

# NURSING

Associate Degree  
10-543-1

The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares nurses to function with the knowledge, skill and judgment of beginning staff nurses in a variety of health care settings. The Associate Degree Program is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). For more information about this accreditation contact:

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Graduates are eligible to apply to the Wisconsin Board of Nursing to take the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse. State Administrative Code rules state that a graduate may have difficulty obtaining a license with an arrest or conviction record that is substantially related to nursing practice. The Coordinator of the program is available to discuss concerns in this area.

Students may apply for testing for licensure as L.P.N. (Licensed Practical Nurse) after successfully completing all courses through the second semester. L.P.N.'s entering into the ADN program may receive credit for past clinical education based on their current knowledge, skills and judgment. In order to help L.P.N.'s be program ready, they will need to take the Nursing Bridge course before entering third semester. Re-entry, transfer, and LPN students must contact the counseling office for information about entry to the nursing program. Acceptance to the program will be based upon space availability and approval of the nursing faculty.

## Program Outcomes

- Implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving professional identity as a nurse committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy and quality care.
- Demonstrate appropriate written, verbal, and nonverbal communication in a variety of clinical contexts.
- Integrate social, mathematical, and physical sciences, pharmacology, and pathophysiology in clinical decision making.
- Provide patient centered care by utilizing the nursing process across diverse populations and health care settings.
- Minimize risk of harm to patients, members of the health care team and self through safe individual performance and participation in system effectiveness.
- Lead the multidisciplinary health care team to provide effective patient care throughout the lifespan.
- Use information and technology to communicate, manage data, mitigate error, and support decision-making.

Graduates may work as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse in a variety of settings including acute care, long term care, or some community settings.

View the entire course listing (<http://catalog.blackhawk.edu/courses>).

Semester 1		Credits
543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
543-102	Nursing Skills	3
543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	2
543-104	Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice	2
801-195	Written Communication	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
Credits		19

Semester 2		Credits
543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	3
543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	3
543-107	Nsg: Clin Care Across Lifespan	2
543-108	Nsg: Intro Clinical Care Mgt	2
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
806-179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4
Credits		17

Semester 3		Credits
543-109	Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 1	3
543-110	Nsg: Mental Health Comm Con	2
543-111	Nsg: Intermed Clin Practice	3
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
999-997	Elective	2
Credits		18

Semester 4		Credits
543-113	Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 2	3
543-114	Nsg: Mgt & Profess Concepts	2
543-115	Nsg: Adv Clinical Practice	3
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
999-999	Elective	3
Credits		16
Total Credits		70

## General Education Courses Within Program

Code	Title	Credits
801-195	Written Communication	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
806-179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3

Associate Degrees and Technical Diplomas are part of a larger model of BTC's Career Pathways which link related academic programs in sequence. Each program within a career pathway offers direct job preparation and a path to the next level of academic programming. To view the connected program model, visit the Nursing Career Path (<http://catalog.blackhawk.edu/academics/associate-degrees/nursing/NursingCareerPath.pdf>) (PDF).