

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Dalton State College offers a nursing program leading to the Associate of Science - Nursing Degree. This program provides persons with the knowledge and clinical expertise necessary to give direct nursing care to patients in a variety of settings. Some clinical experiences involve out-of-town travel and may include evening hours. Prospective students should be aware that all clinical sites are tobacco free areas and smoking is prohibited. The program of study includes general education and nursing theory, and provides opportunities to care for patients of all ages. This program has conditional approval with the Georgia Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone (404) 975-5000; Fax (404) 975-5020; www.acenursing.org). Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for Registered Nurse (RN) licensure.

There are specific practices and/or acts delineated in the Nurse Practice Act which might prevent a candidate from being granted a license to practice as a Registered Nurse. Clinical facilities used by the program now require background checks and drug screenings that can result in refusal of student access. Failure to be accepted into clinical facilities will jeopardize a student's ability to complete the program. For more information, contact the Department of Associate Degree Nursing.

Associate of Science in Nursing (Registered Nurse)

Course	Number		Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION (33 hours)			
BIOL	2212K	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL	2213K	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL	2215K	Microbiology	4
COMM	1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENGL	1101	English Composition	3
HIST	2111 or 2112	United States History	3
MATH	1001, 1101, 1111 or 1113	Quantitative Skills/Reasoning, Intro to Mathematical Modeling, College Algebra <u>or</u> Precalculus Mathematics	3
POLS	1101	American Government	3
PSYC	1101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Elective		ARTS 1100, HUMN 1201 or 1202, MUSC 1100, MUSC 1110 or THEA 1100	3
MAJOR FIELD COURSES (37 hours)			
NURS	1111	Basic Nursing Care	6
NURS	1112	Pharmacology	2
NURS	1113	Nutrition	2
NURS	1115	Maternal Health Nursing	4
NURS	1116	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS	2011	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II	9
NURS	2012	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III	9
NURS	2013	Nursing Issues	2
Total			70

Students must maintain at least a "C" average while enrolled in the nursing program and shall earn at least a "C" in all nursing, math, and biological science courses, or the course shall be repeated. It is a privilege to take Biology 2212 or Biology 2215 without the pre-requisite requirement of Biology 1107. If a student takes Biology 2212 or Biology 2215 and withdraws or makes below a "C", they cannot retake the course without taking Biology 1107 first. Science and/or nursing courses must be taken within 5 years of entry or re-entry into the nursing program (Nursing 1111), or they shall be repeated. Students may repeat only one nursing course for academic reasons. Students are ineligible to enter, re-enter, or remain in the nursing sequence if unable to pass any of the required biological science courses or math courses after two attempts. Students must graduate within 4 years of entry into the nursing sequence. Students must also comply with all Associate Degree Nursing Department policies.

Pre-Nursing Requirements

1. Admission to Dalton State College and exit (or exempt) all areas of Learning Support.
2. High school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent.
3. SAT (Math & Verbal scores only) or ACT (composite score) by December 31 annually.

Because the nursing program is time consuming and challenging with both theoretical and clinical components, students are encouraged to complete as many of the general education requirements as possible before entering the nursing sequence. Most of the nursing courses have one to two, full day clinical components as well that make it difficult to schedule other classes around except in the evenings. It is also highly recommended that Biology 2212, 2213, and 2215 be completed before entering the nursing sequence.

Selection Criteria

1. SAT (Math & Verbal scores only) or ACT (composite score) by December 31 annually.
2. Completion of Biology 2212, Math 1001, 1101, 1111, or 1113 and English 1101 (10 semester hours) by December 31 annually.
3. The overall GPA (includes course work from all colleges attended) will be used for ranking purposes. The overall GPA must be at least 2.75.
4. Completion of the Associate Degree Nursing Application (found on the Department of Associate Degree Nursing web page on the Dalton State web site - www.daltonstate.edu) between November 1 - February 1 annually.
5. 60th percentile or above on the TEAS Test Overall Percentage . Only two attempts will be allowed to successfully pass the TEAS test. If a student passes the TEAS Test the first time, the student may elect to take the TEAS test up to two additional times to increase their score (three times maximum). Scores must be obtained by the end of the calendar year (December 31). Students who take the TEAS test at another testing site are responsible for having all scores sent to the Nursing Department Administrative Assistant by December 31st annually.
6. Applicants with an active LPN, CNA, EMT or Paramedic certification/licensure will receive point consideration on the admission worksheet.

Initial selection of each class will be made after the fall semester. Students must have been accepted to the college and/or declared nursing as their major by January 15 to be eligible for class consideration. The GPA must remain at 2.75 or better to keep a place in the class. On a space available basis, further selections may be made following spring and summer semesters. Students selected will begin nursing courses the following fall semester. For admission and retention in the nursing program, each student must meet stated performance standards. To obtain a copy of these standards, contact the Department of Associate Degree Nursing. Former nursing students desiring to re-enter the nursing sequence and transfer students will be considered on a space available basis and **MUST** meet the current catalog requirements. Students withdrawing from the nursing sequence must notify the Department of Nursing Administrative Assistant to be eligible for re-entry into the program.

The following documents must be submitted each year the student is enrolled in a nursing class:

1. Physical examination report, with documentation of required immunizations (including influenza)
2. CPR certification (American Heart Association BLS Provider)

In addition to tuition, fees and textbooks, the student must meet the following expenses:

1. Uniforms (first year) - \$175.00 (approximately)
2. Background check & drug screen (first year) - \$104.00 (approximately)
3. Liability insurance (each year) - \$15.00
4. Testing Fee (each semester) - Fall (first semester) - \$314 Next 3 semesters - \$268 (approximately)
5. Lab Fee (each semester) - \$25.00
6. Lab Tote Bag with Supplies - \$125.00 (first year)