

NURSING, A.A.S.

Location(s): MEC
NOVA Code: 1560

Purpose

The program is designed to prepare students to participate as contributing members of the healthcare team, rendering direct care to patients in a variety of healthcare facilities and agencies. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) leading to state licensure as a registered nurse (RN) and are qualified to assume registered nurse positions in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices, HMOs, and other community-based settings.

NOVA has adopted the VCCS Common Nursing Curriculum which was fully approved by VBON and ACEN in Spring of 2017. The nursing program is a 5-semester program: first semester students take the pre-requisite course work to prepare the student for applying to the program and for the study of the nursing courses. Then there are 4 semesters of nursing course work (LEVELS 1-4).

Information about the nursing program and the application process can be found online (<https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/nursing/>). Admission to the Nursing program is competitive.

Transfer Information

Transfer is not the primary purpose of an A.A.S. program; however, NOVA has articulation agreements that facilitate the transfer of this and other career-oriented programs to selected senior institutions. Students interested in transfer should contact a counselor or their academic advisor early in their program.

Special Program Requirements

Once enrolled in the Nursing program all students must maintain a grade of "C" (80% or higher) in all nursing courses to continue in the program. This includes lecture, nursing lab and clinical components. In addition, students must achieve a "C" or higher in all general education courses.

Accreditation & Approval Status

The NOVA Nursing Curriculum is fully approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing (VBON) Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233 and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326. Telephone 404-975-5000. View NCLEX-RN pass rates for the last five years go to online.

Licensure Requirements

The Virginia Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny licensure to any candidate who has been found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Students who have completed the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program are eligible to receive CPL.

Readmission

Students who leave the Nursing program and wish to be re-admitted must meet the current Catalog's requirements for admission. Any

developmental studies that were prescribed at the time the student left the program must have been satisfactorily completed. Students wishing to be readmitted to NOVA's nursing program will be required to seek approval of the Dean or their designee. Readmission is competitive and based on space availability.

Transfer from Other Institutions

Nursing credits earned at other institutions are reviewed by the Dean or their designee to determine if the courses in question apply to the curriculum and/or if substitutions may be made within the curriculum. Students who transfer to NOVA with prior nursing courses may be required to demonstrate skills competencies.

Nursing Program (Common Curriculum Program)

Classes are taken on campus and via a combination of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (anytime) online activities including in-person nursing laboratory and clinical practice. Nursing courses must be taken in the order outlined below.

Admission Requirements

- Be admitted to NOVA.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Comply with all general admission requirements for Allied Health and Nursing Programs listed for the Medical Education programs section.
- Complete an online Nursing information session.
- Meet the specific requirements for admission to the Nursing Program. The program admission process is competitive. To be considered for admission, applicants must
 - Hold a high school diploma or General Educational Development Test certification (GED®).
 - Have completed one unit of high school-level algebra and two units of science (1 unit of biology and 1 unit of chemistry) with a grade of "C" or higher.
 - Qualify for MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning through acceptable scores on the College math placement test. This requirement must be met prior to the student sitting for the Nursing Pre-Admission Test.
 - Complete PSY 230 Developmental Psychology with a "C" or higher.
 - Complete BIO 141 Human Anatomy And Physiology I with a "C" or higher.
 - Complete ENG 111 College Composition I with a grade of "C" or higher.
 - Complete SDV 101 Orientation to: Healthcare or SDV elective with a grade of "C" or higher. (grades for these courses must be posted prior to applying)
 - Have minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Successfully complete and achieve satisfactory scores on the Nursing Pre-Admission Test. Students must take all 4 sections of the ATI-TEAS tests®: Reading, Math, Science and English. See the Nursing Division website (<https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/nursing/>) for score requirements.
- Successfully complete the American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR course prior to registering for the first nursing course.

- Submit a completed health examination/physical form signed by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner with all required immunizations prior to beginning the Nursing Program.

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Special Notation for Admission

The state of Virginia may prohibit anyone from sitting for the Nursing Licensing Examination who has been convicted of a felony or of crimes(s) involving theft, drug offenses or physical harm to another, or misdemeanors as designated by VBON, therefore NOVA will not consider persons convicted of the above offenses for admission to the NOVA Nursing program.

Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
Prerequisites		
BIO 141	Human Anatomy And Physiology I ¹	4
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
Open Elective		3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
SDV 101	Orientation to:	1
Credits		14
1st Semester		
BIO 142	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	4
NSG 100	Introduction to Nursing Concepts	4
NSG 106	Competencies for Nursing Practice	2
NSG 130	Professional Nursing Concepts	1
NSG 200	Health Promotion And Assessment	3
Credits		14
2nd Semester		
BIO 150	Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
NSG 152	Health Care Participant	3
NSG 170	Health/Illness Concepts	6
Credits		13
3rd Semester		
Select one of the following CST Electives:		3
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	
CST 115	Small Group Communication	
CST 126	Interpersonal Communication	
CST 229	Intercultural Communication	
NSG 210	Health Care Concepts I	5
NSG 211	Health Care Concepts II	5
Credits		13
4th Semester		
NSG 230	Advanced Professional Nursing Concepts	2
NSG 252	Complex Health Care Concepts	4
NSG 270	Nursing Capstone	4
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elect)		3
Credits		13
Total Credits		67

Sciences requirement: BIO 141 Human Anatomy And Physiology I, BIO 142 Human Anatomy and Physiology II, and BIO 205 General Microbiology, or BIO 231 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO 232 Human Anatomy & Physiology II, and BIO 150 Microbiology for Health Sciences, or BIO 231 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO 232 Human Anatomy & Physiology II, and BIO 205 General Microbiology.

¹ Students may use one of the following course sequences to meet the BIO 141 Human Anatomy And Physiology I/BIO 142 Human Anatomy and Physiology II/BIO 150 Microbiology for Health