

## Nursing AAS (NURS)

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CR COURSE		SEMESTER							
		CA#	TR						
1-4	HRD 100A, 100 or 110								
3	ENG 101 or ENG 100A & B								
3	SUNY GEN ED Basic Communication Course (Choose from: ENG 102-110)								
4	BIO 107 (Prereq Required)								
4	BIO 108 (Prereq Required)								
4	BIO113 (Prereq Required)								
2	HEALTH AND WELLNESS–PED activity credit, AVS 101, AVS 102, BIO 114, BIO 115, HED 103, HED 104, HED 108, NUR 121 (Nursing major only), NUR 122 (Nursing majors only), SCI 161 (Note: PED 105, 106, 206, 210, 211, and 212 do not fulfill this requirement)								
3	PSY 101								
3	SOC 101								
3	PSY 222 (Prereq Required)								
6	NUR 100 (Prereq Required and Coreq Required)								
5	NUR 102 (Prereq Required and Coreq Required)								
5	NUR 103 (Prereq Required and Coreq Required)								
10	NUR 104 (Prereq Required and Coreq Required)								
4	NUR 200 (Prereq Required)								
4	NUR 201 (Prereq Required)								
2	NUR 202 (Prereq Required and Coreq Required)								
2	NURSING ELECTIVES								
68	<b>Minimum</b> credits required for graduation								68+

**Note:** Please review the back of this form for additional information.

## Notes on Nursing AAS (NURS)

- ❖ **Financial Aid Recipients:** You **must** choose courses that are within your degree program. Visit the Advisement and Career Services Center in Warren Hall if you have any questions about course selection and degree program requirements. Please see Office of Financial Aid for any aid-related questions.

### Additional Information:

#### I. Admission Information

1. Students requesting admission into the Nursing Program must submit a separate Supplemental Nursing Program Application. Applications will be accepted between January 1st and February 1st for Fall or Summer consideration and between August 15 to September 15 for Spring consideration.
2. A GPA of 2.8 or better is required to enter the Nursing Program.
3. A grade of C+ (77) is required in all nursing courses for the AAS in Nursing and in BIO 107, BIO 108, and BIO 113. Grades less than C+ (77) in the above courses cannot be used to fulfill the program requirements.
4. Admission and continuation in this program are conditional upon annual completion of the required physical examination, TB test, CPR certification, and personal professional liability insurance. Hepatitis B, Tetanus and Varicella vaccines are also required for all students. Forms are available from the faculty secretary's office in the Health Sciences Division. Students not in compliance will not be allowed in the clinical area and will receive an unsafe for the clinical experience missed.
5. Graduates of practical nursing programs may be granted advanced standing in the Nursing program. A Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher is needed for entry if enrolled in college courses. Applicants must be eligible to enter BIO 108 and must have a "C+" or better in BIO 107 or its equivalent. Applicants must be eligible to enter college level Math and English courses to be determined by SUNY Adirondack Accuplacer Test, or have earned college level Math and English credit. Applicants who do not demonstrate competency in Math will be required to take Math 167 (Math 097 acceptable) prior to or concurrent with first semester nursing courses. Please contact the secretary of the Health Sciences Division for further information. LPNs and GPNs must register for Nursing Process (NUR150) in their first semester of enrollment in nursing classes.
6. Transfer students must meet the 2.8 GPA to enter the Nursing program and have a grade of C+ (77) or better in BIO 107, BIO 108, BIO 113, and any transfer nursing courses. Transfer nursing students may be required to take Nursing Process (NUR 150) in their first semester of enrollment in Nursing courses.

#### II. Information for students' continuation in the Nursing Program

7. Students seeking re-entry into the Nursing Program must retake Nursing Courses older than two years and required Science Courses older than 5 years.
8. Required nursing courses for the AAS in Nursing may be repeated once. Students who do not achieve a C+ when repeating a required nursing course will be withdrawn from the Nursing program. Additionally, only one nursing course may be repeated. Also, students who do not achieve a C+ in the required Biology Courses may only repeat them once to attain the required C+.
9. Students must successfully complete the nursing courses in the semester they are currently in prior to beginning another semester in nursing.

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10. Students who fail a nursing course are not guaranteed continued enrollment in the Nursing program. If a student fails or withdraws from NUR 100 their status in the Nursing Program will be reevaluated by the nursing faculty and continued enrollment will not be guaranteed.
11. Students may only withdraw from a required nursing course one time.
12. Students must complete the Nursing program in seven semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course.
13. All required nursing theory courses include a one hour seminar each week.
14. Nursing electives can be chosen from any NUR course not required in the curriculum.
15. Clinical experiences are provided in area health care facilities during day and evening hours and are dependent on availability of placements. PLEASE NOTE: Students may be required to travel an hour or more to a clinical site and must provide their own transportation.
16. Clinical sections may be taught by adjunct faculty.
17. Unsatisfactory or unsafe application of theory in the clinical laboratory may result in the student being withdrawn from the Nursing program.
18. Consideration of a January class will be determined on a year to year basis depending on enrollment.
19. Articulation agreement(s) are in place that provides for a seamless transition for SUNY Adirondack nursing students from an AAS to a B.S. program of study.
20. All students will be required to take a Comprehensive Mid-Curricular and a Comprehensive Exit exam prior to graduation.
21. Applicants to the Nursing Program who have been found guilty of a crime and/or have pending criminal charges (misdemeanor or felony) should contact the State Education Department Office of the Professions at 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234-1000 to determine eligibility for licensure.
22. Admitted students who have failed clinical or have been dismissed from the Nursing Program because of clinical failure may appeal the decision using the grievance procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook.
23. Admitted students who have been withdrawn from the Nursing Program due to failing two nursing courses may petition to reenter at a later date using the procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook.
24. A background check for child abuse or endangerment is required for clinical participation in NUR 201. If a student is not able to obtain clearance, they will not be eligible to participate in the NUR 201 clinical experiences and will not be able to complete the nursing program requirements for graduation. This background check is done prior to NUR 201. If issues are identified, it can take up to 6 months for students to get clearance. It is the student's responsibility to pursue any issues that may be identified in the background check and get clearance. Students will not be allowed in the clinical setting without this clearance. If you have concerns about this see the Division Chair.

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### Prerequisites for:

**BIO 107** - Regents Biology & Chemistry or  
BIO 103 & CHM 103 w/in last 5 years

**BIO 108** - BIO 107

**BIO 113** - Regents Biology & Chemistry or  
BIO 103 & CHM 103 w/in last 5 years

**PSY 222** - PSY 101

**NUR 100** – co req: BIO 107

**NUR 102** - NUR 100; co req: BIO 108

**NUR 103** - NUR 100; co req: BIO 108

**NUR 104** - NUR 100; co req: BIO 108

**NUR 200** - NUR 102, NUR 103, NUR 104

**NUR 201** - NUR 102, NUR 103, NUR 104

**NUR 202** - Successful completion of 3 semesters of  
clinical NUR courses & continued enrollment  
in NUR program

### Definition of Terms

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See <http://catalog.sunyacc.edu/academics/degreerequirements>

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## RECOMMENDED SEQUENCES

### FIRST YEAR

#### First Semester

1-4 HRD 100A, 100, or 110  
3 ENG 101 or 100A & B  
4 BIO 107  
6 NUR 100  
3 PSY 101

#### Second Semester

3 ENG 102 - 110  
4 BIO 108  
10 NUR 102 & NUR 103 or NUR 104

### SECOND YEAR

#### Third Semester

10 NUR 102 & NUR 103 or NUR 104  
4 BIO 113  
1 Health and Wellness  
3 PSY 222  
1 Nursing Elective

#### Fourth Semester

4 NUR 200  
4 NUR 201  
3 SOC 101  
1 Health and Wellness  
2 NUR 202  
1 Nursing Elective

**SUNY General Education Knowledge Areas:** (See <http://catalog.sunyacc.edu/academics/generaleducation>)

- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- American History
- Western Civilization
- Other World Civilization
- Humanities
- The Arts
- Foreign Languages
- Basic Communication

## Am I ready to apply to the nursing program?

Use the following chart to determine if you're ready to apply to the nursing program. Start at the top, if you can answer "yes" to a statement, move on to the next one! If your answer is "No" or "Not Sure?" read the notes to see what your next step should be.

*Note: Once you have completed the first 2 steps, you do not need to repeat these steps each time you apply to the nursing program.*

Statement	My Answer	Notes
I have been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.	Yes No Not sure?	You must be accepted to the college in general before applying to the nursing program. If you have been a SUNY Adirondack student in the past, and are returning to pursue nursing please check with an advisor before submitting your nursing program application.
If I have attended another college, I have sent my official transcripts to SUNY Adirondack's Registrar	Yes No Not sure?	Official transcripts must be in your student file at SUNY Adirondack in order for you to receive credit for coursework taken at other colleges.
I am ready to take (or have already taken) college-level mathematics & English.	Yes No Not sure?	Most new (and many returning) students will take a placement test for math and/or English. Your placement test score will determine your starting point for math and English courses. If you have math and/or English credit from another college, make sure that SUNY Adirondack has received an official transcript for your coursework.
Within the past 5 years, I have either: taken the Biology Regents and earned an 80 or higher OR taken BIO 103 (or the equivalent) and earned a C or higher.	Yes No Not sure?	If you have not taken BIO 103 within the past 5 years and earned a C or better, or earned an 80 or better on the New York State Regents exam within the past 5 years, <b>you must take BIO 103 and earn a C or better</b> before you can apply to the nursing program.
Within the past 5 years, I have either: taken the Chemistry Regents and earned an 80 or higher OR taken CHM 103 (or the equivalent) and earned a C or higher.	Yes No Not sure?	If you have not taken CHM 103 within the past 5 years and earned a C or better, or earned an 80 or better on the New York State Regents exam within the past 5 years, <b>you must take CHM 103 and earn a C or better</b> before you can apply to the nursing program. <i>Note: CHM 103 has a minimum prerequisite of MATH 097, MAT 167 or an appropriate score on the math placement test. See an advisor if you're not sure of your math background.</i>
My overall GPA is a 2.8 or higher.	Yes No Not sure?	Please meet with an advisor if your GPA is lower than a 2.8 to develop a plan to improve your GPA. You must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.8 or higher to be considered for the nursing program.
If I have taken BIO 107, 108 and/or BIO 113, I earned a C+ or higher.	Yes No Not sure?	It's recommended that you take BIO 107 before you apply to nursing, or that you apply when BIO 107 is in progress (BIO 108 for LPN advanced standing applicants). You must earn a C+ minimum in BIO 107, 108 and 113.
<p><i>If you've answered "Yes" to all of the above statements, you're ready to apply to the SUNY Adirondack nursing program!</i>  Please print a current application packet from <a href="http://www.sunyacc.edu/academics/programs/nursing/info">http://www.sunyacc.edu/academics/programs/nursing/info</a>.</p>		
<p><i>If you answered "No" or "Not sure" to any of the statements, you are not quite ready to apply to the nursing program. Please see an advisor in the Advisement and Career Services Center, Warren Hall, to create a plan to meet the requirements for the nursing program.</i></p>		

# Nursing Information Guide

Entry to the SUNY Adirondack Nursing A.A.S. degree program is competitive and requires both acceptance to the College and the Nursing Program. This guide will help you decide when to apply, and what you will need to do in order to submit your application.

## What are the entry requirements for the Nursing Program?

To be considered for the Nursing program, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have been formally accepted to SUNY Adirondack
- Have a cumulative (overall) GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Be ready to take (or have already successfully completed) College level Mathematics and English
- Be ready to take (or have already successfully completed within 5 years, with a grade of C+ or higher):
  - **For regular admissions (i.e. non-LPN applicants)** BIO 107: Human Anatomy & Physiology I
    - **Prerequisite for BIO 107:** Both Biology 103 and Chemistry 103, completed within the past 5 years, with a grade of C or better (Chemistry 103 prerequisite: MAT 097 or equivalent).
    - New York State Regents exam scores of 80 or higher in Biology and/or Chemistry from within the past 5 years may be used to meet the BIO 103 and/or CHM 103 requirement, respectively.
    - *If accepted before completing BIO 107, you must take BIO 107 with your first NUR courses.*
  - **For advanced standing admissions (LPN applicants & transfers from other nursing programs):** Be ready to take (or have successfully completed within 5 years, with a grade of C+ or higher): BIO 108: Anatomy & Physiology II
  - **Prerequisite for BIO 108:** BIO 107: Human Anatomy & Physiology I (see above for BIO 107 prerequisite)
  - *You may submit your Nursing Program Application with BIO 107 or in progress.*
- Submit a complete Nursing Program Supplemental Application and any supplemental materials (LPN transcripts, college transcripts, etc.)

## When can I submit a Nursing Application?

- For **Spring Semester (January)** start, submit application between August 15<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>
- For **Summer (May)** or **Fall Semester (September)** start, submit application between January 1<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - *Note: Summer start is only open to non-advanced standing applicants who have **already completed** BIO 107.*

## Where is the Nursing Application available?

The nursing application packet is available at: <http://www.sunyacc.edu/academics/programs/nursing/info/>

## Am I guaranteed acceptance to the Nursing program?

Admission to the program is competitive and acceptance is not guaranteed. The entry requirements listed above represent the *minimum* requirements to be considered. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee acceptance. You may submit an application more than once.

## What will be my major while I'm getting ready to apply to the Nursing program?

Most pre-nursing students will begin in the *Liberal Arts* degree program, either in Mathematics & Sciences or Humanities & Social Sciences. You are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor each semester before registering for courses.

**Please note: If you have already earned a degree from SUNY Adirondack, you must meet with an advisor to declare a new degree program.**

Please contact Becky Funk, Advising & Career Specialist, at [funkr@sunyacc.edu](mailto:funkr@sunyacc.edu) with questions.