

Nursing (RN), A.A.S.

NURSING PROGRAM

The Nursing Education department offers a program of study in nursing with two exit options. Students can complete one year of nursing and receive a Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing, making them eligible for NCLEX-PN (licensure exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse - LPN). After one more year of nursing, students receive an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing, making them eligible for NCLEX-RN (licensure exam to become a Registered Nurse - RN). Once students are provisionally accepted onto the nursing program, they will be given information on requirements for a current physical examination including immunizations and laboratory work, a criminal background check and a drug screen. Complete acceptance into the nursing program is contingent on successful completion of these requirements, including immunity of certain communicable diseases, a satisfactory criminal background check, and no evidence of illegal drugs in the applicant's system. Prospective students are encouraged to attend a Nursing Information Session to learn more about the program and admission requirements. More information can be found at <http://www.jjc.edu/academics/health-and-public-services/nursing>.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Associate in Applied Science degree in nursing is designed for persons who wish to become registered nurses (RNs). The program combines both traditional classroom experience and online courses with clinical experience in health facilities throughout the community.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING): 28 SEMESTER HOURS

Select 4 credits of General Education.

BIO 240 - Microbiology Credit Hours 4
BIO 250 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Credit Hours 4
BIO 251 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Credit Hours 4
COMM 101 - Principles of Communication Credit Hours 3
ENG 101 - Rhetoric I Credit Hours 3
PSYC 101 - General Psychology Credit Hours 3
HEAL 109 - Principles of Normal Nutrition Credit Hours 2
NURS 100 - Introduction to Nursing Credit Hours 1

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PATHWAYS: 19 SEMESTER HOURS

Traditional Pathway

*CNA Certification is required.

NURS 112 - Concepts of Nursing Fundamentals Credit Hours 4
NURS 122 - Concepts of Nursing I Credit Hours 5
NURS 132 - Concepts of Nursing II Credit Hours 5
NURS 142 - Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing Credit Hours 5

Advanced Placement Pathway (6 credits for NURS 170 + 13 credits for prior learning = 19 semester hours)

For the Advanced Placement Pathway, student must have a valid LPN license in the state of Illinois, application to the college, and prior learning as evidenced by a valid IL LPN license which will allow 13 nursing credits to be awarded. * Proof of a valid LPN license in the state of Illinois.

NURS 170 - LPN to ADN Transition Credit Hours 6

MAJOR CORE REQUIREMENTS: 16 SEMESTER HOURS

NURS 212 - Concepts of Nursing III Credit Hours 5
NURS 222 - Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing . . . Credit Hours 3
NURS 232 - Concepts of Nursing IV Credit Hours 4
NURS 242 - Concepts of Nursing Leadership Credit Hours 4

TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS: 63 SEMESTER HOURS

INCLUDES ONLINE COURSES

This program includes the option for distance education courses (online and/or hybrid).

COMPLETION GUIDE (FALL COHORT)

First Semester (Fall)

ENG 101 - Rhetoric I Credit Hours 3
HEAL 109 - Principles of Normal Nutrition Credit Hours 2
BIO 250 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Credit Hours 4
NURS 100 - Introduction to Nursing Credit Hours 1

Second Semester (Spring)

COMM 101 - Principles of Communication Credit Hours 3
PSYC 101 - General Psychology Credit Hours 3
BIO 251 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Credit Hours 4

Third Semester (Summer)

BIO 240 - Microbiology Credit Hours 4
Select 4 credits of general education.

Fourth Semester (Fall)

NURS 112 - Concepts of Nursing Fundamentals Credit Hours 4
NURS 122 - Concepts of Nursing I Credit Hours 5.

Fifth Semester (Spring)

NURS 132 - Concepts of Nursing II Credit Hours 5
NURS 142 - Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing Credit Hours 5.

Sixth Semester (Fall)

NURS 212 - Concepts of Nursing III Credit Hours 5
NURS 222 - Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing Credit Hours 3

Seventh Semester (Spring)

NURS 232 - Concepts of Nursing IV Credit Hours 4
NURS 242 - Concepts of Nursing Leadership Credit Hours 4

COMPLETION GUIDE (SPRING COHORT)

First Semester (Spring)

BIO 149 - Principles of Biology Credit Hours 4
*BIO 250 is required prior to applying to the Nursing program
and BIO 149 is a prerequisite for BIO 250.

ENG 101 - Rhetoric I Credit Hours 3
HEAL 109 - Principles of Normal Nutrition Credit Hours 2
NURS 100 - Introduction to Nursing Credit Hours 1

Second Semester (Summer)

BIO 240 - Microbiology Credit Hours 4
BIO 250 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Credit Hours 4

Third Semester (Fall)

BIO 251 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Credit Hours 4
COMM 101 - Principles of Communication Credit Hours 3
PSYC 101 - General Psychology Credit Hours 3

Fourth Semester (Spring)

NURS 112 - Concepts of Nursing Fundamentals Credit Hours 4
NURS 122 - Concepts of Nursing I Credit Hours 5

Fifth Semester (Fall)

NURS 132 - Concepts of Nursing II Credit Hours 5
NURS 142 - Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing Credit Hours 5

Sixth Semester (Spring)

NURS 212 - Concepts of Nursing III Credit Hours 5
NURS 222 - Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing Credit Hours 3

Seventh Semester (Fall)

NURS 232 - Concepts of Nursing IV Credit Hours 4
NURS 242 - Concepts of Nursing Leadership Credit Hours 4

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements

To be awarded an Associate degree at Joliet Junior College, each student must meet the following requirements:

1. Satisfy all admissions requirements.
2. Complete the courses required to earn the given degree. If the student is a transfer student with coursework taken elsewhere, he/she must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of which 15 credit hours applicable to the degree are earned at JJC. Proficiency test, CLEP, and Advanced Placement does not meet this requirement.
3. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.
4. Discharge all financial obligations to the College and have no restrictions.
5. File an application for graduation. An application should be filed at the time of registration for the student's anticipated last semester.
6. Have all official transcripts from other college/universities on file in the Graduation Office by the graduation filing date for evaluation of credit. A delay in the process may result in a later graduation date.

To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, Certificate of Completion, or Occupational Certificate at JJC, each student must meet the following requirements:

1. Satisfy all admission requirements.
2. Complete the courses required to earn the chosen certificate. Complete a minimum of 1-8 credit hours (Occupational Certificate), 4-29 credit hours (Certificate of Completion) or 30-

50 credit hours (Certificate of Achievement). If the student is a transfer student with coursework taken elsewhere, he/she must complete a minimum of 25% of the total required credit hours applicable to the certificate at JJC. Proficiency test, CLEP, and Advanced Placement do not meet this requirement.

3. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in the area of concentration.

4. Discharge all financial obligations to the college and have no restrictions.

5. File an application for graduation. An application should be filed at the time of registration for the student's anticipated last semester.

6. Have all official transcripts from other college/universities on file in the Graduation Office by the graduation filing date for evaluation of credit. A delay in the process may result in a later graduation date.

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