

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is designed to provide educational opportunities to qualified students for a career that will help meet the expanding health needs of today's society. The mission of the ADN Program at MDCC is to prepare graduates for entry level nursing practice in a variety of health care settings in the area served by the college.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program consists of one summer session followed by two years of nursing courses. Courses in biological, physical, and social sciences and humanities provide foundation and support for nursing courses. Support courses may be taken prior to application or while in the program. The nursing courses combine theory and clinical teaching experiences in a related sequence. The Associate Degree Nursing Program offers an option for LPNs to complete the RN program in 12 months by enrolling in an accelerated track.

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Legal Limitations for Licensure as a Registered Nurse:

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According to Mississippi State Law, an individual may not be eligible for employment in a health care agency if the person has ever been convicted of a felony, or plead guilty to, or plead nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, of felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult.

Graduates must apply to the Mississippi Board of Nursing for licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must:

- meet general admission requirements.
- be a high school graduate or have a satisfactory GED score.
- must have a minimum ACT score of 18 (15 if taken before October 28, 1989) if entering college for the first time OR a minimum ACT score of 16 to 17 (12 to 14 ACT score if earned prior to October 28, 1989) and who have completed at least 12 semester hours with a “C” average or better on courses that are approved by the college.
- submit a signed, notarized Healthcare Criminal History Background Affidavit.
- take an entrance test at the applicant’s own expense. The exam may only be taken once a year.

PROCEDURE:

Applicants must have the following documents on file in the Health Sciences office by March 1 to be considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program:

- MDCC application for admission or readmission
- MDCC application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program (Associate Degree Application Packet)
- An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED equivalency score
- An official college transcript, if college work has been completed
- ACT score
- Signed, notarized Healthcare Criminal History Background Affidavit
- Entrance test score
- One academic and one personal reference form

Students are encouraged to submit all parts of the application well in advance of the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for admission.**

SELECTION:

No applicant will be considered unless the minimum admission requirements are met. Requirements are based on ACT scores, GPA scores, entrance test score, health care work experience, performance on core courses, and references submitted in a timely manner. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. The number of applicants accepted is limited due to the nature of the program. Applicants will be notified by letter of their acceptance or non-acceptance to the program. The acceptance letter will include specific instructions regarding all requirements that must be completed prior to August admission. These requirements are listed below:

- completion of Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 2513/2511) and Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 2523/2521) with a grade of “C” or better during the summer session or regular session prior to admission to the ADN program.
- A&P I & II must be completed prior to Microbiology.
A&P I & II and Microbiology must be completed within the last five years.

- satisfactory completion of First Aid CPR (HPR 2211) taught during the summer
- satisfactory completion of MATH 1102 during the summer based on entrance test results
- reading comprehension assignment, if indicated by entrance test score
- satisfactory background check (see Policy on Admission to Health Science Program)
- health evaluation form completed by a physician or nurse practitioner indicating physical & mental fitness
- proof of Hepatitis-B vaccination, MMR vaccination and TB skin test
- acceptable pre-admission drug screen

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students who are accepted into the program must:

- attend an ADN orientation session.
- be aware that, in addition to the regular college fees, Associate Degree Nursing students will incur expenses for such items as uniforms, books, supplies, liability insurance, background check, Hepatitis B vaccination series, national and state licensing examination fees, standardized achievement tests, nursing organization fees, and graduation fees.
- be responsible for their own transportation to the college campus and clinical agencies.

PROGRESSION:

To be eligible for progression in the nursing program, the student must maintain a grade of "C" in BIO 2513/2511, BIO 2523/2521, BIO 2923/2821, FCS 1253, and in each required nursing course. BIO 2513 and BIO 2523 must be completed prior to taking BIO 2923.

READMISSION or TRANSFER:

Students seeking readmission to the program or transfer credit from another ADN program are considered on an individual basis according to health sciences readmission or transfer policies.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

Mississippi Delta Community College complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, handicap, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.” The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Lynda Steele, Vice President of Administrative Services, Stauffer-Wood Administration Building, P. O. Box 668, Moorhead, MS 38761, 662-246-6558. The students’ contact is: The Center of Learning at 662-246-6251.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Performance Standards for Admission and Progression

The following performance standards provide descriptions of basic cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor requirements for successful associate degree nursing program completion. Applicants and students who cannot meet one or more of the standards will be considered on an individual basis in terms of whether reasonable modification/accommodation can be made. Reasonable accommodations will be examined in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the Performance Standards for Admission and Progression.

In order to successfully complete the associate degree nursing program, an applicant/student must be able to do the following:

1. **Demonstrate critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.**

Examples

- prioritize information and identify cause-effect relationships in the clinical setting
- analyze assessment findings and use findings to plan and implement care
- evaluate plan of care and make revisions as appropriate
- make decisions using logic, creativity and reasoning to make sound clinical judgments based on standards of nursing care
- demonstrate arithmetic ability to correctly compute dosages, tell time, and use measuring tools

2. **Display interpersonal skills sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups in a variety of settings in the community.**

Examples

- respect differences among clients and exhibit an attitude accepting of clients as individuals
- establish rapport in order to communicate effectively with clients, families, significant others, and health team members
- work effectively in small groups as a team member and a team leader
- recognize crises and institute appropriate interventions to help resolve adverse situations

3. **Demonstrate appropriate verbal and written communication skills.**

Examples

- speak coherently to clients, families, and other staff members
- clearly explain treatment procedures and initiate health teaching for clients, families, or groups based on assessed needs, available resources, age, lifestyle, and cultural considerations
- provide clear, understandable written client documentation based upon proper use of the English language
- convey critical information to other caregivers through graphic, print, and/or electronic media in an accurate, timely, and comprehensible manner

4. **Exhibit physical ability sufficient to assist clients to meet health care needs in a variety of settings, including moving from room-to-room, to maneuver in small spaces, and to negotiate stairwells when necessary.**

Examples

- physical mobility and strength sufficient to propel wheelchairs, stretchers, etc. through doorways and close fitting areas alone or with assistance
- stand, walk up to 75% of 6 to 12 hour shifts
- stoop, bend, squat, reach overhead as required to reach equipment and provide nursing care
- lift a minimum of 20 pounds of weight
- transfer/position up to 300 pounds with assistance while lifting, positioning, and transferring clients
- provide for activities of daily living (bed bath, oral hygiene, dressing, etc.)
- perform CPR satisfactorily and respond quickly in an emergency situation

5. **Demonstrate gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.**

Examples

- demonstrate physical dexterity and coordination in delivery of care, treatment, and medications
- hold skin taut with one hand while inserting needle in skin or vein with other hand and perform other procedures requiring the use of 2 hands
- pick up, grasp, and effectively manipulate small objects such as dials, syringes, switches
- calibrate and use equipment
- maintain sterile technique when performing sterile procedures

6. **Display auditory, visual, and tactile ability sufficient to safely assess and care for clients.**

Examples

- hear monitors, alarms, emergency signals, lung/heart sounds, bowel sounds, and cries for help, telephone, intercom interactions, and public address systems (codes)
- perceive and receive verbal communications from clients, families, and health team members
- read written words and information on paper and computer screens, small print, gauges, measuring cups, syringes, and other equipment
- discriminate colors; changes in color, size and continuity of body parts
- discriminate alterations in normal body activities such as breathing patterns and level of consciousness
- observe hazards in environment (water spills, safety rails, restraints) and harmful situations
- perform physical assessment: palpate pulses, feel for heat or cold, tap body surfaces

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REQUIRED COURSES:	Previously Taken	FALL ____	SPRING __	SUMMER__	FALL _____	SPRING _____
*BIO 2513 Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 2513	X	X	X	X	X
*BIO 2511 A & P I Lab	BIO 2511	X	X	X	X	X
*BIO 2523 Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 2523	X	X	X	X	X
*BIO 2521 A & P II Lab	BIO 2521	X	X	X	X	X
NUR 1119 Nursing I		NUR 1119				
ENG 1113 English Composition I		ENG 1113				
FCS 1253 Nutrition		FCS 1253				
PSY 1513 General Psychology		PSY 1513				
NUR 1129 Nursing II			NUR 1129			
ENG 1123 English Composition II			ENG 1123			
+BIO 2923 Microbiology			BIO 2923		X	X
+BIO 2921 Microbiology Lab			BIO 2921		X	X
NUR 2119 Nursing III					NUR 2119	
NUR 2211 Nursing Review I					NUR 2211	
EPY 2533 Human Growth & Development					EPY 2533	
SPT 1113 Public Speaking I					SPT 1113	
NUR 2120 Nursing IV						NUR 2120
NUR 2221 Nursing Review II						NUR 2221
SOC 2113 Intro to Sociology I						SOC 2113
APPROVED ELECTIVES: (Optional)						
NUR 1313 Nursing Seminar I		NUR 1313				
NUR 1323 Nursing Seminar II			NUR 1323			
NUR 2323 Nurse Externship (Summer)				NUR 2323		
NUR 2313 Nursing Seminar III					NUR 2313	
NUR 2321 Nursing Seminar IV						NUR 2321
Total Hours:	8	18	16	3(optional)	16	14
Advisor Initials:						
Date:						

*Required Prerequisites. Must be completed within 5 years of admission to the program.

+Must be completed prior to second year or must be completed within 5 years of admission to the program

An Associate in Applied Science degree will be awarded upon completion of not less than seventy-two hours of credit with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

Students should consult the catalog of the university to which they plan to transfer for specific degree requirements.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

The Associate Degree Nursing Accelerated Track Program provides a bridge course for the licensed practical nurse to apply previous knowledge attained in the LPN program in an accelerated associate degree program. This program combines general education and nursing courses with clinical experiences.

The ADN Accelerated Track Program for LPNs consists of a summer program that offers 18 hours of credit for a fast track of the first two semesters of the associate degree nursing program. This option allows LPN's to complete the RN program in 12 months. Successful completion of the summer program allows students to progress to the second year of the ADN program.

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A LPN is eligible to apply for the Accelerated Track if the LPN:

- has satisfactorily completed all non-nursing courses up to the sophomore year, with the exception of Public Speaking I, Human Growth & Development, and Introduction to Sociology.
- has worked as a LPN for one year.
- was a generic student who was unsuccessful in completing NUR 1119, and later became an LPN.

A LPN is ineligible for the Accelerated Track if the LPN was unsuccessful in completing NUR 1119.

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- completion of Microbiology (BIO 2923/2921) with a grade of “C” or better, accomplished within the last five years.
- completion of Anatomy & Physiology I & II prior to enrolling in Microbiology
- completion of Nutrition (FCS 1253) with a grade of “C” or better
- satisfactory completion of non-nursing courses up to the sophomore year with the exception of Public Speaking I, Human Growth & Development, & Intro to Sociology
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READMISSION and TRANSFER:

Students are not eligible for readmission into the summer accelerated track program.

Due to the nature of the summer track, students are not eligible to transfer into the summer accelerated track program.

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PRE-HEALTH SCIENCE

The Pre-Health Science curriculum is recommended for students seeking admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program who have not attended college. To be classified as Pre-Health Science, a student must have a composite ACT score of 16 (12 if earned prior to 10/28/89) or higher. It is also recommended for students who have a 16 or 17 on the ACT, who have been out of school for more than 3 years, or who feel the need to strengthen their academic background before applying to the program.

Students who pursue the Pre-Health Science curriculum should be aware that:

- taking the pre-health science curriculum does not guarantee admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program. (See the Policy on Admission to Health Science Programs).
- following the pre-health science curriculum does not lead to an associate of arts or associate of applied science degree.

