



# Nursing

## Program Information


**Degree Type:** AAS

**Program Code:** NURS

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The Nursing AAS program provides a sound foundation in both the theoretical principles of nurse caring and the clinical foundations of nursing practice. Students have varied opportunities in many different health care environments during their clinical practice in the program and, therefore, graduates of the program are prepared to begin employment in a variety of health care settings as entry level professional nurses.

The Program is approved by the New York State Board of Education and is accredited by the

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). This is a prestigious national

accreditation that insures a quality program of study. Students completing the program are eligible

to sit for the NCLEX- RN licensing exam. ACEN can be reached at: 3390 Peach Tree Road NE, Suite

1400, Atlanta, GA 30326 and [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org) [3]. Successful completion of the program enables

the graduate to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).



Hegis Code Nursing 5208. *Required Preparation: Students must be eligible to enter BIO 107 (Regents or college preparatory Biology and Chemistry in last 5 years with Regents score of 80% or above or BIO 103 and CHM 103 or equivalent course with a grade of C or better.)*

*Students 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.*

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Cr.	Course Title	
3	Introduction to College Writing	
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4	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	
4	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	
4	Microbiology	
3	General Psychology	
3	Principles of Sociology	
3	Developmental Psychology	
6	Foundations of Nurse Caring I	
5	Principles of Nurse Caring II	
4	Principles of Family Nursing Caring	
10	Principles of Nurse Caring III	
5	Principles of Nurse Caring IV	
4	Principles of Mental Health Nurse Caring	
2	Professional Issues and Leadership in Nursing	
1	Nursing Elective	
<b>64</b>	<b>Minimum credits required for graduation</b>	

Recommended First Year		
First Semester		
3	ENG101	
4	BIO107	
3	PSY101	
6	NUR100	



<b>Second Semester</b>		
3	ENG102 - ENG110	
4	BIO108	
9-10	NUR102 and NUR103 or NUR104	
<b>Recommended Second Year</b>		
<b>Third Semester</b>		
4	BIO223	
3	PSY222	
9-10	NUR102 and NUR103 or NUR104	
1	Nursing Elective	
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
3	SOC101	
5	NUR200	
4	NUR201	
2	NUR202	

**Additional Information:****I. Admission Information**

- Students requesting admission into the Nursing Program must submit a separate Supplemental Nursing Application. Applications will be accepted between January 1st and February 1st for Fall consideration and between February 1st and March 1st for Spring consideration. Beginning with the students applying to the Nursing Program for January, students applying to the Nursing Program at SUNY Adirondack will be required to complete a HESI A2 exam. This test will be able to be scheduled in the Testing Center at SUNY Adirondack or a Prometric Test Center. The results of the HESI A2 Nursing Admissions Test will be valid for two calendar years, and the exam for admissions consideration. The cost of this admissions test will be the responsibility of the student.
- A GPA of 2.8 or better is required to enter the Nursing Program.
- Students admitted to the nursing program must be 18 years of age or older before the first day of class.
- All applicants must be eligible to enter college level Math and English courses as determined by the HESI A2 Test, or have earned college level Math and English credit.
- A grade of C+ (77) is required in all nursing courses for the AAS in Nursing and in BIO 107, BIO 108, and BIO 223. A grade lower than C+ (77) in the above courses cannot be used to fulfill the program requirements.
- Students have up to two attempts to receive a C+ or greater in BIO 107, BIO 108, and BIO 223. Students who receive a grade of C+ or better within the past five years of being accepted into a nursing cohort, will be eligible to re-enroll. Successful science course completions prior to admittance into the Nursing AAS program, will remain valid for re-enrolled students in the Nursing AAS program.
- Admission in this program is conditional upon meeting all college and hospital specific requirements. Requirements are limited to: annual physical examination in which the provider attests to the student's ability to care for patients in a clinical setting; documented proof for all vaccination requirements; TB testing; Healthcare Provider CPR certification (demonstration); current nursing student malpractice insurance; completion of felony conviction in the past five years; medical insurance; and completion of criminal background check in CastleBranch. All items must be completed by August 1 for fall cohort & January 3 for spring cohort. Students not meeting the requirements will be required to re-apply for admission.



setting; this will result in an “unsafe” for the clinical day – two unsafes result in a failure for the clinical day.

8. Applicants to the Nursing Program who have been found guilty of a crime and/or have pending criminal charges (felony) should contact the State Education Department Office of the Professions at 89 Washington Street, Albany, NY 12234-1000 to determine eligibility for licensure. If a student is arrested and charged with a misdemeanor while enrolled in the Nursing Program, the student must report this to the Division Chair within 7 days. Failure to do so by the required deadline may result in Program Probation or Dismissal.
9. All students admitted to the Nursing Program must attend a mandatory Nursing Program Orientation. During orientation, nursing students will be given a Student Nursing Handbook which contains important Nursing Program policies. The handbook will be reviewed with the students. All students are required to sign the final page of this handbook acknowledging receipt and understanding of the policies that they are bound to as a nursing student at SUNY Adirondack. The signed handbook will be kept in the student files and acknowledges understanding of the policies outlined in the handbook and acceptance of this contract.
10. All students admitted to the nursing program must attend the cohort registration informational session (for cohort students) and the Nursing Program Orientation (traditional students) or register and take the nursing program entrance exam (LPN/Transfer students) prior to the start of the semester entering the nursing program. During the orientation, students will receive the HSD Nursing Student Handbook – it includes the nursing specific policies and procedures. The faculty will review the Handbook with the students and students will be expected to sign the attendance sheet acknowledging they have received and understood the policies that they are bound to as a nursing student at SUNY Adirondack. The form acknowledges the student’s understanding of the policies outlined in the Handbook and confirms acceptance of this contract. The form will be kept in the student Nursing file.

Admission and continuation in this program are conditional upon annual physical examination in the hospital setting; maintaining currency with all vaccines; CPR, and nursing student malpractice insurance; and remaining in compliance with the policies and procedures outlined in the SUNY ADK Student Handbook and the Health Sciences Division Nursing Student Handbook. Form must be signed by a Health Sciences Division Specialist in the Health Sciences Division office. Students not in compliance will not be allowed in the program and will receive an unsafe for the clinical experience missed.

11. A deferment from acceptance into the Nursing Program is only granted for extenuating circumstances. To qualify for a deferment, you must submit a request PRIOR to the start of the semester that you are requesting the deferment. The deferment is only given for one (1) academic semester and only one (1) time. If a student does not return to the program after the completion of their deferment terms, they will be removed from the list and the student will need to re-apply to the Nursing Program for future consideration.

#### **IA. Supplemental Admission Information for Graduates of Practical Nursing Programs**

1. Graduates of practical nursing programs may be granted advanced standing in the Nursing Program. A minimum GPA of 2.8 or higher is needed for entry if enrolled in college courses. Applicants must be eligible for admission to the Nursing Program. LPN students who receive advanced placement in the Nursing Program and credit for NUR 100 will be required to complete a one-day noncredit LPN Transition Course that will be offered prior to the start of the entering cohort. The cost for this course will be set by the college and will be the responsibility of the student. Satisfactory completion of the LPN Transition Course is required for LPN students to receive credit for NUR 100 and advanced placement in the Nursing Program. Students must complete the Nursing program in 4.5 semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course.

#### **IB. Supplemental Admission Information for Students from another Accredited Nursing Program**

1. Students, with prior enrollment from another accredited nursing program, wishing to transfer into the SUNY Adirondack Nursing Program must meet the 2.8 GPA to enter the Nursing program and have a grade of C+ (77) or better in the previous nursing program.



223, and any transfer nursing courses. Students may have up to two attempts to receive a C+ or better in BIO 107, BIO 108, and BIO 223, and only courses with a grade of C+ or better within the past five years of being accepted to the program will be eligible to meet program requirements. Transfer nursing courses will be considered if the grade of nursing courses from other programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students must be in good standing from the Program Director for consideration of transfer to the Nursing Program. Transfer students must take the one-day, noncredit LPN Transition course that is offered prior to the start of the fall semester. The fee for this course will be set by the college and will be the responsibility of the student. Satisfactory completion of the LPN Transition course is required for transfer students to receive credit for NUR 100 and advanced placement in the Nursing Program. Students must complete the Nursing program in 4.5 semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course.

## **II. Information for Continuance in the Nursing Program**

1. Students must receive a C+ or greater for each required nursing course. If the student does not receive a C+ or greater in a required nursing course, they may repeat the nursing course, however, only one nursing course may be repeated during the student's enrollment in the nursing program.
2. Students must receive a C+ or greater in BIO 107, BIO 108, and BIO 223. Students may repeat a course once to attain a C+ or better; prior BIO W or X grades are not considered a repeat but may negatively impact a student's enrollment in the program. Only courses with a grade of C+ or better within the past five years will be eligible to meet program requirements. Students are expected to have a C+ or greater in BIO 107 by the end of the first semester (traditional students) and by the end of the second semester (advanced placement students). Students are expected to have a C+ or better in BIO 108 by the end of the second semester (traditional students) and by the end of the third semester (advanced placement students). Students are expected to have a C+ or better in BIO 223 by the end of the fourth semester (traditional students) and by the end of the fifth semester (advanced placement students). Failure to meet the requirements may prevent a student from continuing in the program.
3. Students who fail a nursing course are not guaranteed continued enrollment in the Nursing Program. If a student withdraws from NUR 100, their status in the Nursing Program will be reevaluated by the nursing program director. Enrollment will not be guaranteed.
4. Students are eligible for one withdraw from a required nursing course during their enrollment in the Nursing Program.
5. Traditional students must complete the Nursing program in six semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course. Advanced placement students must complete the Nursing program in four semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course.
6. A student who will not be enrolled continuously in the Nursing Program must request a Leave of Absence from the Nursing Student Handbook. A student will only be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of one semester. A Leave of Absence will be granted during the student's enrollment in the nursing program. During the Leave of Absence, the student will be moved from nursing to undeclared.
7. Nursing electives can be chosen from any NUR course not required in the curriculum.
8. Clinical experiences are provided in area health care facilities during day and evening hours and are required for all students.



- placements. PLEASE NOTE: Students may be required to travel an hour or more to a clinical site and arrange for their own transportation.
9. Clinical sections may be taught by adjunct faculty.
  10. Unsatisfactory or unsafe application of theory in the clinical experience/laboratory may result in removal from the Nursing program.
  11. Basic Drug calculation skills will be taught in NUR 100. Evaluation and demonstration of proficiency will occur at the completion of this unit in NUR 100 and at the beginning of each major nursing course with a written exam. Students will be provided with drug calculation practice web sites and resources which will be posted on LearnCanvas. Students must prepare for the applicable math proficiency test. Students who receive 100% on the math proficiency test will be exempt from the complete on the Clinical Evaluation Tool for that course. A student who fails to meet the 100% requirement on the math proficiency test after three (3) attempts will be required to participate in remediation activities as determined by the proficiency per policy for each nursing course.
  12. All students are required to take the HESI Medical/Surgical Exam after completing NUR 102, 103, and 104. Students must complete a comprehensive HESI Exit Exam prior to graduation. Students completing NUR 202 are strongly encouraged to take the NCLEX-RN Review Course offered by the college (January or May) to aid in their success with the NCLEX-RN. Review Course fees are borne by the student.
  13. The State University of New York (SUNY) and SUNY Adirondack is committed to protecting the safety of students who participate in college-related programs and activities, whether on or off campus. A New York State Police Check may be required by a clinical agency at the beginning of the student's Behavioral Health Clinical Experience. If identified, it can take up to six (6) months for a student to receive clearance. It is the student's responsibility to address issues that may be identified in the background check and get clearance and their participation in the program is deferred until clearance is received.
  14. Articulation agreement(s) are in place that provide for a seamless transition for SUNY Adirondack students to a B.S. program of study.
  15. Admitted students who have failed clinical or have been dismissed from the Nursing Program because of academic issues may appeal the decision using the grievance procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook.
  16. Admitted students who have been dismissed from the Nursing Program due to failing NUR 100 or NUR 101 may petition to reenter at a later date using the procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook. A student who restarts the Nursing Program after a period of two (2) years is treated as a new nursing student and must complete all core nursing courses.
  17. Admitted students who have been dismissed from the Nursing Program due to failing two nursing courses may be reinstated back into the program using the procedure outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook. A student who is reinstated into the program must successfully complete all core nursing courses, on the first attempt, without any further academic issues. All decisions made by the Health Sciences Division relative to reinstatement to the Nursing Program are final.
  18. Any student who has been dismissed from the Nursing program will be automatically reassigned to a new major. Changes of major will be the responsibility of the student.
  19. Students seeking re-entry into the Nursing Program must retake Nursing Courses older than two (2) years. Courses older than 5 years.
  20. Beginning with nursing students admitted to the Fall 2018 academic semester, all admitted nursing students will undergo a national criminal background check and submit mandated annual requirements through a background compliance agency. The cost of this background check and compliance tracker will be the responsibility of the student. The compliance agency will notify the Division Chair of the Health Sciences Division for any positive findings identified through this background check. This may preclude a student from participating in clinical experiences at affiliated agencies and the College may not be able to accommodate clinical placement. Successful progression in the Nursing Program is dependent on successful completion of clinical experience.



student's continuance in the Nursing Program. The College reserves the right to require an additional check will be the responsibility of the student.

21. For compliance with SUNY Policy #3200 – Admissions of Persons with Prior Felony Convictions, no convictions will be required to report to the Dean for Student Affairs and may be subject to review by the Felony Review Committee.
22. In the event that a Nursing Policy is changed/updated in the Nursing Student Handbook mid academic year, the updated policy in the Nursing Student Handbook will supersede the policy in the College Catalog.
23. Nursing Students are required to take a full semester of nursing courses once accepted into the program. Students elect to take just one seven (7) week course each semester. Exceptions may be allowed for those with medical absence.
24. Upon graduation, SUNY Adirondack nursing graduates will be prepared to take the NCLEX-RN. However, the NCLEX-RN is not guaranteed. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the RN license requirements they hope to practice in following graduation or if considering relocation.

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 before submitting your nursing program application.	
If I have attended another college, I have sent my <i>official</i> transcripts to SUNY Adirondack's	Yes	No	Not Sure?	Official transcripts must be in your student file at SUNY Adirondack in order for you to receive credit for	



Registrar				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?	<p><i>Note: If you have already completed Anatomy &amp; Physiology I, please skip this step.</i></p> <p>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</p>





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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 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 223, it was within the past 5 years and I earned a C+ or higher.	Yes	No	Not sure?	<p>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 223.</p> <p><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&amp;P I and A&amp;P II be taken <u>at the same</u> college or university.</i></p>
If you've answered "Yes" to all of the above statements, you're ready to apply to the SUNY Adirondack nursing program!				

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