

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE (RN) WITH PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) OPTION

Associate in Applied Science Degree

LENGTH: Five Semesters

PURPOSE: This is a full-time day program designed to prepare students to practice as competent registered nurses (RN) after passing the licensure exam. Students who successfully complete the first three semesters (45 credit hours) are awarded a Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate and are eligible to take the licensure exam to become a LPN. Licensure by the Boards of Nursing may be denied if an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense of a felony, has abused drugs or alcohol, has a history of chemical dependency or mental illness, has been placed on the federal abuse registry, or has been administratively discharged from the armed services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, applicants must be in good standing (minimum GPA of 2.0) at Coastal Alabama, have original transcripts from all schools attended in the Registrar's Office, hold a minimum GPA of 2.5 for the academic core courses in the program or cumulative 2.5 GPA if a high school student without prior college coursework, and be eligible for ENG101, MTH100, and BIO 201. Students are selected based on the following point system:

1. Score on ACT with a minimum composite of 18 required,
2. Three points are awarded for an A, two for a B, and one for a C in ENG 101, MTH 100, BIO 201, and BIO 202.
3. One point each is awarded for completion of PSY 210, SPH 107, BIO 220, and a Humanities course with a C or higher.
4. Three points are awarded for completion of a higher level Math or Chemistry with a C or higher (MTH 116 is not a higher level MTH course.)
5. Three points are awarded for completion with a C or higher of all eight general education courses required in the nursing program.

A separate nursing application is required. Application deadlines, application packets, information sessions, and ACT registration dates are available on Coastal Alabama's website. Once selected for the program, students are required to provide the following: drug screen, background check, physical exam showing ability to meet essential functions, record of immunizations, proof of medical insurance and American Heart CPR. All nursing courses must be passed with a minimum of 75 (C) in order to progress in the program. A nursing testing fee will be assessed each semester.

NURSING RN (ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE) WITH PRACTICAL NURSE OPTION

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AREA I	WRITTEN COMPOSITION	3 SH
ENG 101.....	English Composition I	3
AREA II	FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES	6 SH
SPH 107.....	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Elective	Art, Music, Philosophy, Religion, or Foreign Language.....	3
AREA III	NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS	15 SH
BIO 201.....	Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
BIO 202.....	Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
BIO 220.....	Microbiology.....	4
*MTH 100 or more advanced.....	Intermediate College Algebra, Precalculus Algebra, or Finite Math	3
AREA IV	HISTORY, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3 SH
PSY 210	Human Growth & Development	3
AREA V	PRE-PROFESSIONAL, MAJOR, AND ELECTIVE COURSES	39 SH
NUR 112.....	Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts.....	7
NUR 113.....	Nursing Concepts I	8
NUR 114.....	Nursing Concepts II	8
NUR 115.....	Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	2
NUR 211.....	Advanced Nursing Concepts.....	7
NUR 221.....	Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning.....	7
Total Hours		66 SH

*MTH116 is not a higher level MTH course.

It is highly recommended that students take the biology courses and other general education courses prior to beginning the nursing coursework. This is a career program designed for students to go directly into the labor market upon completion. Although some of the courses in this program will transfer to four-year institutions, this program is not designed to be a transfer program of study; therefore, it is not subject to the terms and conditions of STARS.