

NURSING A.S. (CAREER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/healthcare/nursing.aspx>)

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Program Description

The program is approved by:

Maryland Board of Nursing
 4140 Patterson Avenue
 Baltimore Maryland, 21215
 410.585.1900

The program is accredited by:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850
 Atlanta, GA 30326
 404.975.5000

Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the graduate is eligible to take the examination for registered nurse licensure.

Graduates are prepared to give competent, safe nursing care to clients in hospitals, nursing homes and other comparable health agencies under the supervision of more experienced practitioners, and with experience and further preparation, should be able to assume increasing responsibility in nursing. High school preparation for the nursing program should include algebra, advanced biology, chemistry and data processing. Enrollment in the nursing program is limited by the availability of clinical facilities.

Admission to the program is competitive and, generally, priority is given to residents of Frederick County. Applications for admission to the nursing program should be completed by February 1 for the day option (fall admission) or September 15 for the evening/weekend option (spring admission). This includes applying for admission to the college through the Welcome Desk, completion of placement tests and arranging an interview with the allied health advisor. Visit frederick.edu/nursing (<http://frederick.edu/nursing/>) for more information on the selective admissions process.

The associate degree nursing program is seldom completed in fewer than three years by full-time students. Because of prerequisite courses and the demands of clinical experiences and family responsibilities, most students will be enrolled in the program for four years. Students who drop out for any reason may be readmitted on a space available basis and should contact the director of nursing education as soon as possible.

Information about tuition, fees and completion time may be obtained from the Welcome Desk or the allied health advisor. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may prohibit students from taking the nursing licensure exam. Please see the director of nursing education prior to enrolling as a nursing major to discuss options. Students are required to obtain criminal background checks before starting clinical coursework.

A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses in the nursing program.

If the student's knowledge of biological and chemical principles is deficient, BSCI 55 Preparation for Allied Health will be required.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete their credit **English and Mathematics** within the first 24 credits.
- One course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement (<https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural>).
- CORE: The General Education CORE** is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>
- In some General Education categories (Mathematics, Biological & Physical Sciences), a 4-credit course selected from the GenEd course list will satisfy the requirement in place of a 3-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting these courses.
- For the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement, a 3-credit PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course may satisfy the requirement in place of a 1-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting this course.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 101 English Composition.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses in the Nursing program.

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL 101	English Composition	3
Mathematics		
MATH 120	Statistics (or higher MATH course) ¹	3
Select MATH 120 or higher from the Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics)		
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
EDPS 210	Human Growth and Development	3
Arts & Humanities		
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities)		3
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication) (COMM required)		3
Biological & Physical Sciences		
BSCI 201	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BSCI 202	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BSCI 223	Microbiology for Allied Health	4
or BSCI 263	Elements of Microbiology (Fall)	
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		
Select one PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course - Recommended course(s) below:		1
NUTR 102	Nutrition in a Changing World	
NUTR 200	Principles and Application of Nutrition ²	
Departmental Requirements		
NURS 101	Introduction to Clinical Nursing (satisfies cultural competence requirement)	6
NURS 105	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
NURS 211	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	7
NURS 212	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
NURS 231	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	4

NURS 214	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 261	Preparation for Practice	2
NURS 218	Maternal, Child, and Family Nursing	5
Total Credits		70

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Check with an advisor or transfer institutions before selecting a math elective.

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Note: One PHED, HLTH or NUTR course is required to earn the Associate Degree in Nursing. NUTR 102 Nutrition in a Changing World or NUTR 200 Principles and Application of Nutrition is recommended to fulfill this requirement for students interested in FCC's dual-admission Associate-to-Bachelor's partnerships, or who intend to apply to an RN-to-BSN or BSN program.

All degree-seeking students must complete a Cultural Competency course in order to graduate. NURS 101 Introduction to Clinical Nursing satisfies this requirement.

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

Day Option

The Nursing program at FCC is selective admissions. This pathway is for students who have been accepted into the FCC Nursing program only. Students who have not yet been accepted should begin the Pre-Health Professions Pre-Nursing pathway and apply to the Nursing program after all selective admissions courses have been completed.

Recommended First Semester		Credits
Pre-admission - Recommended Summer Courses ¹		
ENGL 101	English Composition ²	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) ²		3
MATH 120	Statistics (or higher required)	
Select one of the following: ^{2,3,4}		0-4
BSCI 55	Preparation for Allied Health	
BSCI 150	Principles of Biology I	
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	
Credits		6-10
Recommended Second Semester		
Pre-admission - Recommended Fall Courses ¹		
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement - Recommended course(s) below: ⁵		1
NUTR 102	Nutrition in a Changing World	
NUTR 200	Principles and Application of Nutrition	
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities)		3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
EDPS 210	Human Growth and Development	3

BSCI 201	Anatomy and Physiology I (Milestone) ⁶	4
Credits		14

Recommended Third Semester

Pre-admission - Recommended Spring Courses¹

SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication) (COMM required)		3
BSCI 202	Anatomy and Physiology II (Milestone)	4
Select one of the following:		4
BSCI 223	Microbiology for Allied Health (Milestone)	
BSCI 263	Elements of Microbiology (Fall) (Milestone)	
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Credits		17

Recommended Fourth Semester

Fall		
NURS 101	Introduction to Clinical Nursing (satisfies Cultural Competence requirement (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural))	6
NURS 105	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
Credits		8

Recommended Fifth Semester

Spring		
NURS 211	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	7
NURS 214	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
Credits		10

Recommended Sixth Semester

Fall		
NURS 212	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
NURS 218	Maternal, Child, and Family Nursing	5
Credits		9

Recommended Seventh Semester

Spring		
NURS 231	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	4
NURS 261	Preparation for Practice	2
Credits		6
Total Credits		70-74

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The first three recommended semesters consist of pre-admission courses to be completed prior to acceptance into the selective admission Nursing A.S. degree program. In consultation with an advisor, students should follow the Pre-Health Professions: Pre-Nursing pathway prior to acceptance into the Nursing A.S. program. Upon acceptance into the Nursing A.S. program, Day Option students should then follow this Nursing A.S. pathway, also in consultation with an advisor.

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Take this course within the first 24 credits.

3

Complete prerequisite for BSCI 201 Anatomy and Physiology I.

4

Consult with advisor to select appropriate course or to select an elective.

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Prerequisite: BSCI 55 Preparation for Allied Health or BSCI 150 Principles of Biology I or BSCI 223 Microbiology for Allied Health or CHEM 101 General Chemistry I

Evening-Weekend Option

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Recommended First Semester		Credits
Pre-admission - Recommended Fall Courses ¹		
ENGL 101	English Composition ²	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) ²		3
MATH 120	Statistics (or higher required)	
SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Select one of the following: ^{3,4}		0-4
BSCI 55	Preparation for Allied Health	
BSCI 150	Principles of Biology I	
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement - Recommended course(s) below: ⁵		1
NUTR 102	Nutrition in a Changing World	
NUTR 200	Principles and Application of Nutrition	
Credits		10-14

Recommended Second Semester		Credits
Pre-admission - Recommended Spring Courses ¹		
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities)		3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
EDPS 210	Human Growth and Development	3
BSCI 201	Anatomy and Physiology I (Milestone) ⁶	4
Credits		13

Recommended Third Semester		Credits
Pre-admission - Recommended Fall Courses ¹		
BSCI 202	Anatomy and Physiology II (Milestone)	4
Select one of the following:		4
BSCI 223	Microbiology for Allied Health (Milestone)	
BSCI 263	Elements of Microbiology (Fall) (Milestone)	
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication) (COMM required)		3
Credits		14

Recommended Fourth Semester		Credits
Spring		
NURS 101	Introduction to Clinical Nursing (satisfies Cultural Competence requirement (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural))	6
Credits		6

Recommended Fifth Semester		Credits
Summer		
NURS 105	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
Credits		2

Recommended Sixth Semester		Credits
Fall		
NURS 211	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	7
NURS 214	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
Credits		10

Recommended Seventh Semester

Spring		Credits
NURS 212	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
NURS 218	Maternal, Child, and Family Nursing	5
Credits		9

Recommended Eighth Semester

Fall		Credits
NURS 231	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	4
NURS 261	Preparation for Practice	2
Credits		6
Total Credits		70-74

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Take this course within the first 24 credits.

3

Complete prerequisite for BSCI 201 Anatomy and Physiology I.

4

Consult with advisor to select appropriate course or to select an elective.

5

One PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course is required to earn the Associate Degree in Nursing. NUTR 102 Nutrition in a Changing World or NUTR 200 Principles and Application of Nutrition is recommended to fulfill this requirement for students interested in FCC's dual-admission Associate-to-Bachelor's partnerships, or who intend to apply to an RN-to-BSN or BSN program.

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Prerequisite: BSCI 55 Preparation for Allied Health or BSCI 150 Principles of Biology I or BSCI 223 Microbiology for Allied Health or CHEM 101 General Chemistry I.

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.