

Nursing, AAS

School of Health Professions

Admission to the nursing program is selective and enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements. **All applicants must meet specific criteria before being admitted to any of the program options.**

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone 404-975-5000. The ACEN is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs: Associate Degree. The ACEN is nationally recognized as a specialized accrediting agency for both postsecondary and higher degree programs in nursing education.

Admission Criteria for the Associate Degree Nursing Program Guidelines

Purpose: Admission to the nursing program is a selective process because enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements. Therefore, all applicants applying for admission must meet the criteria.

Guidelines: Applicants to the associate degree nursing program must submit the appropriate forms to the Admissions Office.

Application Process

- Complete and submit an Application for Admission
- Submit official transcript from all secondary schools attended, graduate equivalency degree (GED) programs, and any other formal educational programs beyond high school
- Submit all required documents to the Admissions Office by the following deadlines:

ADN PROGRAM - Day Programs: Day/Weekend Greene

Application Deadline	January 5 prior to fall start
Testing Dates	February July
Acceptance Notification	Mid-March
Start Nursing Classes	Fall Semester

ADN PROGRAM - Evening/Weekend Program -

ADN Students

Application Deadline	May 15 prior to spring start
Testing Dates	July
Acceptance Notification	Mid-August
Start Nursing Classes	Spring Semester

- Applicants must take a preadmission examination administered by Westmoreland; eligible candidates will be notified of the testing dates once all required information has been submitted.
- Tattoos: Visible tattoos are not permitted at the clinical affiliation sites and must be covered during clinical and lab experience.

Admission Criteria

- Graduate of accredited secondary school program or hold a graduate equivalency degree (GED) certificate prior to selection
- High school validating the successful completion of academic work equivalent to a standard high school program with a minimum of 16 units:
 - English (4 units)
 - Social studies (3 units)
 - Mathematics (2 units, one in algebra required)
 - Science (2 units in chemistry and biology with related laboratory)
 - If high school algebra, chemistry and biology were not successfully completed with a "C" grade or better, applicants may meet these preadmission requirements by completing MTH 052, CHM 107, and BIO 107 with a "C" grade or better
- Applicants must also take the computerized placement test (Accuplacer)
- Students who test into developmental courses must complete them with a "C" or better
- Applicants who have completed credit courses must attain a 2.5 GPA
 - Only credit courses necessary to meet the requirements for the nursing program are considered when calculating GPA
 - If GPA is less than 2.5, one or more of these courses may be repeated to meet the requirements before testing
 - Students must earn a "C" or better in all nursing and corequisite courses to progress in the program and to graduate
 - Transfer courses are not calculated into the GPA

Final Admission Criteria

Accepted applicants are to submit proof of the following requirements, at the applicants expense:

- Physical examination, laboratory studies, proof of immunizations, and urine drug screen. A positive urine drug screen will result in denial of admission to the program
- CPR Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers; certification is valid for two years
- Evidence of a nursing liability insurance policy by date specified
- Act 33-34 Clearance, PA Criminal Record and Child Abuse Clearance; and FBI fingerprinting through the Department of Public Welfare, at the applicant's expense
- All records must be received by the nursing program prior to the stated deadlines or program acceptance will be withdrawn
- Students must earn a "C" or better in all nursing and corequisite courses to graduate

Criminal Conviction and/or Crimes of Moral Turpitude

Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny a license to any candidate who has been convicted of any felonious act. Conviction includes a judgment, and admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere, probation without verdict or incomplete Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD). Further, the Board shall not issue a license to any applicant who has been:

1. Convicted of a felonious act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64) known as The Controlled Substance Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; or
2. Convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory, or country unless;
 - a. at least 10 years have elapsed from the date of the conviction;
 - b. the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board, significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that the licensure should not create a substantial risk of further violations; and
 - c. the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in this act.

Additionally, charges and/or convictions with offense codes on the Prohibited Offenses Contained in Act 169 of 1996 as Amended by Act 13 of 1997 Criminal Offenses will result in withdrawal of seat in the nursing program. Any record of child abuse results in denial of admission to the nursing program.

Graduate/Program Learning Outcomes – (Associate Degree Nursing)

This curriculum is designed to prepare the graduate to:

Caring

1. Deliver quality and safe professional nursing care based on knowledge and evidence from nursing, physical, biological and behavioral sciences.
2. Promote health through patient and family centered teaching and health education.
3. Use caring constructs to provide patient and family centered care that is based on respect for diversity.

Competency

4. Implement technical aspects of care safely, skillfully, effectively and efficiently.
5. Manage the care for a group of patients in a variety of settings using evidence based management concepts and skills.

Communication

6. Use therapeutic communication skills with individuals when providing professional nursing care.
7. Use effective communication skills to promote teamwork, multidisciplinary collaboration and shared decision making.

Critical Thinking

8. Use the nursing process to assess, diagnose, plan, implement and evaluate care to meet mutually identified needs of individuals and their families.
9. Apply critical thinking to decision-making and safe clinical judgments.
10. Use information technologies effectively by accessing and managing information to enhance provision, adaptation and management of care.

Commitment

11. Implement collaborative, dependent and independent nursing actions within the legal and ethical framework of professional nursing practice.
12. Demonstrate commitment to active learning to enhance self-development, professional identity and growth as a nurse.

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Nursing Day or Day/Weekend

Seq #	Course	Course Title	Credits	Type	Term Offered	Pre-Req	Options Available
1	BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su	CHM 107, 155 or 264 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095	
2	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su		
3	Apply and test for the program						
4	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	Support	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171-C grade or better	
5	NSG 112	Intro/Prof Nsg & Hlth Care Acre Lifespan	3	Core	F, Sp	BIO 171, CPT 150 Co-Req: BIO 172, NSG 114	
6	NSG 114	Hlth& Phys Assessment	3	Core	F, SP, Su	BIO 171, CPT 150 Co-Req: BIO 172, NSG 112, 116	
7	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	Core	F, Sp	BIO 171, CPT 150, NSG 112 Co-Req: BIO 172, NSG 114	
8	ALH 120	Pharmacology	3	Support	F, Sp, Su		
9	NSG 124	Med-Surg Nursing Care/Ad.	9	Core	F, Sp	BIO 171, 172, CPT 150, NSG 112, 114, 116 Co-Req: ALH 120, PSY 160	
10	PSY 160	General Psychology	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su		
11	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	Support	F, Sp, Su	BIO 155, 171, CHM 107, 155, 264 or High School CHM, ENG 085 or Test	
12	ENG 161	College Writing	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Test	
13	NSG 225	Nursing Care/Childbrng. Fam./Infant & Child	4	Core	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses in assigned sequence semester	
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14	NSG 240	Psych/Mental Health Nursing Care	3	Core	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req; Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
15	NSG 255	Adv. M/S Aging Adult Chronic	3	Core	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req; Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
16	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su	ENG 161	
17	NSG 260	Adv. Care/Chronically Ill	3	Core	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req; Level II ADN nursing & support courses in assigned sequence semester	
18	NSG 270	Adv. Care/Acutely Ill	3	Core	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req; Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
19	NSG 280	Manager of Nursing Care	4	Core	F, Sp	Pre-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
20	MTH 160	Introduction to Statistics	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su	Test	Page 51 Column IV

Total Program Credits 65

Total Pathway Credits 72 (Includes Pre-requisites)

PDV 101 - First-Year Seminar is required for all first-time credential-seeking students.

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Part-time Evening/Weekend Youngwood

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1	BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su	CHM 107, 155 or 264 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095		
2	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	Support	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171 - C grade or better		
3	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su			
4	ENG 161	College Writing	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Test		
5	PSY 160	General Psychology	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su			
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13	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	Gen Ed	Sp	ENG 161		
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