

Program Pathway – Associates of Science – Nursing (ASN)

This degree is considered entry-level into nursing practice for registered nurses. From infants to the elderly, RNs assess, plan, and deliver care to patients in many specialized areas. They may work in medical-surgical, emergency, intensive/critical, labor and delivery, mother-baby, or in the operating room/post-anesthesia nursing care units. RNs may work in hospitals, home health, mental health, industrial health, public health, schools, physicians' offices, outpatient surgery centers, etc. The possibilities for nurses with an ASN are abundant, and nurses can move from one setting to another as their interests and lives change.

This map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule. *It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program.* The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
BIOL 1107K*	Principles of Biology I	4	Pre.-Req.: ENGL 0999, unless exempt
Math 1001, 1101, 1111, 1113*	Math Elective	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
PRSP 1040	Perspective Course	1	Required by Dalton State College
POLS 1101	American Government	3	
Semester Total		14	

Notes:

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First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 2251K*	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Pre-Req.: BIOL 1107K
Arts and Humanities Elective	ARTS 1100, THEA 1100, MUSC 1100 or 1110, or HUMN 1201 or 1202	3	HUMN 1201 or 1202 = C or better in ENGL 1101
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3	
Nursing General Elective	COMM 1110 (required for BSN eligibility) or COMM 1100	3	
HIST 2111 or 2112	United States History	3	
Semester Total		16	

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First Year Milestones

- Complete ENGL 1101, BIOL 1107K, BIOL 2251K, and Math (C or better required)
- Meet with your Advisor for program info.

Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 2252K*	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Pre-Req.: BIOL 2251K
BIOL 2260K*	Microbiology	4	Pre-Req.: BIOL 2251K
ENGL 1102*	English Composition II	3	'C' or better in ENGL 1101
Social Science Elective	ANTH 1102 or 1103, ECON 2105 or 2106, GEOG 1100, 1101, or 1111, HIST 1111, 1112, 2111, or 2112, PHIL 1103, 2010, or 2020, POLS 2101, 2201, 2301, or 2401, PSYC 1101, 2101, or 2103, SOCI 1101 or 1160	3	
Semester Total		14	

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Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3	
PSYC 2103*	Human Development	3	'C' or better in PSYC 1101
Major Elective*	ALHT 1130, HLTH 2500, MATH 1401, PHIL 2020, PSYC 1101, SOCI 1160, SPAN 1002, 2001, or 2002	3	
Literature Elective	ENGL 2000, 2111 or 2112 or 2121 or 2122 or 2131 or 2132 or 2201	3	'C' or better in ENGL 1102
BIOL 1108K	Principles of Biology II		Pre-Req.: BIOL 1107K
Semester Total		12	

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Second Year Milestones
• Meet with your Advisor to plan application timeline • TEAS test scores before March 1st (Fall ASN cohort) or October 1st (Spring ASN cohort) • SAT/ACT scores before March. 1st (Fall ASN cohort) or October 1st (Spring ASN cohort) • Apply to ASN program via the Dalton State College website

Third Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
NURS 1111*	Basic Nursing Care	6	Pre-Req.: ENGL 1101, BIOL 2251K, and Math

			Co-Req.: NURS 1112
NURS 1112*	Intro. Pharm. & Dosage Calc.	3	Co-Req.: NURS 1111
	Semester Total	9	

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Third Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
NURS 1117*	Med-Surg I/Mental Health	9	Pre-Req.: NURS 1111, NURS 1112
	Semester Total	9	

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Third Year Milestones	
Students must maintain a 75% test average and an overall course average while enrolled in the nursing program.	

Fourth Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
NURS 2017*	Med-Surg II	9	Pre-Req.: NURS 1111, NURS 1112, NURS 1117 and all general education courses
	Semester Total	9	

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Fourth Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
NURS 2013*	Nursing Issues	2	Pre-req.: NURS 2017 Co-req.: NURS 2018
NURS 2018*	Maternal Newborn Nursing	8	Pre-Req.: NURS 2017 Co-Req.: NURS 2018
	Semester Total	10	

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Fourth Year Milestones	
- Submit Graduation Application to Office of Enrollment Services - Prepare for taking the NCLEX (nursing license examination) - Apply to the RN-BSN program by Fall Cohort Due Date July 1st. Spring Cohort Due Date is Nov. 1st.	

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