

COURSES/REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY

CATALOG YEAR: 2016-2017

PROGRAM CODE:

PROGRAM NAME: Nursing (RN)

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PROGRAM SCHOOL: Health Sciences

AACC faculty developed the following charts to encourage greater success in your program of study. Why take classes in this order? The courses in the first column are designed to prepare you for courses in the second column and so on. Students with no developmental requirements in English or reading may register for a total of 18 credits per term. If you are a part-time student, you may take fewer credits by dividing the recommended courses across multiple terms to accommodate your schedule.

GROUP 1				GROUP 2				GROUP 3				GROUP 4				GROUP 5			
COURSE/ REQUIREMENT	PRE REQ (*)	DIVER- SITY (D)	CRED- ITS	COURSE/ REQUIREMENT	PRE REQ (*)	DIVER- SITY (D)	CRED- ITS	COURSE/ REQUIREMENT	PRE REQ (*)	DIVER- SITY (D)	CRED- ITS	COURSE/ REQUIREMENT	PRE REQ (*)	DIVER- SITY (D)	CRED- ITS	COURSE/ REQUIREMENT	PRE REQ (*)	DIVER- SITY (D)	CRED- ITS
ENG-111 or ENG-115 or ENG-121 <i>See note 1</i>			3	NUR-120			7	NUR-130	*		5	NUR-220	*		5	NUR-230	*		9
PSY-111			3	NUR-121			1	NUR-131	*		4	NUR-221	*		4	NUR-231	*		1
Mathematics GER <i>See note 2</i>			3-4	NUR-122			1	BIO-223 <i>See note 4</i>	*		4	ENG-112 or ENG-116	*		0-3	Arts & Humanities GER		D	3
BIO-231 or BIO- 233 <i>See notes 3, 4</i>	*		4	BIO-232 or BIO- 234 <i>See note 4</i>	*		4	PSY-211			3								
SOC-111		D	3																

1. Successful completion of ENG-121 fully satisfies the English composition general education requirement.

2. Must take MAT-133 or higher.

3. BIO-101 is a prerequisite for BIO-233 and BIO-234.

4. Must be taken within 7 years of the date the application is submitted.

A minimum grade of C or better in each Nursing and general education course is required to progress in the program. However, BIO-231/BIO-233 must have a grade of B or better.

This program has special admission requirements. Please refer to AACC catalog.

Where course choices exist within programs, transfer students should consult with an advisor and use transfer resources to make course choices consistent with the requirements of their intended transfer school.

(*) This course has a credit course prerequisite. Specific course prerequisite information can be obtained by looking at the Course Descriptions section of the College Catalog or in the Schedule of Classes.

(D) This course meets the diversity requirement or the diversity requirement can be met simultaneously as you satisfy this requirement. Only one diversity class is required to meet the diversity requirement. Courses which meet the diversity requirement can be found in General Education Requirements section of the College Catalog or by looking for the diversity symbol placed next to course descriptions in the Schedule of Credit Classes.

(GER) Information on courses that meet General Education Requirements (GER) can be found in General Education Requirements section of the College Catalog or by looking for the open book symbol for each General Education Category placed next to course descriptions in the Schedule of Credit Classes.

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Admission Requirements

1. Attendance at a program information session. Call **410-777-7310** for schedule. Detailed information regarding program, profession, admission and academic requirements and selection criteria will be discussed. For online schedule, go to www.aacc.edu/healthsciences/infosessions.
2. Submit a completed program application.
3. High school graduate or equivalency or bachelor's degree or higher from nationally recognized institution or 27 college credits with "C" or better from nationally recognized institution will also meet this requirement. Official transcripts required.
4. United States high school general chemistry (1 credit), CHE 011 (non-credit), or a college-level chemistry (CHE 111 or CHE 103) with a grade of C or better. If home schooled, the high school curriculum must be under a recognized umbrella organization with the supervision of a state-approved curriculum. AACC may require a course syllabus so that our chemistry department chair can review and approve the curriculum.
5. CHE 011 or CHE 111 or CHE 103 is eligible for Health Manpower Shortage Tuition Waiver.
6. Eligibility for ENG 111 or ENG 115.
7. Eligibility for a general education Mathematics course.
8. Foreign educated students: must have their college and high school transcripts evaluated by one of the following credential evaluators: ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) at www.ece.org or WES (World Education Services) at www.wes.org.
9. Foreign educated students whose native language is not English must successfully pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 550 (213 is the equivalent computer score and 79 is the equivalent Internet based score) OR must have completed the ENG 111/ENG 112 or ENG 115/ENG 116 or ENG 121 course sequence with grades of C or better prior to applying to the Medical Laboratory Technician program. Anne Arundel Community College's code for TOEFL is 5019.
10. Satisfactory completion of criminal background check.
11. Submission of completed health examination record.
12. Submission of current American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers certification card.

Selection Criteria

Students will be admitted to the registered nursing course sequence on a rolling admission basis. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Students will apply for the RN program only after meeting all academic and admission criteria. Once the applicant's admission criteria have been verified, that student receives conditional acceptance for the next available seat. Applications will be rejected if incomplete. Incomplete applications will be sent back to the student and can be resubmitted once they are complete. Students need only apply once to the program, providing their application is complete. A future seat will be slotted for them once the student meets the criteria for admission. To be considered for conditional acceptance, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- First consideration will be given to candidates whose resident address is in Anne Arundel County for at least three months prior to the date the application is submitted. If selected for a future class, the Address Verification form must be resubmitted to the Records office.
- Must satisfactorily complete all academic and admission requirements.
- Must have a minimum adjusted grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 at this college.
- Chemistry requirement must be complete by the date the application is submitted.
- Arithmetic placement test and Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) are required. Students will have two chances to achieve the minimum accepted scores on the Arithmetic placement test.
- Address verification.
- Official transcripts, if applicable.
- Final acceptance in the program shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, satisfactory completion of a health examination record, and submission of a copy of the required CPR card.

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Technical Standards

Students who are conditionally accepted to this program of study will be required to submit a Health Examination Record completed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant validating that the student meets the technical standard of good physical and mental health as established by the School of Health Sciences, and verifying that the student is free of communicable diseases as evidenced by required immunizations/titers.

CPR

Students must successfully complete the American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR for Health Care Providers course by designated deadline.

Enrollment Restrictions

State requirements and limitations of hospital facilities necessitate enrollment restrictions. An applicant who has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor may not be eligible for licensure as a registered nurse. (See nursing department director for additional information.) Students enrolled in the nursing course sequence are required to comply with the Maryland Nurse Practice Act.

Readmission to the Nursing Course Sequence

Students who leave or are dismissed from the nursing course sequence may address a written petition for readmission to the department director. Readmission cannot be assured and is based on the criteria described in the readmission requirements available in the Health Sciences office. Requests for readmission must be received by the nursing department by Aug. 1 for spring term readmission and by Jan. 10 for fall term readmission. Prior nursing courses must have been taken within the previous two years.

Transfer from Other Nursing Programs

Students who have successfully completed nursing courses within the past two years in an accredited RN nursing program may be eligible to transfer into the nursing course sequence. Transfer cannot be assured and is based on the evaluation of completed nursing courses. Transferring students must contact the director of nursing and healthcare initiatives for direction.

Transfer to Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

Nursing graduates may transfer up to 60 general education credits to state baccalaureate nursing programs. They will be awarded 30 additional credits for an unencumbered RN license.

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Health Sciences Programs

Application to the college and application to the health sciences programs are separate procedures. Admission to the following programs is competitive: EMT bridge option, EMT Intermediate, EMT-Paramedic, geriatric nursing assistant, health information technology, LPN to RN upward mobility option, medical assisting, medical coding, medical laboratory technician, nursing (RN), patient care technician, pharmacy technician, phlebotomy, physical therapist assistant, physician assistant, practical nursing, radiologic technology and surgical technology. Consult the Admissions and Enrollment Development office or the School of Health Sciences for information on eligibility requirements and selection procedures, www.aacc.edu/healthsciences.

Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening

All health sciences students who are offered admission and/or clinical placement will be required to submit to a complete criminal background check and urine drug screen. All student applicants' final acceptance in the program shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal background check and of a urine drug screen.*

All letters of acceptance shall state that the acceptance is conditional and contingent on submission to a criminal background check and urine drug screen - as may be required by the program - that results in satisfactory reports. If an accepted student tests positive for an illegal or un-prescribed drug, the student shall be denied admission or terminated from any health sciences program.

Separate, additional criminal background checks and urine drug screens may be required by clinical sites prior to placements. Students with an unsuccessful background check or urine screening who are denied by a clinical site that is required to meet program competencies shall be dismissed from the program and their registrations shall be withdrawn from courses related to the program of study. If the student tests positive for an illegal or un-prescribed drug, the student shall be denied admission or terminated from any health sciences program even if a denied placement was not required to meet program competencies. Successful reports of criminal background checks and urine drug screens do not assure eligibility for specific clinical site placement, program completion, and/or eligibility to sit for professional licensure/board examinations.

Students are reminded that licensing boards for certain health care occupations and professions may deny, suspend, or revoke a license or may deny the individual the opportunity to sit for an examination even if the individual has completed all program course work if it is determined that an applicant has a criminal history or has been convicted of, or pleads guilty, or pleads nolo contendere or the like to a felony or other serious crime.

Successful completion of a health sciences program of study at Anne Arundel Community College does not guarantee licensure, the opportunity to sit for a licensure examination, certification or employment in the relevant health care occupation.

Students may be automatically denied admission or, if enrolled, dismissed from the program if they have not been truthful or have provided inaccurate information on the application or on any other form or submission. Students who have questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Health Sciences Admissions Office at healthsciencesadmissions@aacc.edu.

* Notwithstanding the statements herein regarding urine drug screens, as of September 2010, only certain programs will be requiring drug screening. AACC shall inform students which programs presently require them. However, AACC, at any time, has the right, upon notice, to require any and all students in any and all programs to comply with drug screening.

Degree Requirements

A grade of B or better is required in BIO 231 and BIO 233 and a grade of C or better in all NUR and all general education courses to progress in the program.

Students practice selected procedures on each other in the college laboratory. All nursing students must receive a mark of satisfactory in the clinical laboratory. Students who receive a mark of unsatisfactory in the clinical laboratory at any time during the nursing course sequence will not be permitted to continue in the clinical laboratory and will receive a final grade of F.