



# NURSING (421)

## Associate of Applied Science

### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the student is eligible to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN).

### NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for RNs in long-term care facilities, home health, hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics. Employment is available nationwide. There is a critical nursing shortage that is expected to continue until at least 2020.

Nurses may continue their formal nursing education by going on for a baccalaureate degree at a number of institutions. HCC nursing graduates may want to consider pursuing a Master's degree in nursing instead of a Bachelors, an option that is becoming more readily available. Students should check with a student advisor or the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator for more information regarding transfer to other institutions and what requirements may be needed before transfer is possible.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students entering the health care professions (i.e. nursing, medical assistant, emergency medical assistant) must have a positive attitude about the importance of the work that they are being prepared to do. In part, a professional attitude involves personal integrity, the use of positive communication techniques, flexibility in regards to clinical assignments, and taking on a leadership role when necessary.

### PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland for the following program contacts:

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### TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

1. A completed high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) on file with the Admissions Department.
2. Submission of transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Admissions Department and Nursing Department prior to acceptance.
3. The first level student's score on the TEAS must be an 85%\* or higher in reading and 75%\* or higher total score. The second level student's score must be an 88%\* or higher on the ATI PN Comprehensive Test.
4. Completion of MATH 065 or equivalent as determined by the College Placement Test.
5. Completed all prerequisite courses and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
6. Current CNA certificate on file in the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator's Office. <http://www.idph.state.il.us/hav/home.htm>
7. Submission of three satisfactory references. This includes letters from a Director of Nursing or Unit Supervisor, RN, and service to others supervisor for all working LPNs and CNAs. For all others, one service-to-others supervisor, and two of the following: Instructors or teachers, immediate supervisors, and community leaders.

\* Score values are tentative and may change.



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8. Submission of a personal statement responding to the following questions:
- What are ideal attributes of a nurse? and
  - What would be your contribution to nursing?
9. Proof of service to others which may include, but not be limited to volunteer work, community activities, leadership experience with projects that affect others, and other similar activities.

## PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES

**1 1/2 Credit Hours**

* BIOL	117	Basic Nutrition	3
* BIOL	120	Foundations of Anatomy & Physiology	5
* CHEM	120	General Chemistry	3/4

NOTE: CHEM 101, high school chemistry, or permission of instructor and one year of high school algebra or MATH 065 or placement into MATH 162 are the prerequisites to CHEM 120.

## SUPPORT COURSES

**17 Credit Hours**

***BIOL	211	General Microbiology	4
** ENGL	121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
** MATH	065	Basic Algebra	4
*** PSY	161	Introduction to Psychology	3
*** PSY	262	Human Growth and Development	3

## CORE CURRICULUM

### Fall - First Year **14 Credit Hours**

NURS	191	Clinical Development I	6
BIOL	103	Introduction to Pharmacology	1
NURS	194	Gerontology	3
NURS	185	Intro to Mental Health Nursing Concepts	1
NURS	188	Pathophysiology	3

### Spring - First Year **15 Credit Hours**

NURS	192	Clinical Development II	9
BIOL	104	Pharmacology	3
NURS	296	Physical Assessment for Nurses	3

### Fall - Second Year **13 Credit Hours**

NURS	292	Clinical Development IIIA	7
NURS	293	Psychiatric Nursing	5
NURS	298	Perspectives and Leadership in Nursing	1

### Spring - Second Year **12 Credit Hours**

NURS	291	Family Nursing	5
NURS	294	Clinical Development IIIB	7

**Total Hours =**

**82/83**

- \* Course MUST be taken prior to program entry
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- \*\*\* Course must be completed prior to beginning the third semester of the core curriculum