The Associate Degree Nursing (nonintegrated) curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings.

Courses will include content related to the nurse’s role as provider of nursing care, as manager of care, as member of the discipline of nursing, and as a member of the interdisciplinary team.

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(Eligible for AAS Degree and NCLEX-RN)

Total Semester Hour Credits: 76
NURSING ASSOCIATE DEGREE

NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Haywood, Southwestern, and Tri-County Community Colleges offer a joint associate degree nursing program through a consortium agreement known as the Region A Nursing Consortium. These three colleges serve the seven western counties of North Carolina. Haywood Community College is the administrative unit for the consortium.

Persons interested in entering the nursing program are encouraged to apply to the college serving their area of residency. Due to enrollment limitations, interested individuals are urged to begin the process of application as early as possible. Information on nursing and the program requirements are available in the Nursing Department of each of the three member colleges. Applications may be obtained from the Admissions Office at any of the colleges.

All students who successfully complete the program receive an Associate in Applied Science degree with a nursing major (ADN), and are eligible to write the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a registered nurse. Successful completion of the nursing program does not guarantee licensure. The Board of Nursing may not issue a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony.

SCHEDULES

Students may apply as freshmen to either the traditional day course schedule or to the alternative course (evening/weekend) schedule. Students who hold a current, unencumbered LPN license in North Carolina can apply for enrollment as advance placement students. Students may apply to any one of the three Consortium member colleges. The college of enrollment confers the associate degree and maintains permanent student records.

THE TRADITIONAL SCHEDULE

The traditional day course schedule is designed for full-time study. For the first two semesters, nursing classes are held on the campus of the college of enrollment. Beginning with the third semester, nursing classes are held on other college campuses. Non-nursing courses in the curriculum may be completed at the college of enrollment or wherever is most convenient for the student. Students, however, are responsible for having their transcripts for non-nursing courses taken at other colleges sent to the college of enrollment. Clinical experiences are provided in a variety of settings throughout Western North Carolina.

The structure of the nursing program permits individuals to make choices about their career in health care. In the traditional day course schedule, after the successful completion of one semester, a student is eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide I; after two semesters, as a Nurse Aide II. Qualified LPNs who wish to complete the educational requirements for registered nursing may enter the nursing program at the beginning of the third semester as advanced placement students depending on available openings.

THE ALTERNATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

The alternative course schedule is designed to offer more of the nursing classes in the evening and on weekends. For students entering as freshmen, it will require six semesters of part-time study to complete. Nursing classes are held on the campus of the college of enrollment for three semesters and may be held on other campuses for the remaining three semesters. Clinical experiences are provided in a variety of settings throughout Western North Carolina. The structure of the nursing program permits individuals to make choices about their career in health care. In the alternative course schedule after the successful completion of two semesters (fall and spring) of the first year, the student is eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide I; after three semesters, as a Nurse Aide II.
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS APTITUDE EXAMINATION (HOAE)

Applicants seeking admission into the Nursing program must take the Health Occupations Aptitude Examinations (HOAE). The Health Occupations Aptitude Examination measures abilities, skills, knowledge, and attitudes important for successful performance in the field of Nursing. The resulting scores are on component in the highly competitive nursing selection process. The HOAE may be taken once in an admission cycle (February 1-January 31).

The examination consists of five parts: academic aptitude, spelling, reading, comprehension, natural science, and vocational adjustment. A $10 fee is charged for test administration and scoring. A test schedule and registration card will be mailed from the Admissions Office after the Application for Admission is processed. For more information, contact the Director of Enrollment Management.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

All applicants for admission to the associate degree nursing program will follow a standard admission process, be given identical information regarding the nursing program and the criteria for admission, and assigned a nursing advisor who will follow the applicant through the pre-nursing period.

When the individual begins the process, whether it be through the Admissions Office or the Nursing Department, information, instructions are furnished to the applicant along with an explanation of the program's structure and the next step in the admissions process. Admission application forms are available through the college of enrollment. The applicant will also be referred from Admissions to Nursing or Nursing to Admissions for further information and processing.

The criteria for admission to the nursing program include:

1. A completed college Application for Admission (and application should be made to only one of the three colleges in the consortium).
2. Evidence of high school graduation or completion of GED certificate (High school seniors must send an interim transcript by January 31).
3. Official copies of all high school and college course transcripts (High school seniors must have a final transcript sent within one month of graduation).
4. Satisfactory scores on the college placement test or completion of necessary remediation.
5. Completion of the Health Occupations Aptitude Examination (HOAE), which may be taken once in an admission cycle (February 1-January 31).
6. Evidence of completion of algebra, biology, and chemistry at high school level or above with a grade of “C” or better on each.
7. Evidence of a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater on a 4 point scale in the most recent transcript with 10 semester hours attempted.
8. A GPA of 2.0 or greater must be maintained throughout enrollment.
9. All requirements must be completed by January 31 for all applicants.
10. Advanced placement applicants (LPNs) must have completed NUR 189 (Nursing Transition) with a grade of “C” or better. A prerequisite for enrolling in NUR 189 is a current, unencumbered North Carolina license to practice as an LPN. In addition to the above, advanced placement applicants must have completed ENG 111, PSY 150, and BIO 168 & BIO 169, or the equivalents, with a grade of “C” or better on each by the end of Spring Semester in the year in which they wish to enter the nursing program.
Following completion of all criteria, the Admissions Office will notify the applicant of his or her status. After the January 31 deadline has passed, all eligible applicants will be scored in accordance with the selection system criteria:

- **Up to 25 points for Health Occupations Aptitude Exam**
- **Up to 25 points for residency:**
  - 25 points - Service area resident
  - 20 points - Consortium service area resident
  - 10 points - North Carolina resident
  - 0 points - Non-resident
- **Up to 10 points for grade point average**
  - 10 points = 4.0 GPA
  - 8 points = 3.51-3.9
  - 6 points = 3.0-3.5
  - 4 points = 2.51-2.9
  - 2 points = 2.0-2.5
- **Up to 15 points for college courses completed with a grade of “C” or better**
  - 2 points – BIO 168
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  - 2 points - CHM 130 & CHM 130A General, Organic, and Biochemistry or
    - CHM 131 & 131A Introduction to Chemistry or
    - CHM 136 Survey of Chemistry II or
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  - 1 point - CIS 110 Introduction to Computers
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  - 1 point - PSY 150 General Psychology
- **Up to 5 points for other**
  - 1 point - Health Occupations I or Allied Health Science I
  - 1 point - Health Occupations II or Allied Health Science II
  - 1 point - Health Occupations III
  - 1 point - Nurse Aide I
  - 2 points - Nurse Aide II (1 point for NAI and 1 point for NAII)
  - 1 point - EMT
  - 2 points - Paramedic
  - 2 points - Certified Medical Assistant
- **Up to 25 points for interview (only 26 candidates at each institution will be interviewed for the traditional day course schedule and 20 candidates will be interviewed for the alternative course schedule program.**

*WCU requirement for Capstone

The points will be totaled and 16 applicants at each college with the highest numerical score will be accepted into the traditional day course program and 10 will be accepted into the alternative course schedule program. High school students selected for the program will be given provisional acceptance contingent upon graduation from high school. Determination of eligibility for advanced placement applicants will also be made in accordance with the January 31 deadline. These applicants will be given provisional acceptance contingent
upon the satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester of the year in which they wish to enroll. Space available to advance placement applicants will be determined at the end of spring semester. Advance placement applicants will fill available spaces at the college of application beginning with the highest scoring applicant then the second highest scoring applicant, etc, and moving downward until spaces are filled.

Qualified applicants who have not been assigned a space in the program will be placed on an alternate list for the college of application. Should a space become available, the next applicant on the list will be contacted for admission to the program. If spaces are still available at a member college after all applicants to that college have been assigned, the remaining lists will be merged and assignment offered to the highest scoring applicant, then the second highest scoring applicant, etc. and moving downward until spaces have been filled. In the event of a tie in the admission scores of two or more applicants, the applicant with the earliest date of application for nursing will be accepted.

The Admissions Department will notify all applicants of their status (provisionally accepted or alternate) shortly after the January 31 deadline. Applicants being notified of provisional admission to the program will also receive health forms. These forms must be completed and returned to the Nursing Department of the college of application within 30 days. The Nursing Department will contact the applicant if any problems are noted on the forms and allow 30 days for resolution of these problems. Original copies of completed health forms will be sent to the Admissions Department for inclusion in the applicant’s permanent file. Letters of full acceptance to the nursing program will be sent to all accepted students by the Admissions Department when all required forms are on file. With the exception of high school students and advanced placement applicants, the acceptance process will be completed no later than April 15. Full acceptance for high school students and advanced placement applicants will be granted after the completion of the contingencies listed above.

Applicants who may be accepted into the nursing program after the initial class has been selected will have 30 days to complete their health forms and an additional 30 days to resolve any identified problems. This process will remain in effect even if classes are in session. The applicant will be permitted to attend classes while completing the required forms but may be restricted from clinical participation until the immunization and physical forms are on file. All forms must be on file before the late-entry student may progress to the following term.

*Any applicant who is not selected must resubmit an application each year the applicant wants to be considered for admission to the program.

**READMISSION/TRANSFER POLICY**

Due to the limited number of students who may be enrolled in the nursing program, readmission and transfer into the program are possible only on a space-available basis. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater to be considered. To be considered for readmission, the student must have successfully completed at least one nursing semester. Priority for readmission or transfer into the Region A Nursing Consortium program will be given as follows:

**I. Priorities**

1. Former Region A Nursing Consortium students who were required to leave for active military service.
2. Former Region A Nursing Consortium students.
3. Advanced Placement students.
4. Transfer students

**II. Selection Process**

A. Reentering Students
In the event that the number of Region A Nursing Consortium students reapplying exceed the number of spaces available, student selection will be accomplished in the following manner:

1. Residency:
   - 25 points - Service area resident
   - 20 points – Consortium service area resident
   - 10 points – North Carolina resident
   - 0 points – Non-resident

2. The cumulative nursing course average (in the course unsuccessfully completed) at the time of exit from the program. Priority will be given to students who failed only one nursing course. If a student fails more than one nursing course, the grades from both courses will be averaged together.

3. The residency score and the nursing course score (see #2 above) will be added and the students with the highest total numerical score will be admitted to the available spaces.

B. Advanced Placement or Transfer Students

In the event that the number of students seeking entry as advanced placement or transfer students exceeds the number of spaces available, student selection will be accomplished in the following manner:

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• Up to 25 points for interview
• The points for the admission criteria will be totaled and the candidates with the highest numerical score will be admitted to the available spaces.

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III. Readmission/Transfer students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must declare his/her desire to be readmitted or to transfer into the program in writing to the Director of Enrollment Management and program director at least two months prior to the term in which the student is seeking admission.

2. Must meet all admission criteria at least two months prior to the semester he/she wishes to reenter. If all spaces have not been filled after the above deadline, there may be extensions to the deadline.

3. Must meet the college requirement for minimum course work at the school of enrollment for graduation.

4. A student who must repeat a course must reenter into the course in which he/she was unsuccessful. Due to curriculum changes, a student may be required to enter into a course earlier in the sequence of nursing courses if the student is lacking a prerequisite course.

5. If previous nursing courses were completed more than four years prior to consideration as a reentering or transfer student, the courses must be repeated.

6. If health forms are more than two years old, new health forms must be completed and submitted.

7. A student desiring transfer credit from an institution other than a Region A Nursing Consortium college in addition to the above must:
   • Provide official transcripts from a Board of Nursing approved Associate Degree program for evaluation.
   • Provide copies of outlines and syllabi of nursing courses for which transfer credit is requested. These documents will be reviewed by the program director and nursing faculty members for content compatibility with Region A Nursing Consortium course. Each transfer situation is unique, validation of skills and knowledge may be required before transfer credit is granted. Students lacking essential content may be required to audit a portion of the course, challenge the content, or demonstrate skills as deemed necessary by the program director and nursing faculty. Students lacking documents of completion of a majority of the content for a course will be required to take the course. The final decision for transfer credit for nursing courses rests with the program director.
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