

## Nursing, AAS

### School of Health Professions

#### Program Description

Westmoreland County Community College Associate Degree Nursing program provides the academic and clinical preparation necessary to start a career in entry-level nursing positions. Upon completion of the associate degree program, graduates meet the first step in eligibility to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to the licensure to practice nursing as a registered nurse (RN). 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 Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta GA 30326; phone 404-975-5000, [acenursing.org](http://acenursing.org). 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 Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. State Board of Nursing P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649, phone: 1-833-DOS-BPOA, [ST-NURSE@pa.gov](mailto:ST-NURSE@pa.gov)

The Nursing program utilizes Standardized Testing to benchmark 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.

**This is a selective admission program. Please see the college website for details.**

Traditional Daytime Program Option Apply to the Nursing Program by January Deadline						
Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
Required Before Program Start		BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS Chemistry and ENG 095 or Placement	
		CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3		
1st Fall	1	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIO 171 (C or better)	
	2	NSG 112	Introduction to Professional Nursing and Health Promotion Across The Lifespan	3	BIO 171, CPT 150; Co: BIO 172, NSG 114, NSG 116	
	3	NSG 114	Health and Physical Assessment	3	BIO 171, CPT 150; Co: BIO 172	
	4	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	BIO 171, CPT 150; Co: BIO 172, NSG 112, NSG 114	
1st Spring	5	NSG 124	Medical/Surgical Nursing Care of the Adult	9	BIO 172, NSG 112, NSG 114, NSG 116; Co: PSY 160 and MTH Elective	
	6	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	7	MTH 157 or MTH 160	College Algebra or Introduction to Statistics	3	MTH 100 or MTH 052 or Placement	Page 42 Column IV
2nd Fall	8	NSG 212	Specialty Nursing Across the Lifespan	9	NSG 124, PSY 160, MTH Elective; Co: BIO 265, ENG 161	
	9	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	BIO 155 or BIO 171 and CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS Chemistry (C or better), ENG 095 or Placement	
	10	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 with Permission of Instructor, ENG 095 or Placement	
2nd Spring	11	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
	12	NSG 224	Advanced Medical/Surgical Care of the Adult	7	NSG 212, BIO 265; Co: ENG 164	
	13	NSG 236	Transition to Practice/RN	4	NSG 224; Co: ENG 164	

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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/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
Required Before Program Start		BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS Chemistry and ENG 095 or Placement	
		CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3		
1st Spring	1	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIO 171 (Cor better)	
	2	NSG 112	Introduction to Professional Nursing and Health Promotion Across The Lifespan	3	BIO 171, CPT 150; Co: BIO 172, NSG 114, NSG 116	
	3	NSG 114	Health and Physical Assessment	3	BIO 171, CPT 150	
	4	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	BIO 171, CPT 150; Co: NSG 112, NSG 114	
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	MTH 157 or MTH 160	College Algebra or Introduction to Statistics	3	MTH 100 or MTH 052 or Placement	Page 42 Column IV
2nd Spring	8	NSG 212	Specialty Nursing Across the Lifespan	9	NSG 124, PSY 160, MTH Elective; Co: BIO 265, ENG 161	
	9	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	BIO 155 or BIO 171 and CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS chemistry (C or better), ENG 095 or Placement	
	10	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 with Permission of Instructor, ENG 095 or Placement	
2nd Fall	11	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
	12	NSG 224	Advanced Medical/Surgical Care of the Adult	7	NSG 212, BIO 265; Co: ENG 164	
	13	NSG 236	Transition to Practice/RN	4	NSG 224; Co: ENG 164	

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Advanced Standing: Transition to Associate Degree Nursing

All Level I General Education and Science courses must be completed with "C" grade or 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/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Summer/ Fall	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	
Credit for Prior Learning Awarded	3	NSG 112	Introduction to Professional Nursing and Health Promotion Across The Lifespan	3	Credit for Prior Learning Awarded	
	4	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	Credit for Prior Learning Awarded	
	5	NSG 124	Medical/Surgical Nursing Care of the Adult	9	Credit for Prior Learning Awarded	
1st Fall/ Spring	6	NSG 212	Specialty Nursing Across the Lifespan	9	NSG 124, PSY 160, MTH Elective; Co: BIO 265, ENG 161	
	7	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	BIO 155 or BIO 171 and CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225 or HS chemistry (C or better), ENG 095 or Placement	
1st Spring/ Fall	8	NSG 224	Advanced Medical/Surgical Care of the Adult	7	NSG 212, BIO 265; Co: ENG 164	
	9	NSG 236	Transition to Practice/RN	4	NSG 224; Co: ENG 164	
	10	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	

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

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