

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE in NURSING

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The nursing curriculum of New Mexico State University at Carlsbad prepares students for beginning nursing practice in a variety of health care settings. The nursing program is approved by the New Mexico State Board of Nursing; and in addition, the associate degree program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. Two exit options are available to the student. Students who complete the certificate program in Practical Nursing are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Exam, which leads to licensure as a Practical Nurse. Students who complete the Associate Degree in Nursing are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Exam, which leads to licensure as a registered nurse.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the completion of the Associate Degree Program in Nursing, the student will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of man as a holistic individual within a culturally diverse environment who has the ability to maintain self-care or promote the self-care of others.
2. Relate the wide base of nursing knowledge and the biological, psychological, sociological, computer and developmental sciences to the provision of nursing care.
3. Correctly utilize, in a therapeutic manner, the written, verbal and nonverbal and listening skills of interpersonal communications.
4. Safely perform all of the technical skills of nursing.
5. Demonstrate effective written communication and problem solving skills by writing the entire nursing process at a level of 75% or better.
6. Demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving skills by utilizing all aspects of the nursing process as a guideline in providing nursing care to patients with a variety of health deviations whose health care needs are routine and predictable.
7. Function as a member of the health care team in assisting individuals to effectively meet their self-care needs applying wholly compensatory, partially compensatory, and supportive-educative nursing systems while working with individuals experiencing universal, developmental, or well-defined health deviations.
8. Practice within the ethical and legal codes of the profession of nursing and society.
9. Acknowledge the need for continuous learning for personal and professional growth.
10. Demonstrate the identified caring behaviors.
11. Manage the care of a group of patients in a variety of health care settings, utilizing appropriate delegation skills.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. **May 15** is the deadline to apply for the program. Applicants should make an appointment with the program director prior to this date. Completed applications include the nursing admission application, high school (or GED) transcripts, college transcripts, ACT scores, and TEAS scores.
2. High school diploma or a GED certificate.
3. ACT composite of 18 or better on the enhanced ACT and a GPA of 2.75 or better in courses applicable to the nursing curriculum.
4. Satisfactory scores on Math, English, and Reading placement tests. Students who fail to make a satisfactory score on any of the above asset tests will be required to enroll and pass with a "C" or better the appropriate developmental class. Placement test scores may not be utilized in lieu of a "D" or "F" in any developmental class. The student must be eligible to enroll in ENGL 111G, Rhetoric & Composition and MATH 120, Intermediate Algebra.
5. Completion of high school chemistry or its equivalent (CHEM110G) with a "C" or better.
6. Completion of BIOL 225, Human Anatomy & Physiology I with a

"C" or better. Required science courses cannot be taken more than twice and remain eligible for the nursing program. Students who have completed one year of anatomy with a C or higher at a NM high school with an articulation agreement with NMSU Nursing Dept or NMSU may meet requirements and should seek advisement from the nursing program advisor.

7. All courses that are part of the nursing curriculum must have a grade of "C" or better to receive credit. Courses with less than "C" will need to be repeated to receive credit toward the Associate Degree in Nursing or the Licensed Practical Nursing certificate program.
8. Subsequent to enrollment in the Nursing classes (i.e. NURS156, NURS153, NURS 154), verification of successful completion of a Nursing Assistant Certificate program must be provided with skills validated before final acceptance into the nursing program.
9. The student must achieve a 40% percentile rank in the individual national program percentile rank in each subtest on the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) in math, English, and reading and a 40% individual national program percentile in science in subsets of scientific reasoning, anatomy and physiology/human body science, and chemistry. TEAS scores are valid one year and may not be taken more than twice in a calendar year. Any ATI TEAS test taken at other locations will count against the two test limit for admissions and requires a notary to verify its authenticity. Two TEAS exams may be combined for the required scores noted above within the one year time frame.

Previous college credits will be considered and evaluated for credit by the University following admission to the University. Placement tests, with the exception of Reading, may be waived if the applicant has completed successfully (C grade or above) Intermediate Algebra and Freshman Composition at the college level.

**NOTE:** Certain felonious convictions may prohibit graduates from writing the NCLEX-RN (the licensure exam) in the State of New Mexico. Students considering application to the nursing program who have any prior felony convictions, should contact the appropriate Board of Nursing through which they intend to seek licensure prior to making application to this program. All students requesting admittance to the NMSU-C nursing program are required to authorize and submit to a criminal background check prior to acceptance or readmission.

Graduates licensed as Registered Nurses in the State of New Mexico do not meet licensure requirements in the State of North Dakota.

## COURSE INFORMATION

The course number indicates whether the course is a freshman (100 level) or a sophomore course (200 level). The (3+3p) means that the class meets for 150 minutes per week for lecture and also requires 150 minutes per week of "laboratory" (practice, field work, or recitation). The suffix G indicates an approved general education course.

The letter "N" will be added as a suffix to the course number when the course credits are not applicable to the baccalaureate and specified associate degrees.

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**New Mexico State University-Carlsbad**  
**1500 University Drive**  
**Carlsbad, NM 88220**  
**For additional information:**  
**Student Services: 575-234-9221**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BID: \_\_\_\_\_

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**All courses listed on the Associate Degree in Nursing curriculum must be completed with a "C" or better.**

**Developmental Studies** – Mandatory based on placement test results. Must complete with a "C" or higher. Courses count in GPA but not in total graduation credits.

**Reading**

CCDS 104N, Comp. Reading Dev..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCDS 108N, Effective Reading (CCDS 104N) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**English**

CCDE 105N, Effective Comm. Skills ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCDE 110N, General Composition (CCDE 105N) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mathematics**

CCDM 100N, Math Prep for College Success ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCDM 103N, Pre-Algebra (CCDM 100N) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCDM 112N, Dev. Algebra I (CCDM 103N) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCDM 113N, Dev. Algebra II (CCDM 112N) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCDM 114N, Algebra Skills (CCDM 103N) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*May complete either CCDM 114N or CCDM 112N & 113N*

**Nursing Program Prerequisites**

*Contact the nursing department (575-234-9303) for alternatives to course prerequisites.*

- BIOL 225, Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- CHEM 110G, Principles & Applications of Chemistry (CCDM 114N)
- OENA 101, Nursing Assistant Theory & Lab
- ACT composite of 18 or higher
- TEAS test with minimum score of 40% for each area
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in courses listed on the Associate Degree in Nursing curriculum
- Successful completion of any required developmental studies courses in reading, math or English

Program applications are due by May 15. Packets are available in the nursing office (main building, room 214).

**Branch Requirement – 3 credits**

*Strongly suggest pre-nursing and allied health majors section.*

COLL 101, College & Life Success ..... 3 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Core & Related Requirements – 25 credits**

*BIOL 226, CEP 110G, ENGL 111G, PSY 201G and SOC 101G must be completed prior to the start of the sophomore year in nursing.*

**English – 4 credits**

ENGL 111G, Rhetoric & Comp. (CCDE 110N or test) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Prereq/Coreq. shown in parentheses**

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**Biology – 12 credits**

BIOL 221, Introductory Microbiology (CHEM110G)..... 3 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL 221L, Intro Microbiology Lab(Co-BIOL221) ..... 1 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL 225, Human Anatomy & Phys. I..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL 226, Human Anatomy & Phys. II (BIOL 225) ..... 4 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Social & Behavioral Sciences – 9 credits**

CEP 110G, Human Growth & Behavior ..... 3 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology ..... 3 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 SOC 101G, Introductory Sociology ..... 3 cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nursing Program Core Requirements – 40 credits**

*Must be accepted into the nursing program to enroll in these courses.*

**First year, Freshman Nursing**

NURS 153, Medication & Dosage Calculation ..... 1 cr. ( ) \_FA\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 154, Physical Assessment ..... 2 cr. ( ) \_FA\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 156, Basic Nursing Theory & Lab ..... 6 cr. ( ) \_FA\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 157, Maternal/Child Health Deviations..... 8 cr. ( ) \_SP\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 210, Pharm. Reqs. Childbearing Fam..... 1 cr. ( ) \_SP\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Second year, Sophomore Nursing**

NURS 211, Pharm. Reqs. Simple Health Dev. .... 1 cr. ( ) \_FA\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 246, Health Deviations I & Lab ..... 7 cr. ( ) \_FA\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 258, Psychosocial Req. Lab ..... 3 cr. ( ) \_FA\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 212, Pharm. Reqs. Complex Hth Dev..... 1 cr. ( ) \_SP\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 256, Health Deviations II & Lab ..... 8 cr. ( ) \_SP\_\_\_\_\_  
 NURS 260, Mgmt. of Deviations & Lab..... 2 cr. ( ) \_SP\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ cr. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electives – 2 credits to bring total credits to 70**

*Recommended courses: BOT/NUR 150, Medical Terminology; NURS 155, Medical Spanish; HNFS 251, Human Nutrition*

**Total credits needed for degree – 70**

Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ In-Progress: \_\_\_\_\_ Need: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Advisor

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 Date

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 Student

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 Date