

Nursing AAS (NURS)

Catalog: 2019-2020				Effective Date: 9/01/2018			
CR	COURSE	COURSE TITLE	SUNY GEN ED	TR	SEMESTER		
3	ENG 101	<i>Introduction to College Writing</i>	GEBC				
3	SUNY GEN ED Basic Communication ENG 102, ENG 103, ENG 104, ENG 105, ENG 106, ENG 107, ENG 108, ENG 109 or ENG 110		GEBC				
4	BIO 107 (Prereq Required)	<i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I</i>	GENS				
4	BIO 108 (Prereq Required)	<i>Human Anatomy & Physiology II</i>	GENS				
4	BIO 113 (Prereq Required)	<i>Microbiology</i>	GENS				
3	PSY 101	<i>General Psychology</i>	GENS				
3	SOC 101	<i>Principles of Sociology</i>	GENS				
3	PSY 222 (Prereq Required)	<i>Developmental Psychology</i>					
6	NUR 100 (Prereq Required)	<i>Foundations of Nurse Caring I</i>					
5	NUR 102 (Prereq Required)	<i>Principles of Nurse Caring II</i>					
4	NUR 103 (Prereq Required)	<i>Principles of Family Nursing Caring</i>					
10	NUR 104 (Prereq Required)	<i>Principles of Nurse Caring III</i>					
5	NUR 200 (Prereq Required)	<i>Principles of Nurse Caring IV</i>					
4	NUR 201 (Prereq Required)	<i>Principles of Mental Health Nurse Caring</i>					
2	NUR 202 (Prereq Required)	<i>Professional Issues and Leadership in Nursing</i>					
1	Nursing elective						
64	Minimum credits required for graduation						

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

❖ COURSE PREREQUISITES:			
BIO 107	Within the last 5 years BIO 103 (or Regents Biology 80) and CHM 103 (or Regents Chemistry 80); or BIO 103 with C or better and CHM 103 with C or better; or equivalent	NUR 100	BIO 107 (with C+ or better - pre or corequisite)
BIO 108	BIO 107	NUR 102	NUR 100 (with C+ or better) and BIO 107 (with C+ or better) and BIO 108 (with C+ or better - pre or corequisite)
BIO 113	Within the last 5 years BIO 103 (or Regents Biology 80) and CHM 103 (or Regents Chemistry 80); or BIO 103 with C or better and CHM 103 with C or better; or equivalent	NUR 103	NUR 100 (with C+ or better) and BIO 107 (with C+ or better) and BIO 108 (with C+ or better - pre or corequisite)
PSY 222	PSY 101	NUR 104	NUR 100 (with C+ or better) and BIO 107 (with C+ or better) and BIO 108 (with C+ or better - pre or corequisite)
		NUR 200	NUR 102 (with C+ or better) and NUR 103 (with C+ or better) and NUR 104 (with C+ or better)
		NUR 201	NUR 102 (with C+ or better) and NUR 103 (with C+ or better) and NUR 104 (with C+ or better) and Child Abuse/Endangerment clearance
		NUR 202	Successful completion of three semesters of clinical nursing courses and continued enrollment in the nursing program

❖ RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE:			
FIRST YEAR			
First Semester		Second Semester	
3	ENG 101	3	ENG 102 – ENG 110
4	BIO 107	4	BIO 108
3	PSY 101	9-10	NUR 102 and NUR 103 OR NUR 104
6	NUR 100		
SECOND YEAR			
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
4	BIO 113	3	SOC 101
3	PSY 222	5	NUR 200
9-10	NUR 102 and NUR 103 OR NUR 104	4	NUR 201
1	Nursing elective	2	NUR 202

❖ **DEFINITION OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** See <http://catalog.sunyacc.edu/academics/degreerequirements>

❖ **FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS:** A student **must** choose courses that are within their degree program. Students are encouraged to meet with their assigned academic advisor for any questions about course selection and degree program requirements. Please visit the Office of Financial Aid for any aid-related questions.

❖ **SUNY GEN ED KNOWLEDGE AREAS:** See <http://catalog.sunyacc.edu/academics/generaleducation>

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| ❖ Mathematics (GEMA) | ❖ Other World Civilization (GEOC) |
| ❖ Natural Sciences (GENS) | ❖ Humanities (GEHU) |
| ❖ Social Sciences (GESS) | ❖ The Arts (GETA) |
| ❖ American History (GEAH) | ❖ Foreign Languages (GEFL) |
| ❖ Western Civilization (GEWC) | ❖ Basic Communication (GEBC) |

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 15th and September 15th for Spring consideration. Beginning with the students applying to the Nursing Program for January 2020, perspective nursing students applying to the Nursing Program at SUNY Adirondack will be required to complete a HESI A2 Nursing Admissions Test. This test will be able to be scheduled in the Testing Center at SUNY Adirondack or a Prometric Testing Center of the student's choice. The results of the HESI A2 Nursing Admissions Test will be valid for two calendar years, after which students must retake the exam for admissions consideration. The cost of this admissions test will be the responsibility of the admitted student.
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.	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. : If a student is arrested and charged with a misdemeanor or felony anytime while enrolled in the Nursing Program, the student must report this to the Division Chair within 72 hours. Failure to report this by the required deadline may result in Program Probation or Dismissal.
6.	All students admitted to the Nursing Program must attend a mandatory Nursing Program Orientation. At the Orientation all nursing students will be given a Student Nursing Handbook which contains important Nursing Program Policies which will be reviewed with the students. All students are required to sign the final page of this handbook acknowledging that they have received and understood the policies that they are bound to as a nursing student at SUNY Adirondack. The signed form will be kept in the student files and acknowledges understanding of the policies outlined in the handbook and consequences of a breach of this contract.
7.	A deferment from acceptance into the Nursing Program is only granted for extenuating circumstances and is not guaranteed. To qualify for a deferment, you must submit a request PRIOR to the start of the semester that you were accepted for. A deferment is only given for one (1) academic semester and only one (1) time. If a student does not start the Nursing Program after the completion of their deferment terms, they will be removed from the list and the student must reapply to the Nursing Program for future consideration.
Information for students wishing to Transfer into the Nursing Program	
8.	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. LPN students who receive advanced placement in the Nursing Program and credit for NUR 100 will be required to take a 15 hour noncredit LPN Transition Course that will be offered prior to the start of the fall and spring semester. The cost for this course will be set by the college and will be the responsibility of the student. Satisfactory completion is required for LPN students to receive credit for NUR 100 and advanced placement in the Nursing Program.

9.	Students wishing to transfer into the Nursing Program 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. Students with prior enrollment from another accredited nursing program must submit a letter of recommendation from the Program Director for consideration of transfer to the Nursing Program. Transfer nursing students may be required to take Nursing Process (NUR 150) in their first semester of enrollment in nursing courses.
Information for Nursing Students Continuance in the Nursing Program	
10.	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+ (prior BIO W or X grades are not considered a repeat but may negatively impact program admission or continuance)..
11.	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.
12.	Students may only withdraw from a required nursing course one time.
13.	Students must complete the Nursing program in seven semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course.
14.	A student who will not be enrolled continuously in the Nursing Program must request a Leave of Absence per the policy in the Nursing Student Handbook. A student will only be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of one (1) academic year. Only one Leave of Absence will be granted.
15.	All required nursing theory courses include a one hour seminar each week.
16.	Nursing electives can be chosen from any NUR course not required in the curriculum.
17.	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.
18.	Clinical sections may be taught by adjunct faculty.
19.	Unsatisfactory or unsafe application of theory in the clinical laboratory may result in the student being withdrawn from the Nursing program.
20.	Basic Drug calculation skills will be taught in NUR 100. Evaluation and demonstration of proficiency of this skill will be tested at the completion of this unit in NUR 100 and at the beginning of each major nursing course with a clinical component. Students will be provided with drug calculation practice web sites and resources which will be posted on Angel/Blackboard to prepare for this proficiency test. Students who receive 100% on the proficiency test will be marked as complete on the Clinical Evaluation Tool for that course. A student who fails to meet the 100% requirement on this proficiency test after three (3) attempts will receive a clinical grade of Unsatisfactory (U) for clinical for that course and will be required to repeat this required nursing course. Only one required nursing course can be repeated.
21.	All students are required to take a HESI Medical/Surgical Exam after completing the third (3rd) semester of nursing classes and a comprehensive HESI Exit Exam prior to graduation. Graduating Students are strongly urged to take the pre-paid, three day EVOLVE Live Review Course offered in January and May on campus. Failure to take this comprehensive review may result in NCLEX failure.
22.	The State University of New York (SUNY) and SUNY Adirondack is committed to protecting the safety and wellbeing of children who participate in college-related programs and activities, whether on or off campus. A New

	York State Child Abuse Background Check may be required by a clinical agency at the beginning of the student's Behavioral Health Clinical experience. If issues are identified, it can take up to six (6) months for a student to receive clearance. It is the student's responsibility to pursue any issues that may be identified in the background check and get clearance and their participation in this clinical experience will be deferred until clearance is received
23.	Articulation agreement(s) are in place that provide for a seamless transition for SUNY Adirondack nursing students from an AAS to a B.S. program of study.
24.	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.
25.	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.
26.	Admitted students who have been withdrawn from the Nursing Program due to failing NUR 100 or two nursing courses may petition to reenter at a later date using the procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook. All decisions made by the Health Sciences Division relative to reentry to the Nursing Program will be final.
27.	Any student who has been withdrawn from the Nursing program will be automatically reassigned to the Liberal Arts and Sciences - Mathematics and Science AS degree Health Education concentration. Further changes of major will be the responsibility of the student.
28.	Students seeking re-entry into the Nursing Program must retake Nursing Courses older than two years and required Science Courses older than 5 years.
29.	Beginning with nursing students admitted to the Fall 2018 academic semester, all admitted nursing students will be required to undergo a national criminal background check and submit mandated annual requirements through the college designated compliance agency. The cost of this background check and compliance tracker will be the responsibility of the admitted student. The compliance agency will notify the Division Chair of the Health Sciences Division for any positive criminal activity that is identified through this background check. This may preclude a student from participating in clinical experiences with our clinical affiliating agencies and the College may not be able to accommodate clinical placement. Success in nursing courses and progression in the Nursing Program is dependent on successful completion of clinical experiences, so a finding may affect a student's continuance in the Nursing Program. The College reserves the right to require an additional background check while a student is enrolled in the Nursing Program or when returning from an approved Leave of Absence. The cost of the background check will be the responsibility of the student.
30.	For compliance with SUNY Policy #3200 – Admissions of Persons with Prior Felony Convictions, nursing students with prior felony convictions will be required to report to the Dean for Student Affairs and may be subject to review and evaluation by the campus Felony Review Committee.
31.	In the event that a Nursing Policy is changed/updated in the Nursing Student Handbook mid academic year, the approved, updated policy in the Nursing Student Handbook will supersede the policy in the College Catalog.
32.	Nursing Students are required to take a full semester of nursing courses once accepted into the Nursing Program. They may not elect to take just one seven (7) week course each semester. Exceptions may be allowed for those with a prior approved leave of absence.

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.

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 <i>before</i> submitting your nursing program application.
If I have attended another college, I have sent my <i>official</i> 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?	<i>Note: If you have already completed Anatomy & Physiology I, please skip this step.</i> 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, you must take BIO 103 and earn a C or better 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, you must take CHM 103 and earn a C or better 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 below 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, it was within the past 5 years and 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+ <i>minimum</i> in BIO 107, 108 and 113. <i>Note: These 3 courses may be repeated only <u>once</u> to achieve the minimum C+ grade. Many RN-to-BSN programs will require that A&P I and A&P II be taken <u>at the same</u> college or university.</i>
If you've answered "Yes" to all of the above statements, you're ready to apply to the SUNY Adirondack nursing program!				
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 Student Success Center, Warren Hall, to create a plan to meet the requirements for the nursing program.				

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

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 (*Contact SUNY Adirondack Office of Admissions*)
- 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 in your first semester of nursing (or have completed within 5 years, with a C+ or higher):
 - **For regular admissions:** 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. CHM 103 has a mathematics prerequisite.
 - 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 requirements.

If accepted before completing BIO 107, you must take BIO 107 with your first NUR courses.

- **Advanced standing admissions (LPN applicants & transfers from other nursing programs):**
- Be ready to take (or have 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 in progress.*
- Submit a complete Nursing Program Supplemental Application and any supplemental materials

When can I submit a Nursing Application?

For **Spring (January)** start, submit application between August 15th – September 15th

For **Fall (September)** start, submit application between January 1st – February 1st

Where is the Nursing Application available?

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

Is acceptance to the program guaranteed?

Admission to the program is competitive. The entry requirements listed above represent the *minimum* requirements to be considered. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee acceptance. A strong GPA and strong background in science are two important factors. You may apply to the program more than once.

What will be my major while I am preparing to apply to the Nursing program?

Most pre-nursing students will begin in the *Liberal Arts* degree program. **Please note: If you have already earned a degree from SUNY Adirondack, meet with an advisor before applying to the nursing program.**

How long does it take to complete the Nursing Program?

Once accepted to the Nursing Program, there is a 4-semester sequence of nursing coursework. LPNs and other advanced standing applicants will follow a 3-semester sequence of nursing coursework.