

# Nursing (NURS)

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## Courses

### NURS A101 Introduction to Nursing 2 Credits

Provides an introduction to the nursing profession. Explores nursing history, current issues, roles and functions with special emphasis on communication skills and use of the nursing process as a method to provide systematic, holistic care for health needs of patients. Introduces the health-illness continuum and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs as a foundation for prioritizing patient needs and nursing care.

### NURS A120 Nursing Fundamentals 3 Credits

Focuses on foundational nursing principles. Explores and utilizes nursing process as a method to identify, prioritize and address clients' basic needs. Focuses on healthy individuals and introduces concepts related to health disruptions. Emphasizes safe client-centered care in a collaborative healthcare environment for diverse individuals across the care continuum.

**Registration Restrictions:** Acceptance to first semester of Associate of Applied Science Nursing program.

**Prerequisites:** (BIOL A111 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A111L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and (WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C).

**Corequisites:** NURS A120L.

### NURS A120L Nursing Fundamentals Laboratory 4 Credits

Provides lab and client care learning experiences that allow students to apply fundamental principles and nursing skills. Supports development of skills that identify individual health needs and prioritization of nursing care in adults. Introduces nursing process with emphasis on developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive nursing interventions. Focuses on predicted responses during a healthy state as well as beginning concepts related to health disruptions, and assisting patients toward health on the health-illness continuum.

**Registration Restrictions:** Acceptance to Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL A111 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A111L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and (WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C).

**Corequisites:** NURS A120.

### NURS A125 Adult Nursing I 2 Credits

Emphasizes the nursing process in providing care for adult patients experiencing chronic health disruptions that respond predictably to established healthcare regimens. Focuses on the pathophysiologic basis of disease, treatment options and nursing care based on stages of adult development. Includes specific emphasis on the aging adult.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to second semester AAS nursing program.

**Prerequisites:** (BIOL A112 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A112L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and (BIOL A240 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A240L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and NURS A120 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A120L with a minimum grade of P and PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A125L.

### NURS A125L Adult Nursing I Laboratory 4 Credits

Clinical practicum for NURS A125. Focuses on use of pathophysiologic concepts, treatment options, and nursing process to care for adults with increasingly complex health needs in acute care settings. Incorporates diversity and developmental influences, client teaching, discharge planning, and prioritization of care using Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to second semester AAS nursing program.

**Prerequisites:** (BIOL A112 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A112L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and (BIOL A240 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A240L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and NURS A120 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A120L with a minimum grade of P and PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A125 AND NURS A180.

### NURS A180 Basic Nursing Pharmacology 3 Credits

Provides an introduction to drug therapy with an emphasis on basic pharmacology principles, drug classifications and actions, correct dosages, methods of administration, and evaluation of patient responses across the lifespan. Nursing process is used to identify priorities for care of patients receiving specific medications.

**Prerequisites:** (BIOL A111 with a minimum grade of C and BIOL A111L with a minimum grade of C) and (BIOL A112 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A112L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and (BIOL A240 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A240L with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A120 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A120L with a minimum grade of C and PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C.

**NURS A220 Perinatal Nursing 3 Credits**

Focuses on care for women throughout their childbearing years and into menopause. Examines the care of a newborn at birth. Highlights low risk women's health, pregnancy and newborn care. Covers high risk complications related to women's reproductive health, maternity and newborn care.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to third semester Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. Completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

**Prerequisites:** NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A220L.

**NURS A220L Perinatal Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit**

Provides clinical learning experiences caring for the pregnant and postpartum patient, her newborn and her family. Students are able to develop skills that include prioritization, critical thinking and interprofessional collaboration. The impact of psycho-social considerations and economics are emphasized in patient care.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission as third semester Associate of Applied Science in Nursing student. Completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

**Prerequisites:** NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A220.

**NURS A221 Advanced Parenteral Therapy Laboratory 1 Credit**

Lab-based course where students apply nursing process and knowledge of intravenous (IV) therapy, nutritional support, and pain management learned in previous nursing courses, to advanced concepts in the management of therapeutic interventions administered via the parenteral route. Emphasizes theoretical content and psychomotor skills related to advanced intravenous and parenteral therapies along the health-illness continuum, across the lifespan and applicable in multiple health care settings. Utilizes presentation, seminar, demonstration, supervised practice, return demonstration, and directed self-learning.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to third semester AAS nursing program. Completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

**Prerequisites:** (BIOL A112 with a minimum grade of C and BIOL A112L with a minimum grade of C) and (BIOL A240 with a minimum grade of C and BIOL A240L with a minimum grade of C) and DN A203 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and (WRTG A211 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment or WRTG A212 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment or WRTG A213 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment) and NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of C and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A220 AND NURS A220L AND NURS A222 AND NURS A222L.

**NURS A222 Child and Family Nursing 3 Credits**

Focuses on critical thinking and the nursing process, providing developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care for children and their families from birth through adolescence. Emphasizes normal growth and development as well as acute and chronic alterations in health and development along the health-illness continuum.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to third semester of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment

**Prerequisites:** NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A222L.

**NURS A222L Child and Family Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit**

Focuses on the application of nursing process in providing developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care for children and their families throughout the health-illness continuum. Clinical experiences occur in selected acute and ambulatory pediatric care settings as well as in selected community settings.

**Registration Restrictions:** Third semester of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment

**Prerequisites:** NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A222.

**NURS A223 Concepts of Adult Nursing 1 Credit**

Focuses on nursing practice with adult clients experiencing a wide range of acute and chronic alterations in health. Emphasizes the prioritization of healthcare needs, clinical reasoning, and evaluation of care used in evidence-based practice.

**Registration Restrictions:** Third semester in the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A120 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A120L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A223L.

**NURS A223L Concepts of Adult Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit**

Focuses on nursing practice with adult clients experiencing a wide range of acute and chronic alterations in health in the clinical, simulation, or lab setting. Emphasizes the prioritization of healthcare needs, clinical reasoning, and evaluation of care used in evidence-based practice.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to the third semester Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A120 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A120L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A125 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A125L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A180 with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A220 AND NURS A220L AND NURS A222 AND NURS A222L AND NURS A223.

**NURS A225 Adult Nursing II 3 Credits**

Focuses on the care of adult medical-surgical patient with acute, complex and life-threatening disorders. Emphasizes the prioritization of healthcare needs and nursing interventions grounded in evidence-based practice utilizing critical thinking and interprofessional collaboration.

**Registration Restrictions:** Fourth semester in the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A223 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A223L with a minimum grade of P.

**Corequisites:** NURS A225L.

**NURS A225L Adult Nursing II Laboratory 3 Credits**

Provides clinical learning experiences in the care of adult medical-surgical clients with acute, complex and life-threatening disorders. Includes interprofessional (IP) collaborative learning experiences using simulation to integrate skills related to delegation, prioritization, communication, and management of small groups of clients.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to fourth semester AAS Nursing Program. Complete one oral communication elective and one GER elective with minimum grade of C (may be concurrent). Complete one social science elective with minimum grade of C (prerequisite).

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A221 with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of P.

**Corequisites:** NURS A225.

**NURS A250 Psychiatric Nursing 3 Credits**

Focuses on the psychodynamics of the major mental illnesses and principles of psychiatric nursing across the lifespan. Emphasizes the application of nursing process and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs along with adapting communication strategies to facilitate therapeutic intervention with patients who are experiencing mental health needs across the health-illness continuum and at varying developmental stages.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission to fourth semester of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A223 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A223L with a minimum grade of P.

**Corequisites:** NURS A250L.

**NURS A250L Psychiatric Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit**

Provides clinical experiences in care of the inpatient and outpatient psychiatric patients. Focuses on the application of nursing process and adapting communication strategies to facilitate therapeutic interventions with patients who are experiencing mental health needs across the health-illness continuum and at varying developmental stages (Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is used in prioritizing nursing care).

**Registration Restrictions:** Fourth semester of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A223 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A223L with a minimum grade of P.

**Corequisites:** NURS A250.

**NURS A255 Staff Nurse: Legal, Ethical, and Organizational Issues 1 Credit**

Seminar course which examines the legal, ethical, and professional issues encountered in the practice of a registered nurse. Explores the role of the staff nurse within health care organizations. Examines professional nursing issues and knowledge necessary to function effectively in the staff nurse role and on health care teams. Includes legal limits and regulation of nursing practice along with trends in nursing.

**Registration Restrictions:** Current admission as fourth semester AAS Nursing student. Must have completed one oral communication elective and one GER elective (or be concurrently enrolled). Complete one social science elective as a prerequisite.

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of C and NURS A221 with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of C.

**Corequisites:** NURS A225 AND NURS A225L AND NURS A250 AND NURS A250L.

**NURS A260 Transition to Professional Nursing 2 Credits**

Facilitates the development of knowledge necessary to prepare for nursing licensure, entry into practice and initial practice in the role of registered nurse.

**Registration Restrictions:** Final semester in the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A223 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A223L with a minimum grade of P.

**NURS A295 Intensive Clinical Practicum 2 Credits**

Applies current and prerequisite clinical skills and knowledge in a concentrated clinical setting with one-to-one nursing preceptor.

**Special Note:** The student will spend 75 hours with assigned preceptor during an assigned period of time and 15 hours of reflective activities.

**Registration Restrictions:** Fourth semester of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**Prerequisites:** NURS A220 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A220L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of P and NURS A223 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A223L with a minimum grade of P.