



NURSING A.S. DEGREE

➔ Important change to the Nursing Application Process ←

Beginning with the Fall 2011 Nursing program, students will only be permitted to apply to the nursing programs a total of three times—one initial application and two reactivations. After the second reactivation students will no longer be allowed to reactivate their application and will no longer be reviewed for the nursing programs.

FALL 2011 PROGRAMS – DAY/EVENING/WEEKEND*

****The Weekend Program requires completion of all pre-requisites and all co-requisites (see page 3) prior to application.***

Applications with all supporting documents will be accepted from October 1, 2010 through January 7, 2011 in room B203 (Admissions and Registration Counter in the main lobby) during the following hours: Monday 9-6, Tuesday 9-4, Wednesday 9-6, Thursday 11-4, and Friday 9-3. You must meet with an admissions counselor to confirm completion of all prerequisites. **Only students who meet with an admissions counselor and complete an Internal Application for Healthcare Programs will be reviewed for admission into the Nursing Program. Applications received by mail will not be accepted. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE.**

SPRING 2012 PROGRAMS – DAY/EVENING/HYBRID*‡

****‡The Hybrid Program requires completion of all pre-requisites and all co-requisites (see page 3) prior to application. It also requires successful completion of at least one 3-credit online or hybrid college-level class in the nursing curriculum.***

Applications with all supporting documents will be accepted between June 1 and August 31, 2011 in room B203 (Admissions and Registration Counter in the main lobby) during the following hours: Monday 9-6, Tuesday 9-4, Wednesday 9-6, Thursday 11-4, and Friday 9-3. You must meet with an admissions counselor to confirm completion of all prerequisites. **Only students who meet with an admissions counselor and complete an Internal Application for Healthcare Programs will be reviewed for admission into the Nursing Program. Applications received by mail will not be accepted. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE.**

You must submit proof that you have completed all the *pre-requisites outlined below when you submit your application.* (Supporting documents include: high school transcript/GED, college transcript(s), and a completed Massachusetts Community College In-State Tuition Eligibility Form). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

PRE-REQUISITES ARE:

- ENG 111** – College Writing I
- MAT 095/094** – Fundamentals of Algebra or a college level math course
- Chemistry**—One semester of college-level Chemistry w/lab (or one year of high school Chemistry w/lab)
- BIO 203 - Anatomy/Physiology I/Lab** (A&P I must have been taken within the last 5 years) (BIO101, BIO108 or BIO195 is required pre-requisite for BIO203)

All of the above-mentioned courses, at completion, must have a grade of “C” or above to qualify.

- NUR 100** - Drug Calculations (must be completed with a numerical grade of 80 or above and must be taken at BHCC)
- Achieve a score of **10.0 or above in Reading Comprehension** (RDG) on the Computerized Placement Test (CPT).
- Attend a mandatory Nursing Information Session.** (Sessions are arranged by the Nursing Department each semester.)
- For the Hybrid Program Only**—Successful completion of at least one 3-credit online or hybrid college-level class within the nursing curriculum.

OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO NURSING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- A completed admissions application.
- A high school diploma or GED certificate
- Massachusetts Community College In-State Tuition Eligibility Form

IMPORTANT FINAL STEPS

- Meet with and admissions counselor**—Upon completion of all of the above items, meet with an admissions representative, and fill out an Internal Application for Healthcare Program in Room B203. Only after meeting with an admissions representative will you be eligible for review for this program. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).** Note: The TEAS test will be taken only after you have submitted your Internal Application for Healthcare Program. In order to be eligible to take the TEAS, students must first successfully complete Anatomy and Physiology I with a grade of “C” or higher, and meet with an admissions counselor. **Students will only be allowed to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) a total of three times—once per semester. After the third time, no further testing will be allowed at BHCC.**



Do not mail applications. Applications received by mail will not be accepted.

Students can apply for AS Nurse Education Day/Evening Program only when they have completed all pre-requisites.

If the above pre-requisites are not completed, applicants may apply to the AA: General Concentration: Pre-Nursing Program.

*Applicants for the AS Nurse Education **Weekend Program** and **Hybrid Program** must *also* complete the following **co-requisites** prior to application:

- BIO204 – Anatomy/Physiology II/lab (must have been taken within the last 5 years).
- PSY101 – Principles of Psychology
- PSY213 – Human Growth/Development
- ENG112 – College Writing II
- BIO205 – Microbiology (must have been taken within the last 5 years).
- SOC101 – Principles of Sociology
- Quantitative Thought – Area 4 (College Algebra or Statistics recommended)

Is Nursing for You?

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF AS YOU EXPLORE NURSING AS A CAREER

- Do I enjoy working with people? This would include persons on a medical care team and patients at all levels of illness, including interacting with family members and working with people of all cultural and economic backgrounds.
- Am I committed to achieving high grades which will result in a high GPA? Do I have good study skills, particularly good reading and critical thinking skills?
- Have I spoken with a nurse to understand what the reality is to work as a nurse? Have I visited a medical facility and observed the duties of a nurse?
- Can I manage multiple science courses such as biology and chemistry? Am I willing to invest time and effort into studying in these courses?
- When I am under pressure, can I think clearly and decisively?
- Do I enjoy reading about issues related to health care? Do I enjoy reading technical information?
- Am I considering nursing only for job security?
- Have I researched the different types of nursing?
- If accepted into a nursing program, can I afford to work no more than 15-20 hours per week? (All options for the Nursing program are considered full-time programs of study at BHCC)

DIFFERENT LEVELS OF NURSING:

There are many entry points and a variety of positions on a health care team. If you are interested in Nursing, Bunker Hill Community College offers two programs of study related to nursing. Both programs provide their students a rigorous sequence of classroom study and developing skills in a laboratory setting. The Nursing programs also provide an opportunity for students to learn on-site at a health care facility in the Greater Boston area through an “internship” is usually called a clinical rotation or a practicum.

Patient Care Technician - Two-semester Certificate program (includes Certified Nursing Assistant) – Patient Care Technicians work on hospital floors in an inpatient setting. This program includes the required courses for C.N.A. (7 credits) and these 7 credits can be taken alone in one semester for those wishing to work in a nursing home. Bunker Hill also has two other certificate options for students who wish to enter nursing in the future – Medical Assistant and Phlebotomy Technician.

Registered Nurse – Associates degree program – (2 years) – allows you to sit for an exam to become a Registered Nurse (R.N.) A Registered Nurse focuses on acquiring complex nursing care skills in order to provide clients with comprehensive nursing care that includes assessment, planning, intervening and evaluating of a client’s illness, case management and specialization in areas such as Medical, Surgery, Pediatrics, Operating Room, etc)

Other Levels of Nursing to investigate (not offered at Bunker Hill) include: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); Bachelors in Nursing (BSN) and Masters Level Nursing.

WHAT NURSES SAY THEY LIKE & DISLIKE

The best way to research the Nursing profession is to talk to people in the field such as nursing students and nursing faculty. Attending nursing program information sessions, and reading about the profession will also help you explore your options as well. You may even find it helpful to review the following summary of likes and dislikes identified by actual registered nurses (adapted from DISCOVER program – BHCC Career Office)

LIKES	DISLIKES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping others • Being part of the healthcare field • Working with families • Good employment opportunities • The challenge and variety of the work • Opportunity to specialize in different areas • Working evenings, nights and weekends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays • Working under pressure • Stress from working with human suffering • Risks involved with taking care of people with infectious diseases • Standing for long periods of time • Possibility of back or other injuries from physically demanding work

SAMPLE of PROGRAM courses

Patient Care Technician program	Registered Nurse (R.N.) program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Clinical Practice* • Patient Care Skills* • C.N.A Practicum* • Health Employment Issues • Computer or Office Administration • Elective courses • Specialty Practicum • Allied Health Seminar <p>* These classes are required for Certified Nurse Aide.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school or college Chemistry • College Writing (2 courses) • Drug Calculations • Anatomy and Physiology (2 courses) • Microbiology (1 course) • College Mathematics or Statistics (1 course) • Psychology (2 courses) • Sociology (1 course) • Physical Assessment/Basic Skills • Nursing I, II, III, IV (4 courses : lecture +clinical) • Nursing Seminar

RESOURCES TO GET MORE INFORMATION

Bunker Hill Community College Career Center (M101- for current students only):

Professional staff of career counselors who can assist you in career exploration. Office also has DISCOVER computer based career program that overviews different careers and has short videos on certain career choices.

RELATED BOOKS

Stressed Out About Nursing School! An Insider's Guide To Success. Stephanie Thiebault

Has comprehensive advice on selecting a nursing program that is right for you. Has information on the nursing profession and its many career options.

Majoring in Nursing: From Prerequisites to Postgraduate Study and Beyond. Janet R. Katz, RN.

A career guide that helps prospective students evaluate the field of nursing contains interviews from nurses in a wide variety of professions.



RELATED WEBSITES

All Nursing Schools (Explains different levels of nursing and offers a way to search for nursing programs)
<http://www.allnursingschools.com>

US Dept. of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (Has salary information and describes working conditions, job outlook and employment data. Online handbook is updated every year.) <http://www.bls.gov/oco>

Nursing Careers Inside & Outside the Hospital (site managed by Johnson & Johnson, contains interviews by professionals in the field and advice on selecting nursing programs) <http://www.discovernursing.com>

The **National Student Nurse's Association** has many articles on becoming a nurse, from where to begin to what to do for your first job. Check it out at: <http://www.nсна.org/career/>

Nurse Zone (Website for nurses and for those who want to become nurses; has a very comprehensive FAQ section with links to resources, nursing career profiles, etc.) http://www.nursezone.com/student_nurse_center/faqs.asp

Nursing World Magazine (Provides current updates and news in the field of nursing)
<http://www.nursingworld.com>

American Assembly for Men in Nursing www.aamn.org

Nursing as a Second Career. (A compilation of web resources and articles)
http://www.allnursingschools.com/faqs/nursing_2nd_career.php

Massachusetts Center for Nursing <http://www.nursema.org/index.html>