Program
The Associate Degree Nursing program is designed for qualified men and women interested in providing patient care as members of the health team. The curriculum is a blend of general education, nursing courses and applied education courses providing the graduate with the skills necessary to effectively serve patients and their families. Various community health care settings are utilized for students to apply the nursing process in identifying and meeting needs of patients. A nursing laboratory and a simulation laboratory contain equipment for practicing skills and provide settings for independent study as well as instructor-supervised study. Graduates of the program receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree and are eligible to take the national licensing examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse. Upon licensure, the RN is able to work in acute care, long-term care and community health care agencies to apply competent nursing care that is patient-centered. The RN will be able to provide collaborative evidence-based care through principles of quality and safety and informatics.

Mission Statement
The Associate Degree Nursing Education Program serves to change lives, build futures, and improve communities by providing an opportunity for students with diverse learning needs to obtain an affordable, quality entry level professional nursing education, and thereby, meet the community's need for nurses.

Additional Information
Due to limited clinical practice opportunities, evening and/or weekend clinical experiences in the Nursing Programs may not be available each term. Specific qualification information for each nursing program is found within the program section. Any questions pertaining to these criteria should be directed to the Office of Advising and Counseling or to the Division of Health Sciences.

Some applicants may choose to extend their course of study beyond the recommended plan due to academic deficiencies, employment commitments, or personal choice. If a student extends their course of study, the student is responsible to notify the Nursing Department.

Associate Degree Program Completion
The student is expected to complete the clinical nursing coursework within five years of beginning the first semester of the nursing clinical program.

Curriculum
First Year
First Semester
BIO 1110 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
COM 1110 English Composition 3
DTN 1220 Principles of Nutrition 2
SDE 1010 First Year Experience 1
BHS 2110 Growth and Development: Lifespan 2
Term Hours 12

Second Semester
NSG 1520 Foundations of Nursing 8
BIO 1120 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
BHS 1711 Pathophysiology for Healthcare 2
Term Hours 14

Third Semester
PSY 1010 General Psychology OR
SOC 1010 Sociology 3
NSG 1523 Adult Health I 6
NSG 1524 Care of Childbearing Family 3
Term Hours 12

Second Year
First Semester
BIO 1400 Microbiology 4
NSG 1721 Pharmacology for Nursing 2
NSG 2521 Psychosocial Nursing 3
NSG 2522 Adult Health II 6
Term Hours 15

Second Semester
NSG 2525 Essentials of Nurse Practice 9
MTH 1260 Statistics OR
MTH 1151 Quantitative Reasoning 3
Term Hours 12
Total Hours 65

NOTE: Students may elect to take general education courses and sciences prior to beginning the first nursing clinical course.

Portfolio Course = Capstone Course

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Acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program

1. All students who apply for acceptance to the Associate Degree Nursing Program have their name placed on a qualified list after they meet the Associate Degree Nursing Program’s Acceptance Requirements, which are stated in the College catalog. Names are listed in order on the qualified list using the date on which documentation was received, verifying that admission criteria have been met. In the event that two or more students qualify on the same day, the date of application to the College is used to rank the students.

a. All students seeking acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program must complete the ACT to qualify for acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

b. Students who did not score at or above remediation-free levels on the placement test, or did not meet the high school criteria, may qualify for acceptance to the Associate Degree Nursing Program by successfully completing the respective developmental course(s).

c. If the student must complete developmental courses, he/she must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher to be eligible for entrance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Developmental education courses do not count toward graduation.

d. Students must be 18 years or older prior to entering the first clinical nursing course.

2. Acceptance into the first Associate Degree Nursing Program clinical course may occur in fall or spring semester. Students are notified of acceptance approximately six weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. The program will continue to accept students until all seats are filled.

3. Two seats in either fall or spring will be designated for Tech Prep and/or College Credit Plus students who have met the minimal qualifying criteria by June 30 and who have graduated from a Tech Prep program during May or June of that same year. Tech Prep students will be listed on the qualified list in the order in which they met all qualifying criteria, using the date on which documentation was received, verifying that all criteria have been met. In the event that two or more Tech Prep students qualify on the same day, the date of application to the college will be used to rank the students. Tech Prep designated seats may rollover to the next term if no qualified Tech Prep students are available. These two seats will then be filled by Tech Prep designated students, as they are listed on the qualification list, irrespective of high school graduation date. Remaining seats will be given to students as they are listed in numerical order on the program’s qualified list. Up to 25 or more seats may be competitively awarded through an Accelerated Clinical Entry opportunity.

4. If a student has been convicted of a felony and/or a misdemeanor, he/she may not be able to participate in clinical education experiences at some hospitals or other clinical sites, therefore, preventing the student from completing the program. A criminal conviction or guilty plea may also prevent the student from obtaining a license or certificate in his/her chosen healthcare profession.

5. To meet the expanding requirements of our clinical affiliates, students with objections/refusal to receive required immunizations or have convictions of certain felonies, misdemeanors, or drug-related offenses will be ineligible for admission into clinical experiences and may be dismissed from the program. Positive drug screens will result in dismissal from all clinical courses. Any student who refuses/fails to cooperate, or complete any required drug screen will be considered “positive” and will be dismissed from the program. All students may be subject to random drug screens throughout the program.

Acceptance Requirements

Applicants must meet Acceptance Requirements before being placed on the program’s qualified list. Names are placed on the qualified list using the date on which documentation was received, verifying that acceptance requirements have been met. In the event that two or more students qualify on the same day, the date of application to the college is used to rank order these students. All students must meet technical standards. Applicants who do not meet the qualification requirements should meet with an advisor in the Office of Advising and Counseling to plan a course of study.

1. General College requirements (see General Admissions Procedures.)
2. Attend mandatory Nursing Program Student Orientation.
3. Graduation from high school or equivalent.
4. Must be remediation free in math, English, reading, and science.
5. College cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
6. Certificate of completion of state-approved nurse aide training course.
7. Declaration of Nursing as the major course of study.

Additional Requirements After Entry into the First Clinical Nursing Course

1. Evidence of sufficient physical and mental health to engage in the practice of nursing.
2. Current American Heart Association or equivalent certification in CPR.
3. Completed health and immunization form.
4. Criminal background check.
5. Drug screening prior to second clinical nursing course.

Reentry or Admission for Clinical Placement

Applicants seeking reentry or admission for placement in a clinical course will be accepted on a space-available basis according to the following priorities:

1. Rhodes State College students in good standing will be ranked by GPA and may be re-admitted into the appropriate Nursing course based on GPA.
2. Transfer students in good standing.
3. Re-admission may or may not be granted based on candidate review.
4. Basic science courses must be completed within the previous five-years (some exceptions may apply).
5. Students who are out one year or more from a Nursing Clinical course are evaluated on an individual basis to ensure competency in previous coursework. Contact the Nursing Department for additional information.

Availability of space for the above applicants will not be known until grades have been reported for the term immediately preceding the desired term of re-enrollment. Applicants will be notified of placement in time to register.

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 4723 and rule 4723-5-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code, students who reenter or are readmitted to an Ohio school of nursing must "meet the curriculum requirements effective at the time of readmission."

Gainful Employment

See www.RhodesState.edu/GainfulEmployment for additional information.

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