

## Nursing (Degree)

<b>Associate of Applied Science Degree Program</b> 1,658 Contact Hours 70.00 Semester Credits 70 Instructional Weeks – Full Time	Program offered at: Memphis, Tennessee
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### Nursing (Degree) Mission Statement

The program provides students with the theoretical knowledge, hands-on laboratory instruction, clinical training in various settings, and professional attributes required to obtain entry-level positions in the field of nursing. The program prepares students to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses® (NCLEX-RN) and to the State Board of Nursing for licensure.

### Learning Objectives / Instructional Outcomes

The program includes general education courses covering mathematics, written, verbal and nonverbal communications; interpersonal skills; critical thinking; the sciences; and the humanities. Learning objectives include achievement of sufficient theoretical knowledge and practical skills in pharmacology, health assessment, mental health, therapeutic communication, and nursing care through the life-span and health-illness continuum.

### Career Overview

As a vital member of the healthcare team, the Nurse combines nursing skills with human understanding to care for both chronically and acutely ill patients in a variety of settings. Nurses collaborate with members of the interprofessional healthcare team to provide safe, caring and compassionate nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan. Nurses educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

**In order to graduate from the Nursing (Degree) program, students must successfully complete the following curriculum:**

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1411	Anatomy & Physiology I	45	30		4.00
BIOL1421	Anatomy & Physiology II	45	30		4.00
BIOL1431	Microbiology	45	30		4.00
ENGL1310	English Composition I	45			3.00
MATH1320	College Algebra	45			3.00
PSYC1310	General Psychology	45			3.00
PSYC1320	Human Growth & Development	45			3.00
ASN100*	Foundations of Nursing	45	60	135	8.00
ASN110	Pharmacology I	15	15		1.50
ASN150*	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	45		135	6.00
ASN210	Pharmacology II	15	15		1.50
ASN220	Health Assessment	15	30		2.00
ASN230**	Maternal-Child Health Nursing	45	15	68	5.00
ASN240	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	45		135	6.00
ASN250	Mental Health Nursing	45		45	3.00
ASN270	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	45		135	6.00
ASN280	Professional Nursing Roles	30		90	4.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>70.00</b>
ASN180*	Transition to Professional Nursing	30			2.00

*\*An applicant who has passed the NCLEX-PN® exam, holds an active, unrestricted license for Practical or Vocational Nursing, and who graduated less than two years prior to enrollment may be admitted with advanced placement status. If the applicant graduated more than two years prior to enrollment, the applicant must demonstrate a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct patient care within the last three years.*

*To be eligible for advanced placement status, prior to enrollment, the applicant must successfully complete a nursing skills assessment and satisfactorily complete a Foundations Specialty assessment with a minimum score of 850 on the first attempt. Applicants will then be eligible to enroll in the ASN180 Transition to Professional Nursing course. Upon successful completion of ASN180 Transition to Professional Nursing course, the student will be awarded a total of 14 credits for ASN100 Foundations of Nursing & ASN150 Medical-Surgical Nursing I (consisting of a total of 90 theory hours, 60 lab hours, and 270 clinical hours).*

*\*\* ASN230 -The clinical hours are divided into 56 clinical practice hours plus 12 clinical simulation hours.*