

# NURSING ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

## Program Description

This program covers all aspects of the nursing profession and is designed to integrate both theory and practical “hands-on” educational experiences.

## Mission Statement

The Nursing Department is dedicated to the preparation of individuals to meet the health care needs of the public. Graduate nurses will be able to use essential knowledge, attitudes, skills and technology to meet the healthcare needs of patients, families and communities while recognizing the need for an individualized plan of care. Faculty members strive to incorporate essential competencies for nurse educators while preparing graduates who will become the future of the nursing profession.

## Entrance Requirements

High school diploma or GED

TEAS test minimum score of 65

See “Program Requirements” Section for additional requirements.

## Type of Program

Day — Please note that this program requires one semester of general education courses prior to beginning two years of clinical work. **Note:** Due to the competitive program admission process, it is recommended that all general education courses be completed prior to application to the NUR program. This can add to the overall length of the program.

## Employment Opportunities

Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians’ offices, home health agencies, industrial nursing

## Professional Credentials

Registered Nurse (subject to passing exam)

## Program Accreditation

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, State Board of Nursing for South Carolina  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Dr.  
Columbia, SC 29210  
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The Associate in Applied Science nursing program at Greenville Technical College located in Greenville, SC is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.  
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Atlanta, GA 30326  
(404) 975-5000  
<https://www.acenursing.org/>

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate in Applied Science nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm> (<http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>)

Visit our web page at <https://www.gvltec.edu/nursing/>.

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## Program Requirements

### Nursing Associate Degree Requirements

In order to be eligible for seating into the program, students must meet college admission requirements and:

- Complete the online Career Talk for Nursing, located under Nursing Program Requirements and Admission Process ([https://www.gvltec.edu/academics\\_learning/health-sciences/nursing/](https://www.gvltec.edu/academics_learning/health-sciences/nursing/)) (current within one year).
- Complete the full version of ATI TEAS® or TEAS VI prior to submitting an application.
  - A minimum score of 65 is required
  - Applicants are responsible for checking the version number of the TEAS test is accepted by GTC if the test was taken at another college or testing facility.
- Students may test at the Testing Center on the second floor of the Dreisbach/Anderson Student Success Center (Barton Campus, Building 102).
- It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that results of TEAS testing from other locations are sent to GTC directly by logging into ATI using their account information and requesting a transcript.
- TEAS test scores are valid for five (5) years.
- Students must have completed ENG 101 English Composition I\*, MAT 120 Probability and Statistics\*, BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I\* and PSY 201 General Psychology\*.
- Have a technical GPA of 2.50.

Students are admitted fall, spring, and summer semesters.

- Seating Process:
  - Submit a weighted admission form between the dates of March 15 – May 15 for potential admission into the August, October, or January class. Submit a weighted admission form between the dates of July 15 – September 15 for potential admission into the March or May class.
  - Students with the highest scores will receive an admissions letter, an intent form used to pay a \$100 deposit, and a student health form.
  - To reserve a seat, students must pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit and complete the student health form (physical exam may not be more than 12 months prior to beginning NUR courses) by the due date set in the admission letter. Program admission

is contingent upon a crime-free criminal background check and a negative drug screening.

- The following general education classes may be taken with NUR courses or prior to entering the NUR program: BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II\*; BIO 225 Microbiology\*; SPC 205 Public Speaking\*; and a university transferable humanities course (see catalog description of a university transferable humanities).
- BIO 216 Physiology may be taken to validate an expired BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I\* and BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II\*.
- Anatomy (BIO 215) and Physiology (BIO 216) may be taken instead of BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I\* and BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II\*. However, BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I\* and BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II\* are the recommended combination.
- A grade of "C" or higher is required in all related general education courses.
- A grade of "C" or higher is required in biophysical science courses. Biophysical science courses must be completed within five years of entering the clinical phase of the Nursing program. Biophysical science courses may be repeated one time only to achieve a passing grade.
- Students are encouraged to consider general education courses that transfer to BSN completion programs and Post RN Specialty courses, which may enhance employability.
- Students must have evidence of valid healthcare provider CPR certification from AHA, preclinical orientation, completed student health form (physical exam), and documentation of required immunizations as a course requirement for NUR 139 Introduction to Nursing Concepts.
- A negative 10-panel drug screen is required for clinical eligibility. Random drug screens may be performed throughout the program.
- A crime-free criminal background check is required for clinical experiences. Students may be subject to more than one background check during the program based on affiliate requirements.
- Any student who has ever been convicted of a crime or felony must contact the South Carolina Board of Nursing for further instructions related to state licensure.
- Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
- NUR courses are seven weeks in length.
- Students will be required to take comprehensive competency exams for theory and skills throughout and at the end of the nursing program. Failure to achieve satisfactory scores or demonstrate skills competency may affect progression in nursing courses, progression through the nursing curriculum, and graduation.
- Students who have been accepted into the college but not yet accepted into the Nursing Program will be considered Pre-Nursing and will be coded as Associate in Science majors. See your assigned advisor for questions regarding this matter.

## Recommended Program Schedule

Listed below is the ideal grouping of courses in order by semester. This plan assumes a full-time schedule. Note, however, that many variables can affect this plan, and not every course is offered every semester. Please see your advisor to map out your own personalized progression toward graduation.

## Nursing Recommended Program Schedule

**Note:** Due to the required Pre-Nursing courses and the weighted admission process, the program length will be longer than two years.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Pre-Nursing Courses</b>		
MAT 120	Probability and Statistics <sup>1</sup>	3
BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I <sup>1</sup>	4
PSY 201	General Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
ENG 101	English Composition I <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Phase I</b>		
BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II <sup>1</sup>	4
NUR 139	Introduction to Nursing Concepts <sup>2</sup>	3
NUR 141	Pharmacological Therapies I <sup>2</sup>	2
NUR 143	Basic Care and Comfort <sup>2</sup>	3
NUR 144	Pharmacological Therapies II <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Phase II</b>		
BIO 225	Microbiology <sup>1</sup>	4
NUR 145	Physiol Adaptation & Risk Reduction I <sup>2</sup>	4
NUR 146	Physiol Adaptation & Risk Reduction II <sup>2</sup>	4
NUR 156	Physiol Adaptation & Risk Reduction III <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Phase III</b>		
SPC 205	Public Speaking <sup>1</sup>	3
NUR 239	Mental Health Nursing Concepts <sup>2</sup>	4
NUR 241	HLth Promo & Risk Redu-Mot/Ch <sup>2</sup>	4
NUR 243	HLth Promo & Risk Reduction - Children <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Phase IV</b>		
NUR 253	Physiological Integrity <sup>2</sup>	4
NUR 256	Management of Care <sup>2</sup>	4
Humanities Elective <sup>1,3</sup>		3
BSN Prerequisites (Optional)		
<b>Total Required Credit Hours</b>		<b>68</b>

<sup>1</sup> General education course

<sup>2</sup> All nursing courses are seven weeks in length.

<sup>3</sup> Must be college transferable