

# NURSING



Associate of Applied Science Degree  
 10-543-1

Nursing is the dynamic interpersonal goal-directed process that seeks to promote optimal health within the context of individuals, family, community and society. The concept of caring, which is central to nursing, is communicated through both attitude and action. Nursing uses the nursing process, a problem solving approach to provide holistic care to individuals, families, and groups within the health care system. Nurses assess health and make clinical decisions to provide safe and effective nursing care according to standards of practice within the legal, ethical and regulatory frameworks. Nursing practice is based on its own body of knowledge. Through collaboration with other health care professionals, nursing is responsive to the needs of the community across the health-illness continuum. 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:

ACEN  
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 Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
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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

- Integrate professional nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing standards.
- Communicate comprehensive information using multiple sources in nursing practice.
- Integrate theoretical knowledge to support decision making.
- Integrate the nursing process into client care across diverse populations.
- Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care.

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       |

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| 543-104 | Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice   | 2 |
| 806-177 | General Anatomy and Physiology | 4 |
| 801-136 | English Composition 1          | 3 |
| 809-198 | Introduction to Psychology     | 3 |

**Credits 19**

**Semester 2**

|         |                                 |   |
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| 543-105 | Nursing Health Alterations      | 3 |
| 543-106 | Nursing Health Promotion        | 3 |
| 543-107 | Nsg: Clin Care Across Lifespan  | 2 |
| 543-108 | Intro Clinical Care Management  | 2 |
| 806-179 | Advanced Anatomy and Physiology | 4 |
| 801-198 | Speech                          | 3 |

**Credits 17**

**Semester 3**

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| 543-109 | Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 1    | 3 |
| 543-110 | Mental Health Community Concepts | 2 |
| 543-111 | Nsg: Intermed Clin Practice      | 3 |
| 543-112 | Nursing Advanced Skills          | 1 |
| 806-197 | Microbiology                     | 4 |
| 809-188 | Developmental Psychology         | 3 |

**Credits 16**

**Semester 4**

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| 543-113 | Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 2              | 3 |
| 543-114 | Nursing Management & Professional Concepts | 2 |
| 543-115 | Nsg: Adv Clinical Practice                 | 3 |
| 543-116 | Nursing Clinical Transition                | 2 |
| 809-196 | Introduction to Sociology                  | 3 |

**Credits 13**

**Total Credits 65**

## General Education Courses Within Program

| Code    | Title                           | Credits |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 801-136 | English Composition 1           | 3       |
| 801-198 | Speech                          | 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       |
| 809-198 | Introduction to Psychology      | 3       |