Nursing

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Graduates of the program are granted an Associate in Applied Science degree and attain the academic requirements for application for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The program offers a balance of general education and nursing courses to prepare students for Registered Nurse positions. These graduates have a significant role in the delivery of nursing care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, community agencies and other healthcare institutions.

Students who wish to pursue admittance into the Nursing Program should apply to CCM and list Nursing as their requested major.

Upon acceptance into the college, students are placed in the pre-professional phase and take all of the general education and science courses required for the Nursing major. Admission into the professional phase is not guaranteed once pre-professional course work is completed.

Students must file a Fundamentals of Nursing Professional Phase Application Form to be considered for acceptance into the professional phase. Acceptance into the professional phase is competitive. Student’s GPA must be 2.5 or higher, with a minimum grade of “C” or better in all courses. The granting of a seat is based on a point system assigning points for Science and English grades. Information for transfer students and regarding professional phase admission criteria for all students can be found here:


All students accepted into the professional phase (clinical) must meet additional requirements as set forth by the healthcare facilities that are utilized to provide clinical experience. Established technical standards that are the minimum fundamental abilities necessary to perform the activities requisite to obtaining credit for education and subsequent entry-level employment in the nursing profession must be met. In addition, students will undergo a Criminal History Background Check and Urine Drug Screening. Students must obtain malpractice insurance at their own expense, carry personal health insurance that provides coverage for accident and sickness, obtain health clearance, including flu vaccination, and be CPR certified as a healthcare provider by the American Heart Association. All Nursing students are required to wear the County College of Morris Nursing uniform when in the clinical setting. Uniforms are obtained at the student’s expense. Transportation to the clinical facility must be provided by the individual student.

Several study tracks have been designed to accommodate individual learning needs. Please see the Nursing Program Flyer and the CCM website for an explanation of the study tracks. The curriculum requirements can be completed in a minimum of six sequential semesters (excluding summer) of study. For the professional (clinical) phase, a day class is admitted in the Fall Semester, and an evening class is admitted in the Spring Semester. The Fundamentals of Nursing Professional Phase Application Form must be filed in the Office of Records and Registration by September 15 for Spring Semester and March 1 for Fall Semester.

Nursing Program Flyers are available from the Office of Admissions or the Nursing Department or visit the County College of Morris (CCM) website at http://www.ccm.edu/academics/divdep/health-professions-natural-sciences/department-of-nursing/.

Articulation Agreements

Credits are readily transferable into RN-BSN programs upon graduation. Students should check with the Transfer Office about specific articulation agreements with this program.

Accreditation

The Nursing Program at the County College of Morris is fully accredited and approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. This accreditation qualifies graduates of the Nursing Program to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The program is additionally accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

State of New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs

New Jersey Board of Nursing
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Newark, New Jersey 07101
973-504-6430

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Degrees

AAS Nursing
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NUR-214 Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing 10
NUR-224 Nursing Colloquium 1
Nursing Core Credits 47
Total Credits 67

Prerequisites and Co-requisites
NUR-121 Fundamentals of Nursing 6
Prerequisite: Permission of Department Chair
Pre/Co-requisite: BIO-101
Co-requisite: NUR-105

NUR-123 Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing 10
Prerequisite: NUR-121, BIO-101

NUR-213 Maternal-Child/Mental Health Nursing 3-10
or CHM-125 General Chemistry I - Lecture
Prerequisite: NUR-123, BIO-102, CHM-117 or CHM-125
Pre/Co-requisite: BIO-215

NUR-214 Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing 10
Prerequisite: NUR-213, BIO-215
Co-requisite: NUR-224

Due to continual program revisions mandated by the accrediting agencies and/or changes in state mandated requirements, students should consult their academic advisors when selecting courses.

Science courses completed by students prior to entering Fundamentals of Nursing must be less than seven years old. If the science courses exceed the seven-year limit, students can prove their competency by testing or they must retake the courses.

A statewide criminal record search through the New Jersey State Police and a National Criminal History Database Search are performed on all students upon initial acceptance into the professional phase of the program and annually thereafter. If a record is found as a result of the criminal record searches, admission into the professional phase of the program may be denied. If there is no record upon admission but subsequent searches result in a record found, the student may be dismissed from the program.

When a graduate applies for licensure as a nurse in New Jersey, the New Jersey Board of Nursing requires a Criminal History Background Check. If the Criminal History Background Check reveals a criminal conviction, a review of the application by the Board of Nursing is required.

A Urine Drug Screening is performed on all students upon initial acceptance into the professional phase of the program. If the test is positive for illegal substances, admission into the professional phase of the program is denied. In addition, illegal use of prescribed substances will result in denial of admission into the professional phase of the program.

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NUR-106. Medical Terminology. 2 Credits.
LECT 2 hrs
The course is intended for students interested in learning the basic construction of medical words. Students acquire a solid foundation to aid in retention of medical vocabulary and facilitate understanding of new terms. Prefixes, suffixes and root words are introduced in a logical manner. A brief outline of the anatomy and physiology of each body system is presented, followed by the related pathophysiology. Included are terms describing diseases, disorders and related surgical, diagnostic and treatment terms. Students become proficient in word building and recognition of medical terms as they relate to anatomy and physiology. Students become familiar with terminology relevant to pharmacology as well as psychiatry.

NUR-121. Fundamentals of Nursing. 6 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs, LAB 3 hrs, CLIN 6 hrs
This course serves as the foundation for all subsequent nursing courses. The nursing process is introduced with concentration on the assessment of man's basic health needs, which are identified as psychosocial, elimination, rest and activity, safe environment, oxygen and nutrition. The development and use of fundamental nursing skills and interventions are included. Concepts of clinical decision-making skills are introduced. Learning experiences are planned, using the classroom, campus laboratory and community clinical facilities.
Prerequisites: Permission of department chair
Corequisites: BIO-101 and NUR-105
Additional Fees: Course fee applies.

NUR-123. Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing. 10 Credits.
LECT 6 hrs, CLIN 12 hrs
This course focuses on the study of adults with a variety of commonly occurring medical-surgical problems that interfere with the ability to meet basic health needs. Students utilize the nursing process to prioritize and provide appropriate nursing interventions for patients with higher acuity. Students use assessment skills to develop appropriate nursing diagnoses, outcomes and plans of care. Related theory, therapeutic communication skills and nursing care skills are employed in the provision of patient care in clinical facilities. Clinical decision-making skills are further developed.
Prerequisites: BIO-101, NUR-105, NUR-121 and permission of department chair
Corequisites: BIO-102 and CHM-117 or CHM-125
Additional Fees: Course fee applies.

NUR-213. Maternal-Child/Mental Health Nursing. 10 Credits.
LECT 6 hrs, CLIN 12 hrs
The focus of this course shifts from the study of the adult as an individual to that of the family and community. Concentration is placed on the health needs/problems of psychiatric and maternal/child patients. Utilization of the nursing process with special populations to address patient problems is provided across a range of healthcare settings. Knowledge of community, psychiatric, and maternal/child nursing is developed through clinical decision-making skills, group projects, case studies and clinical experiences.
Prerequisites: NUR-123, BIO-101, BIO-102, CHM-117 or CHM-125 and permission of department chair
Corequisites: BIO-215
Additional Fees: Course fee applies.
NUR-214. Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing. 10 Credits.
LECT 6 hrs, CLIN 12 hrs
This course provides students with the ability to further develop and apply clinical decision-making skills to patient care. The PERSON approach is utilized to provide care for patients with health problems resulting when the ability to meet one or more health needs is severely compromised. Evaluation of the outcomes of care given is a significant focus. Appropriate learning experiences are planned involving patients with multiple acute and chronic problems using the classroom, campus laboratory and various health care facilities.
Prerequisites: NUR-213, BIO-215 and permission of department chair
Corequisites: NUR-224
Additional Fees: Course fee applies.

NUR-220. Pharmacology for the Healthcare Professional. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course introduces the student to basic principles of pharmacology and drug therapy. It is designed for students enrolled in the nursing program but other allied health majors who wish to gain a better understanding of drug therapy may also benefit from the course. This course may also be useful for any professional who is involved with medication administration or who works with clients for whom medications are a treatment modality. It is organized according to body systems and diseases, which places the drugs in context and provides a clear view of the connection among pharmacology, pathophysiology and clinical outcomes. Drug prototypes most representative in each drug classification are discussed in detail. This course was developed as a free elective for students in the School of Health Professions and Natural Sciences. Students are advised to check transferability to other institutions.
Prerequisites: BIO-101 or BIO-121.

NUR-224. Nursing Colloquium. 1 Credit.
LECT 1 hr
This course involves an examination of selected topics and issues that students in the final semester of the professional phase of the Nursing Program will experience as they transition from the role of student nurse to graduate nurse. Topics concerning professional development and preparation for the workplace are addressed. Ethical, legal and professional issues that impact the practice of the graduate nurse are examined.
Prerequisites: NUR-213 and permission of department chair
Corequisites: NUR-214.