Programs of Study

Associate in Science Degree: Registered Nursing Program

This program prepares students to become nurses at the associate’s degree level and prepares students to become eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000, accredits the Nursing program and the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing approves it. In order to provide a sound theoretical base for the practice of nursing, the curriculum offers general education courses concurrently with nursing courses. Students begin clinical learning experiences in the first semester and the clinicals continue throughout the program. The program curriculum begins with the fall and spring semesters. Due to the nature of clinical placements, students in any nursing program option may complete their clinical experience in day, evening or weekend hours. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites.

Students must earn a numerical grade of 78 or higher in all nursing courses and a grade of C or higher in all science courses. Either failure to meet clinical objectives or failure to obtain a numerical course grade of 78 or better constitutes failure in that course. Students may apply for readmission to the program one time.

All nursing students are required to: undergo a physical examination; complete the necessary immunization forms, including, but not limited to the three (3) dose Hepatitis B immunization series; proof of immunity against measles, mumps, rubella and chicken pox; current proof of freedom from tuberculosis and any other immunization(s) that clinical sites require. Students must complete all health requirements prior to entering any clinical experience. Students who do not complete health requirements will not be allowed to enter the clinical component and may jeopardize their standing in the nursing program. All nursing students must have current American Heart Association CPR certification for the Healthcare Provider, carry malpractice and health insurance; and undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. Individuals with previous court convictions also must meet eligibility requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing for licensure.

Answering yes to any of the following questions may impact upon a person’s ability to meet good moral character requirements specified by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination, and ultimately to practice as a registered nurse in Massachusetts:

- Has any disciplinary action ever been taken against you by a professional and/or trade licensing/ certification board located in the United States or any country/foreign jurisdiction, including removal from a long-term care nursing aide registry program?
- Are you the subject of pending disciplinary action by a professional and/or trade licensing/ certification board located in the United States or any foreign country/foreign jurisdiction?
- Have you ever applied for, and been denied, a professional and/or trade license/certification in the United States or any other country/foreign jurisdiction?
- Have you ever surrendered or resigned a professional and/or trade license/certificate in the United States or any other country/foreign jurisdiction?
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in the United States or any other country/ foreign jurisdiction?

For further information, please see the Department Chair. This is a full-time two and one half-year program. Students may select either day, evening, or alternative program options.

Prerequisites for the Nursing Program:

1. Attend one MANDATORY information session.
2. Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.
3. Achieve a reading level of 10th grade or higher on the College Placement Test (CPT).
4. Complete the following courses:
   - One year of high school chemistry with lab or one semester of college chemistry with lab with a grade of C or better.
   - MAT097 Fundamentals of Algebra or placement above MAT097.
   - BIO203 Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab with a grade of C or better. (credits for Anatomy and Physiology/Lab that were earned more than five (5) years prior to enrollment in the nursing program are not accepted).
   - ENG111 College Writing I with a grade of C or better.
   - NUR100 Drug Calculations with a grade of B- or better.

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After all prerequisites are completed:

- Prospective students must apply through Admissions and Enrollment Services during enrollment periods. Approximate dates are Fall Program: September-December; Spring Program: May - August. Check with this office for exact dates.
- After applying, qualified applicants will be invited to take the Nursing admissions test: Test of Essential Academic Skills V (TEAS V).
- Applicants must score at least 47.6 percent in reading, 46.7 percent in math and 37.5 percent in science on the to be considered for the nursing program.

Admission to the Nursing Program will be based on a ranking system that includes student performance on the TEAS as well as performance in other courses in the nursing curriculum.

Applicants are accepted into the Nursing Program after evaluation of the applicant’s record by the Nurse Education Admissions Committee. Applicants who are not selected for admission to the Nursing Program must meet with a member of the advising staff before reactivating their application.

Costs of the Nursing Program year I and II:
Costs associated with the nursing program are different than other programs at Bunker Hill Community College and include:

**Tuition and fees:**

- For Massachusetts Residents ................................................................. $11,100.00
- For Non-Mass Residents/International Students ................................. $25,300.00
- Uniforms ................................................................. $200.00
- Malpractice/Liability Insurance 10/1-9/30. ...................................... $15.00 yearly
- Books/ ATI Materials ................................................................. $1,500.00
- Nursing Pin. ................................................................. $60.00
- Licensure Application/Exam Fees ...................................................... $430.00

**NOTE:** Costs are estimates and may change
Registered Nursing Program: Day/Evening/Alternative Options

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*Note: PSY101 and PSY213 must be completed prior to NUR211.

OPTION OVERVIEW

This program includes 39 credits of nursing theory and clinical practice in health care facilities. NUR111, Nursing I, requires clinical practice six (6) hours per week. NUR112, NUR211 and NUR212, Nursing II, III and IV, each require clinical practice twelve (12) hours per week. Students must earn a grade of 78 or higher in all NUR courses with the exception of NUR100, in which students must earn a grade of 80 or higher. Students who fail to meet either the clinical objective or the grade requirement of an NUR course fail that course. To ensure currency, credits for BIO203, 204 and 205 earned more than five years prior to enrollment in the nursing clinical sequence are not accepted. Note that there are many requirements that must be met for acceptance to the nursing programs. These requirements are spelled out in detail in the Associate in Science Degree: Nursing Program description preceding this grid.

CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION AND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION CHECKS

As a prerequisite for a clinical placement in the Nursing program, all students must undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. These checks are required due to potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly during a clinical experience. Students found to have certain criminal convictions or pending criminal actions will be presumed ineligible for clinical placement. The College is authorized by the Commonwealth’s Department of Criminal Justice Information Services, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 167-178B, to access CORI records. Sex Offender checks shall be performed pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 178C-178P.

For more information regarding the College’s CORI/SORI check process, please contact the College CORI/SORI Officer at 617-228-2193.
CAREER OUTLOOK
Graduates of this option qualify for employment in hospitals, long-term care facilities, HMOs, clinics, doctors’ offices, and other community health agencies.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS CONCENTRATION GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:
• Apply the nursing process and critical thinking in the delivery of holistic nursing care in a variety of settings.
• Apply scientific knowledge and technology in the delivery of holistic nursing care.
• Integrate the roles of the associate degree nurse into nursing practice.
• Communicate effectively with individuals, families, and groups within the health care system.
• Integrate cultural competence in the delivery of nursing care to a transcultural, diverse population throughout the lifespan.
• Integrate principles of teaching/learning in the delivery of holistic nursing care.
• Integrate the legal, ethical, and professional standards in the delivery of care.
• Demonstrate accountability as a manager of care utilizing delegation and leadership skills.