

# NURSING (AS)

**Award:** Associate of Sciences Degree

**No. of credits required:** 70

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## Program Description

The Associate of Sciences Degree Nursing Program prepares students for the licensure examination for registered nurses. Graduates of the Associate of Sciences Degree Nursing Program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The program also provides opportunities to plan for career mobility through courses that articulate with selected baccalaureate nursing programs in the state of Maryland.

The Associate of Sciences Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing and accredited by:

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## Program Goals

With the guidance of the Mission, Philosophy & Core Concepts, the graduate of the Associate of Sciences Degree Nursing Program will:

1. Practice nursing in a caring manner
2. Communicate effectively with clients and other members of the health care team
3. Apply the nursing process to provide safe care
4. Use teaching and learning principles
5. Demonstrate culturally sensitive care
6. Adhere to standards of professional practice
7. Pursue professional development
8. Utilize technology and information resources to manage care

## Selected Admission

Registration for all clinical courses (courses that start with NURS) require selective admission based on specific program admission requirements.

## RN Program Admission Requirements

Meeting with an academic advisor and/or attending pre-nursing seminars is strongly recommended.

To be considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete and submit an HCC enrollment application if not a current student. You must declare Nursing as a program of study in order to have college transcripts evaluated.
2. Complete and submit a nursing program application and official transcripts which must be delivered together as a packet to Records and Registration by **February 15** for admission to the summer

accelerated and/or fall class, **September 15** for admission to spring class.

3. A minimum score of 58.7 on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a requirement for admission to the HCC Nursing Program. Students who have tested at other schools or locations can request to have their TEAS scores sent to Harford Community College for a fee. The request should be made no later than 5 days prior to the application deadline to ensure the scores will be received at HCC by the deadline. Students are able to test and retest up to three times within a year period.
4. To meet the math requirement to qualify for the nursing program, students must do one of the following:
  - Receive a qualifying score on the HCC math assessment test (score valid for 2 years), or
  - Achieve a 500 score on SAT mathematics or an ACT score of 21 or higher (both SAT and ACT scores valid for two years), or
  - Complete the highest transitional math course at HCC (MATH 017 Intermediate Algebra or MATH 018 Combined Algebra or MATH 023 Liberal Arts Track II or MATH 027 STAT Track Mathematics), or
  - Complete a college-level general education math course (MATH 101 College Algebra (GM), MATH 102 Contemporary Mathematics (GM), MATH 216 Introduction to Statistics (GM), etc.)
5. Submit satisfactory health evaluation upon acceptance into the Nursing Program.
6. Obtain criminal background check and drug screening per instructions received after admission into the Nursing Program
7. Meet the essential technical standards that include physical abilities and behavioral and professional characteristics necessary for the student to successfully complete the Nursing Program.
8. Complete a minimum of 16 college credits which include:

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition (GE) <sup>1</sup>	3
BIO 203	Anatomy and Physiology I (GL) <sup>1</sup>	4
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB)	3
Select two of the following:		
PSY 214	Human Development Across the Life Span <sup>1</sup>	
BIO 204	Anatomy and Physiology II (GL) <sup>1</sup>	
BIO 205	Microbiology (GL) <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB) (D)	
MATH elective (GM) requirement		

<sup>1</sup> A grade of C or better must be earned in these courses.

9. Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.50 on the courses applicable to the Associate of Sciences Degree Nursing Program.

**The program is highly competitive and completion of the admission criteria may not result in admission to the program.**

## Nursing Progression

Once a student is selected into the Nursing Program a minimum of four semesters is required to meet clinical nursing course degree requirements for the Associate Degree Program. Students who have major home/family or work responsibilities must be aware of the extensive time commitment required by nursing courses.

Students are encouraged to consult with an academic advisor to plan a schedule that will meet program requirements while taking into consideration student capabilities.

The nature of the nursing curriculum, where one concept builds upon another, requires an orderly, sequential progression which follows the curriculum plan. Any break in this sequence of progression in nursing courses due to withdrawal, failure of a required course, failure to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or any need for a leave of absence from the program will require a written request for re-enrollment to the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Professions.

A student who is dismissed from the Nursing Program for any reason, is no longer eligible for re-enrollment into the Nursing Program. Further details regarding Nursing Program progression and other nursing protocols can be found in the Nursing Student Handbook or on <http://www.harford.edu/academics/nahp/nursing.aspx>.

In order to protect the well-being of yourself and your patients when you are in clinical, you must complete the following mandatory requirements:

1. CPR Certification by the American Heart Association for Health Care Providers or American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer is required and must be maintained throughout enrollment once a student is selected into the nursing program.
2. Annual PPD status and immunization and health records must be maintained and up-to-date throughout enrollment in the Nursing Program.
3. Carry health insurance

Criminal background check and drug screening through a specific vendor will be required one or more times for all students in the Nursing Program. Results could impact clinical attendance, program completion and eventual licensure as a Registered Nurse.

## Transfer Information

Students planning to transfer credits to a baccalaureate nursing program are encouraged to confer with an academic advisor for the planning of their academic program of study.

## Employment Information

The Registered Nurse (RN) assumes a variety of responsibilities as a member of the health care team, including management of client care through assessment and documentation of symptoms, reactions, and the progress of clients. The nurse plans, implements, supervises, and evaluates activities directed toward health restoration, health promotion, health maintenance, and illness prevention. Employment opportunities for the registered nurse are available in national, metropolitan Baltimore, and local job markets. Future projections for employment of registered nurses are highly favorable, with practice opportunities in a variety of health care settings.

## Degree Requirements

Due to the high demand for this program, most students have completed the following required courses prior to beginning the Nursing Program.

### Required Non-Clinical Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BIO 203	Anatomy and Physiology I (GL) <sup>1</sup>	4
BIO 204	Anatomy and Physiology II (GL) <sup>1</sup>	4

BIO 205	Microbiology (GL) <sup>1</sup>	4
ENG 101	English Composition (GE) <sup>1</sup>	3
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB)	3
PSY 214	Human Development Across the Life Span <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB) (D)	3
Arts/Humanities Elective (GH) ( <a href="https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities">https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities</a> )		6
Mathematics Elective (GM) ( <a href="https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#mathematics">https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#mathematics</a> )		3
Physical Education Elective		1

<sup>1</sup> A grade of C or better must be earned in these courses.

### Required Nursing Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>		
NURS 101	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
		Credits
		7
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NURS 105	Medical-Surgical Nursing 1	4.5
NURS 112	Contemporary Issues in Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 110	Mental Health Nursing	3
		Credits
		8.5
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NURS 210	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4.5
NURS 220	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	3
NURS 230	Pediatric Nursing	3
		Credits
		10.5
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
NURS 211	Medical-Surgical Nursing III <sup>2</sup>	9
NURS 212	Leadership in Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1
		Credits
		10
		Total Credits
		36

<sup>1</sup> Only offered online.

<sup>2</sup> Registration for NURS 211 Medical-Surgical Nursing III requires concurrent registration of any remaining courses necessary for graduation.

**Please note:** A grade of C or better must be earned in all NURS courses.

### Recommended Course Sequence for 5-Semester Plan

#### Prerequisite Semester

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition (GE) <sup>1</sup>	3
BIO 203	Anatomy and Physiology I (GL) <sup>1</sup>	4
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB)	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB) (D)	3
MATH elective requirement (GM)		

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Progression through the Nursing Program may either follow a typical five-semester plan, or the plan may be modified to accommodate part-time study within the limits of nursing course progression.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>		
NURS 101	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
BIO 204	Anatomy and Physiology II (GL) <sup>1</sup>	4
PSY 214	Human Development Across the Life Span <sup>1</sup>	3
Credits		14
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NURS 105	Medical-Surgical Nursing 1	4.5
NURS 110	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 112	Contemporary Issues in Nursing <sup>2</sup>	1
BIO 205	Microbiology (GL)	4
Physical Education Elective		1
Credits		13.5
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NURS 210	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4.5
NURS 212	Leadership in Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 220	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	3
NURS 230	Pediatric Nursing	3
Arts/Humanities Elective (GH) ( <a href="https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities">https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities</a> )		3
Credits		14.5
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
NURS 211	Medical-Surgical Nursing III <sup>3</sup>	9
Arts/Humanities Elective (GH) ( <a href="https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities">https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities</a> )		3
Credits		12
Total Credits		54

<sup>1</sup> A grade of C or better must be earned in these courses.

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<sup>3</sup> Registration for NURS 211 Medical-Surgical Nursing III requires concurrent registration of any remaining courses necessary for graduation.

**Please note:** A grade of C or better must be earned in **all NURS** courses.

## General Education Degree Requirements

Note: The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Degree Requirements:

Behavioral/Social Science (GB)

English Composition (GE)

Arts/Humanities (GH)

Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (GI)

Biological/Physical Laboratory Science (GL)

Mathematics (GM)

Biological/Physical Science (GS)