ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

APNURS

Associate in Applied Science

Description

The WCC Nursing Program prepares students for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Credit earned in the nursing program can transfer to a BSN completion program. Learning opportunities are in the classroom, simulation lab, clinical setting and community. Students will be prepared to succeed in a dynamic healthcare environment.

For more detailed information regarding the health care programs at WCC, please visit https://www.wccnet.edu/learn/departments/alhd/.

Articulation

Eastern Michigan University, BSN degree

Copies can be obtained from the Counseling Office, a program advisor, or from the Curriculum and Assessment Office Web site: https://www.wccnet.edu/learn/transfer-wcc-credits/articulation-agreements.php.

Admissions Requirements

WCC uses a competitive admission process for high demand programs in health care. Each year, approximately 100 students are accepted to the program; please see the application packet for the number of seats available each term. There are multiple requirements that must be completed prior to submitting an application for admission. Students with two WCC NUR course failures or withdrawals in failing status are not eligible to apply to this program. Applicants are required to meet all admission criteria and will be ranked based on a point system. The best qualified applicants will be selected for admission to the program. Student residency will be a weighted factor in the process. Details regarding WCC's Admission to High Demand Programs policy including priority levels are on WCC's Board of Trustees page: https://www.wccnet.edu/trustees/policies/2005/. Details regarding WCC's point scales that are used to calculate points are on WCC's Student Welcome Center, Health and Second Tier Program, information page: https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/.

Prerequisite and program requirements along with WCC's point system and scales are reviewed annually and subject to change. Students are expected to meet the prerequisite and program requirements of the catalog term for the semester in which they first begin the program.

Students are encouraged to complete required support courses prior to beginning the program. This is a full-time program; no part-time option is available.

Requirements for application are:
1. Admission to WCC.
2. All applicants are required to attend a Mandatory Nursing Information Session prior to applying to the program. https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/mandatory-nursing-info-session.php
3. Program prerequisite courses:
a. MTH 160 or MTH 176 or a math course numbered 176 or higher with a minimum grade of C/2.0.
b. BIO 111 with a minimum grade of B-/2.7.
c. COM 101, COM 102 or COM 200 with a minimum grade of C/2.0.
d. ENG 111 with a minimum grade C/2.0.
4. Current or expired Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) certification from the state of Michigan or HSC 100 or HSC 164 or HSC 165, with a minimum grade of C/2.0.
5. Pass the current version of the Test of Essential Academic Skills, ATI-TEAS https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/teas.php, by achieving the following minimum scores:
Math proficiency - 60 percent or higher
Reading proficiency - 70 percent or higher
English and Language Usage proficiency - 60 percent or higher
Science proficiency - 45 percent or higher
If repeated TEAS test attempts are needed to meet required scores, the highest subject score from each attempt will be applied towards admission requirements. Students will be allowed a maximum of three (3) attempts within five (5) years to take the TEAS and achieve the minimum scores required.
6. Technical Standards. WCC reserves the right to request, before or during the program, that students successfully demonstrate the specific physical and cognitive abilities related to the Nursing program.
7. Residency verification.
8. Upon acceptance, students are required to submit health records, undergo drug screening and criminal background checks using a vendor selected by the College.
9. Students should be aware that the Michigan Board of Nursing may deny a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a crime or is addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Applying for Admission to the Program

A formal application and acceptance to the program is required. Application packets may be downloaded from WCC's Student Welcome Center, Health and Second Tier Program, information page: https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/. Completed and signed applications must be submitted to the Health and Second Tier Admissions Office in the Student Welcome Center, located on the second floor of the Student Center Building during the dates indicated on the application.

Requirement After Acceptance

Upon acceptance, students must purchase an account from a college-designated vendor to obtain a criminal background check and to track their health records. The criminal background check and health records must be submitted to the designated vendor. Specific information regarding the college-designated vendor, health records, and deadline dates will be included in the program acceptance letter and/or provided at the mandatory orientation session.

There is mandatory attendance at the new student orientation session upon acceptance into the program. Students who do not make admission but are given alternate candidate status will be required to attend orientation to be eligible to move to accepted status if a seat becomes available.

Continuing Eligibility

-Additional criminal background checks may be conducted at any time during the program. Students may be required to have drug testing as well as additional criminal background checks and/or fingerprinting prior to the start of a clinical sequence as requested by specific clinical facilities. Any student found to have a positive drug screen for drugs prohibited by State of Michigan or Federal law (including marijuana) or controlled substances will be dismissed from the program. Failure to receive an acceptable criminal background/fingerprinting at any time, will result in dismissal from the program. Any cost, if indicated, for these checks is the responsibility of the student.
-Program courses are sequential and complemented with appropriate support courses.
-All Registered Nursing (NUR) courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C+/2.3 and all support courses to the program must be completed with a minimum grade of C/2.0 unless otherwise specified.
-Students are required to adhere to rules of the American Nursing Association (ANA) Nursing Code of Ethics.
-Students should be aware that the Michigan Board of Nursing may deny a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a crime or is addicted to drugs or alcohol.
-Students are required to meet clinical health requirements and to provide records verifying same while in the program.
-Students in the Nursing program will be required to purchase special uniforms and supplies throughout the duration of the program.
-Students who are dismissed from the program may not be eligible to reapply to the program.

Course Requirements

Major/Area Requirements

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
BIO 111	Anatomy and Physiology - Normal Structure and Function	5
ENG 111	Composition I	4
COM 101 or	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102 or	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 200	Family Communication	3
	MTH 160 (or MTH 167 if completed and passed Winter 2017 or earlier) or MTH 176 or a math course numbered 176 or higher	3
Total		15

First Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
BIO 147	Hospital Microbiology# *	1
BIO 212	Pathophysiology: Alterations in Structure and Function*	4
NUR 108	Nursing Concepts I	8
NUR 115	Pharmacology*	3
Total		16

Second Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
NUR 128	Nursing Concepts II	8
PSY 206	Life Span Developmental Psychology	4
Total		12

Third Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
NUR 138	Nursing Concepts III	8
PHL 244	Ethical and Legal Issues in Health Care	3
Total		11

Fourth Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
NUR 288	Nursing Concepts IV	8
Total		8

Total Credits Required: 62

Footnotes

#If you are planning to pursue a BSN degree, it is strongly recommended that you take BIO 237 Microbiology, in place of BIO 147. BIO 147 will not transfer to a four-year university.

*These courses can be taken prior to being admitted to the nursing program.

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