

NURSING, Associate in Science Degree - 3456

Nursing Department

The Nursing AS degree (ADN) prepares students to sit for the NCLEX® licensing exam. Successful completion of this exam is required by the PA State Board of Nursing to become a Registered Nurse (RN). RNs work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. In addition, they are advocates and health educators for patients, families, and communities. This program provides students with vital nursing care experience as they provide direct patient care; observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions, and progress; assist physicians with treatments and examinations; administer medications, and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. Students are taught to develop and manage nursing care plans, instruct patients and their families in proper care, and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain their health. Possible exposure to bloodborne pathogens and potentially hazardous materials may occur. All students accepted into the clinical component of the program must undergo a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, State Police Criminal Record Check, and an FBI fingerprint clearance. Pennsylvania law states that the State Board of Nursing may refuse to license a person who has been convicted of a criminal action(s). This program also requires all students accepted into the clinical component to submit a health examination form completed by a physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant with immunization history including verification through blood work, and submit to a drug and alcohol screen. Competence in dosage calculation must be demonstrated on admission to and for progression in the Nursing program. (A dosage calculation course is offered for students who do not meet this requirement.) The student should consider all of these factors before enrolling in this program. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the Program Director at the campus of his/her choice. This program is approved by the Pennsylvania State board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The complete Nursing program is available at the Gettysburg (day only), Harrisburg (day and evening), Lancaster (day and evening), and York (day and evening) campuses.

Selective Program: Entry into this program is not guaranteed with admission to the College. Specific admissions criteria must be met. Please go to the Health Careers website (www.hacc.edu/healthcareers), or contact us by email at start@hacc.edu for specific program entry requirements

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program are prepared for employment as registered nurses caring for patients in hospitals, extended care facilities, and health care delivery settings.

Competency Profile

The Associate Degree Nursing Program Outcomes are derived from the 4-core concepts and 9-key components of the Conceptual Framework.

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

[Professionalism]

- Possess a sense of professional identity and a commitment to the profession of nursing
- Qualify for RN Licensure Examination
- Demonstrate self-awareness, respect and value for differing perspectives, and expertise of all health care team members
- Adhere to the standards of professional practice
- Consistently demonstrate **ethical behavior**
- Manage safe, **competent**, patient-centered care
- Commit to **life-long learning**, possessing a spirit of inquiry which encourages continued personal and professional growth

[Communication]

- **Communicate** effectively in a therapeutic way with the patient, promoting human dignity, integrity, and human flourishing across the **life span**
- **Communicate** collaboratively and respectfully with other members of the health care team
- **Communicate** information
 - Verbally
 - Nonverbally
 - In writing
- Utilize Informatics to provide patient-centered care
- Utilization information interventions to promote health and assist the patient in the navigation of the healthcare system

[Critical Thinking]

- Demonstrate problem-solving using the nursing process and evidence-based practice

