

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING**  
**Associate in Applied Science Degree**  
**A45110**

**CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION**

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions with acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

**Associate Degree Nursing Admission Procedures**

In order to be considered for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the applicant must have a current JSCC application on file, a separate nursing program application on file, and all admission criteria met by February 1st of each year for consideration for the following fall semester. Forty students are accepted into the program ranked according to scores on selection criteria. Applications submitted after the deadline may be considered if space is available. (Interested applicants should contact JSCC's Health Education Department or refer to our website for a current Program Application Packet.)

Students may apply for only one of the Health Education Programs (ADN or PN). New applicants:

- Applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must take the ATI-TEAS admissions test and score the current national average for reading comprehension, and essential math skills. The ATI-TEAS admissions test may be taken only two times in a twelve-month period. Test dates must be a minimum of sixty days apart. Scores older than 5 years will not be accepted. Applicants should contact Student Services for testing information.
  - **Applicants may be required to take the RISE placement test. (See below.)** Call Student Services at 910-275-6360 to register for the test (if needed). Applicants **will** need to take the RISE placement test if they have:
    1. High school GPA older than 10 years, or
    2. GED score < 165, or
    3. HiSet score  $\leq 15$  for all sections and  $\leq 4$  on essay, or
    4. Are a foreign student without a high school GPA, or
    5. Some homeschooled students without a GPA

Additional exemptions for applicants who **will not** need to take the RISE placement test if they have:

- Transferable credit in math and English. (Submit official transcripts to the Admissions Office for transcript evaluation of prior college coursework [see step #3 below].)

- SAT or ACT scores that meet the following criteria: ACT Reading 22 OR ACT English 18, SAT Writing 500 OR SAT Reading 500, ACT Math 22 OR SAT Math 500.
- High school GPA < 2.2 but ACT score is within 2 points of benchmark for Reading and English.

If placement tests were completed at another college, request that official scores be sent to the Admissions Office at P.O. Box 398, Kenansville NC 28349 (placement test scores will not be sent with the official transcript unless specifically requested).

Applicants must either be exempt from the specific program’s Basic General Education Courses or have completed all of the required Basic General Education Courses with a grade of ‘C’ or higher or ‘P’ pass grade, by the deadline to be eligible for admission consideration. The courses include:

RED 090, ENG 090 or	MAT 050-070 or
DRE 096-098 or	DMA 010-050 or
ENG 002 (P2) or	MAT 003 (P2) or
ENG 002 (P1) and ENG 011 or	MAT 003 (P1) and MAT 043 or
ENG 002 (P1) with ENG 011 corequisite	MAT 003 (P1) with MAT 043 corequisite

Placement test scores other than RISE and completed DRE and DMA courses are only good for ten (10) years unless a college level English and Math course is completed within the ten (10) year period. Rise placement test scores are good for ten (10) years.

- Applicants must have a High School Diploma or the equivalent. Applicants should submit a copy of the High School transcript and GED scores if applicable. High School seniors may apply for provisional acceptance pending completion of high school requirements and graduation. High School students should contact the Health Education Department for information.
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
- Satisfactory completion (with a grade of “C” or better) within ten (10) years of the program start date of high school chemistry or its equivalent is required for entry into Associate Degree Nursing. “Equivalent” means: (1) a college-level chemistry course, (2) CHM 092 at James Sprunt Community College, or (3) a comparable chemistry course at any other accredited educational institution. The satisfactory completion of chemistry is required prior to being considered for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- Satisfactory completion (with a grade of “C” or better) within ten (10) years of the program start date of high school biology or its equivalent is required for entry into Associate Degree Nursing. “Equivalent” means: (1) a college-level biology course, (2) BIO 090 at James Sprunt Community College, or (3) a comparable biology course at any other accredited educational institution. The satisfactory completion of biology is required prior to being considered for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- Satisfactory completion (with a grade of “C” or better) within ten (10) years of the program start date, of high school computer applications course or its equivalent is required for entry into Associate Degree Nursing. “Equivalent” means: (1) a college-level computer course, (2) OST 080 at James Sprunt Community College, or (3) a comparable computer course at any other accredited educational institution.
- Applicants will be notified of their selection for provisional acceptance. The following will be required for students to complete by the specified date after being provisionally accepted:

- A. Evidence of a complete physical examination completed on the institutional form and dated within one year of acceptance. Evidence of sound physical and mental health should be validated on the form provided. Immunizations must be completed and documented as required on the medical form and based on clinical requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- B. Completion of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Level of CPR certification.
- C. Completion of required Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening required by Clinical Agencies. NOTE: If a clinical agency denies student placement based on review of the results, the student will be unable to progress in the program. (Information provided upon provisional acceptance.)
- D. Show evidence of current student liability insurance required for clinical experiences. This is renewed annually during Fall Semester.

### **Transfer Students**

Students who wish to transfer from another institution to the James Sprunt Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program must:

- A. Transfer from a state approved program.
- B. Meet all the admission criteria for generic students.
- C. Schedule a meeting with the Health Education Department Head at least 2 semesters in advance of the desired transfer date.
- D. Complete and submit Transfer Application to JSCC Nursing Program. (This will be provided at the time of scheduled meeting with the Department Head.)
- E. Submit copies of course syllabi/outlines to Department Head for review upon request.
- F. Have a letter of recommendation from clinical nursing faculty who taught student in last nursing course.
- G. Pass a comprehensive exam from the content of the course(s) prior to the one to which the student is requesting transfer with a minimum grade of 80 and demonstrate competency of skills.

All decisions regarding transfer will be made by the Health Education Admissions Committee after all required documents are submitted.

### **Progression Policy**

In order to progress through the Associate Degree Nursing Program, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. A minimum grade of "C" in each nursing, biology, English, and psychology course is required prior to entering the next nursing course and a grade of "C" or better is required in NUR 213 prior to graduation.
2. Students must be enrolled in BIO 168, ACA 115, PSY 150, and NUR 117 concurrently with NUR 111 unless they have completed them prior to entering NUR 111.
3. Students must be enrolled in BIO 169 and PSY 241 concurrently with NUR 112 and NUR 211 unless they have completed them prior to entering NUR 112.
4. Students must be enrolled in CIS 111 concurrently with NUR 113 unless they have completed them prior to entering NUR 113.

5. Students must be enrolled in ENG 111 concurrently with NUR 114 and NUR 212 unless they have completed them prior to entering NUR 114.
6. Students must be enrolled in ENG 112 and a humanities/fine arts elective concurrently with NUR 213 unless they have completed them prior to entering NUR 213.
7. A student may repeat a nursing course only upon approval of the Health Education Admissions Committee.
8. Any student who is interrupting his/her nursing studies is encouraged to schedule an exit interview with the Department Head of Health Education to discuss readmission options. This includes voluntary and involuntary withdrawals.

### **Readmission Policy and Procedures**

A student who wishes to be considered for readmission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must complete an Application for Readmission to the ADN program (provided upon request). This request for consideration of readmission must be received by the end of the next semester following the interruption of studies. Readmission to the nursing program will be limited to a maximum of one (1) time.

The student requesting readmission must complete the following readmission requirements:

1. Meet current admission criteria.
2. Meet requirements of the progression policy listed above.
3. Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member for the clinical components of the course in which the student was not successful. Letter must be requested prior to the end of the next semester following the interruption of studies.
4. Pass a comprehensive exam from the content of the course(s) prior to the one to which the student is requesting readmission with a minimum grade of 80 and demonstrate competency skills.
5. After provisional acceptance is granted, the student must complete the following before enrollment in the program:
  - a) Submit updated physical statement showing evidence of sound physical and mental health, including any required testing and immunizations required by clinical agencies.
  - b) Submit evidence of current American Heart Association BLS Provider Level CPR certification.
  - c) Submit completion of current Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening required by clinical agencies.

Failure to complete any of these requirements will jeopardize readmission to the ADN program.

### **Advanced Placement Credit For Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)**

Currently Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) interested in this opportunity should contact the Health Education Department for information and an application.

### **Involuntary Withdrawal From Health Education Programs**

In the event that a health education student's behavior represents a potential hazard to patient care in the clinical area and/or the student demonstrates unsafe practice in the clinical area, the student will be withdrawn by the faculty from the course. This may occur at any time during the semester. The student may be readmitted only upon the recommendation of the nursing faculty. **See sections on Academic Standards for Health Education Department Dismissal Policy and Probation Policy.**

**TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE  
COURSE AND HOUR REQUIREMENTS**

FIRST SEMESTER	Course Title	Semester Hours per Week			
		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
ACA 115	Success & Study Skills	0	2	0	1
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
NUR 111	Intro to Health Concept	4	6	6	8
NUR 117	Pharmacology	1	3	0	2
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>					
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
NUR 112	Health-Illness Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 211	Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
PSY 241	Dev. Psychology	3	0	0	3
		<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>					
CIS 111	Basic PC Literacy	1	2	0	2
NUR 113	Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>					
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
NUR 114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	3
NUR 212	Health System Concepts	3	0	6	5
		<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>FIFTH SEMESTER</b>					
ENG 112	Writing/Research in the Disc.	3	0	0	3
NUR 213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	0	0	3
		<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

*\*The Humanities/Fine Arts elective must be chosen from the following:*

ART 111	Art Appreciation	3	0	3
ART 114	Art History Survey I	3	0	3
ART 115	Art History Survey II	3	0	3
ART 116	Survey of American Art	3	0	3
HUM 115	Critical Thinking	3	0	3
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	3	0	3
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	3	0	3
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	3	0	3
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	3	0	3

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT: 71**