265	Microbiology	4		
	11.	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
2nd Spring	12.	NSG 224	Advanced Medical/Surgical Care of the Adult	7	NSG 212, BIO 265, ENG 164	
	13.	NSG 236	Transition to Practice/RN	4	NSG 224	

Total Program Credits

62 program credits + 7 program prerequisite credits= 69 for AAS

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Traditional Evening Program Option Apply to the Nursing Program by May deadline						
Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq(s)	Options Available
1st Spring	1.	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIO 171	
	2.	NSG 112	Introduction to Professional Nursing	3	BIO 171, CPT 150	
	3.	NSG 114	Health and Physical Assessment	3	BIO 171, CPT 150	
	4.	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	BIO 171, CPT 150	
1st Fall	5.	NSG 124	Medical/Surgical Nursing Care of the Adult	9	BIO 172, NSG 112, NSG 114, NSG 116	
	6.	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	7.	ENG 161	College Writing	3	Placement	
	8.	MTH 157	College Algebra	3	Placement	MTH 100, MTH 160
2nd Spring	9.	NSG 212	Specialty Nursing Care Across the Lifespan	10	NSG 124, PSY 160, ENG 161, MTH Elective	
	10.	BIO 265	Microbiology	4		
	11.	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
2nd Fall	12.	NSG 224	Advanced Medical/Surgical Care of the Adult	7	NSG 212, BIO 265, ENG 164	
	13.	NSG 236	Transition to Practice/RN	4	NSG 224	

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Advanced Standing LPN to RN All Level I General Education, and Science courses must be completed with C grade of better and overall GPA of 2.5 prior to NSG 200 (BIO 171, BIO 172, CPT 150, PSY 160, ENG 161, Math Elective = 20 credits)						
Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq(s)	Options Available
#1 SU/FA	1.	NSG 200	Transition to the Role of the RN	3	BIO 171, BIO 172, CPT 150, PSY 160, ENG 161, Math Elective	
	2.	NSG 114	Health and Physical Assessment	3	BIO 171, CPT 150	
CPL	3.	NSG 112	Introduction to Professional Nursing	3	CPL	
	4.	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	CPL	
	5.	NSG 124	Medical/Surgical Nursing Care of the Adult	9	CPL	
1st Fall Spring	6.	NSG 212	Specialty Nursing Care Across the Lifespan	10	NSG 124, PSY 160, ENG 161, MTH Elective	
	7.	BIO 265	Microbiology	4		
	8.	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
1st Spring Fall	9.	NSG 224	Advanced Medical/Surgical Care of the Adult	7	NSG 212, BIO 265, ENG 164	
	10.	NSG 236	Transition to Practice/RN	4	NSG 224	

52 program credits + 20 program prerequisite credits= 72 for AAS