Nursing (NURS)

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 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 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 A240 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 A240 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 A112 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment and BIOL A240 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 use of nursing process to provide health care for the childbearing woman, newborn, and family along the health-illness continuum. Content ranges from normal, low-risk perinatal care through nursing care for selected high-risk perinatal complications. Includes antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and low-risk neonatal nursing care with emphasis on developmental and cultural influences upon the health needs of the childbearing family and prioritizing using Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs.

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 A240 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 A220L AND NURS A221 AND NURS A222 AND NURS A222L.
NURS A220L Perinatal Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit
Provides clinical experiences to reinforce learning in NURS A220. Students use nursing process as they provide care for the childbearing women, newborn, and family along the health-illness continuum and prioritize using Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Clinical experiences occur in selected acute and ambulatory perinatal care settings with focus on providing developmentally and culturally sensitive nursing care for low-risk and selected high-risk perinatal patients and their families. Students are expected to demonstrate competence in performance of psychomotor and critical thinking skills while providing care for two or more patients, including discharge planning.
Registration Restrictions: Current admission as third semester AAS Nursing student. 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 A240 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 A221 AND NURS A222 AND NURS A222L.

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 A240 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 Pediatric Nursing 3 Credits
Focuses on the use of the critical thinking and nursing process in providing developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care for children, along with 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 and prioritized according to Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs.
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 A240 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 A221 AND NURS A222L.

NURS A222L Pediatric Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit
Provides lab/clinical experiences to reinforce learning in NURS A222. Focuses on use of nursing process in providing developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care for children and their families along the health-illness continuum and prioritized using Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. Clinical experiences occur in selected acute and ambulatory pediatric care settings as well as in selected well-child settings. Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the performance of psychomotor skills as well as critical thinking in providing nursing care for children and families from birth through adolescence.
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 A240 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 A221 AND NURS A222L.
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: 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 C and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L 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 C 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. Seminar emphasizes the application of nursing process and Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs along with 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.

Registration Restrictions: Current admission to fourth semester of AAS nursing program. Completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C. Completion of one oral communication course and one additional GER course with minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

Prerequisites: DN A203 with a minimum grade of C and 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 C and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of C.


NURS A250L Psychiatric Nursing Laboratory 1 Credit
Clinical practicum concurrent with NURS A250. 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: Current admission to fourth semester of AAS nursing program. Completion of one social science elective with a minimum grade of C. Completion of one oral communication course and one additional GER course with minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

Prerequisites: DN A203 with a minimum grade of C and 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 C and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of C.


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 C and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of C.


NURS A295 Intensive Clinical Practicum 2 Credits
Concentrated clinical work to familiarize graduating nurses with clinical registered nurse responsibilities.

Special Note: Two-week duration. 32 hours per week with preceptor and 2 hours per week in seminar. Some lifting may be required.

Registration Restrictions: Good physical health.

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 C and NURS A222 with a minimum grade of C and NURS A222L with a minimum grade of C.