

Associate Degree Nursing

Associate in Science

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Fall Semester Start

Spring Semester Start for PN/Paramedic Advanced Placement Students

This program is designed to meet the educational needs of students pursuing a career in nursing who wish to attend college full-time during the day. The core curriculum is a full-time program that is designed to be completed over four semesters.

The Advanced Placement Option enables Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Paramedics to apply to the Associate Degree in Nursing Program by meeting all the admission requirements. Those qualified applicants may be accepted into the first year, second semester.

The theoretical and clinical components of nursing courses must be taken concurrently and sequentially as outlined in the applicable curriculum sheet.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The Associate in Science Degree in Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Upon completion, the Associate in Science in Nursing degree is awarded.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Applicants seeking admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program are required to attend a recent information session. Times and dates for these sessions can be located at: [Information Session](#).

Applicants for the Advanced Placement Option are required to take a one non-credit role transition course (CU 156).

Students seeking admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) will be individually evaluated on the basis of Grade Point Average (GPA), and performance on the Assessment Technologies Institute, Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) exam.

In order to be considered for admission students must have all the following:

- High school diploma or equivalent, or associate degree or higher
- An overall college GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Students must achieve passing scores on the ATI TEAS. Passing scores are defined as: a minimum composite score of 63% and achievement of the following subtest scores for all categories:
 - Reading: 69 or better
 - Math: 67 or better
 - Science: 50 or better
 - English: 60 or better

Students may repeat the test a total of two times within 12 months of taking the exam. Results are valid for three years.

Applicants must also meet the following additional criteria for acceptance into the nursing program:

- Completion of Freshman English I (EN 101) with a grade of C or higher.
- MassBay placement into College Algebra (MA 102) OR Pre-Calculus Mathematics (MA 104) or completion of Intermediate Algebra (MA 098) with a grade of C or completion of any college-level math.
- Completion of BI 215 Anatomy and Physiology I and BI 217 Anatomy and Physiology II within a five (5) year time frame with a grade of C+ or higher at the time student records are reviewed for matriculation into the nursing program (Note: students may repeat each science course only once to achieve a C+ within the required 5-year period). Challenge examinations are available for BI 215 Anatomy and Physiology I and BI 217 Anatomy and Physiology II if the applicant has completed the coursework, including the associated labs, over the five-year limit. (Note: students may repeat each science course only once to achieve a C+ within the required 5-year period).
- Completion of Chemistry I with a grade of C+ or higher (High School Chemistry or College Chemistry (CH 101) within 10 years of acceptance into the nursing program).
- Successful completion of Reading Assessment Test with a score of 246 or better.
- Documentation from a healthcare provider stating that you have a positive Hepatitis B Antibody titer, or have completed the Hepatitis B vaccine series and are a "non-responder" to the vaccine. You must allow a minimum of 6 months to complete this process.

Once students have been admitted to the program the following pre-program requirements must be completed:

Orientation: Nursing students are required to attend a New Student Orientation and Registration session. *Students who do not attend this orientation will be withdrawn from the program and be considered for readmission at a later date.*

Required Pre-Entry Documentation:

In order to be eligible to start class and remain in the program all new and progressing students are required to have a CastleBranch account initiated **at least 6** weeks in advance of the **first day of class**. All required forms and documentation outlined below must be uploaded to [CastleBranch](#) accounts by August 1st (December 1st for Advanced Placement students).

Failure to have completed this step will result in the student being withdrawn from the program. Students who are withdrawn will be considered for readmission at a later date.

- Medical clearance and proof of immunizations as outlined in the Division of Health Sciences handbook and in admission paperwork.
- Proof of CPR certification. The BLS Provider Card (from the American Heart Association), the Professional Rescuer Card (from American Red Cross or National Safety Council), and the equivalent from the Military Training Network are the only types of CPR certification that meet this requirement (Copies of both sides and a valid signature or e-card required).
- Completion of CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) and SORI (Sexual Offender Registry Information) in accordance with state regulations (CORI and SORI results are confidential).

PROGRAM FOOTNOTES:

All Nursing (NU) courses must be completed with a grade of C (75%) or higher.

Competency in Mathematics Quantitative skills is a MassBay graduation competency for associate degree programs. Prior to graduation, students must demonstrate this competency by completing a 100-level math course (not MAC); or placing into a 200-level mathematics course.

Competency in Critical Thinking is a MassBay graduation requirement. Students who achieve a C or higher in the Nursing Capstone course (NU 275) have demonstrated competency in critical thinking and have met the required graduation requirement.

Humanities Electives: Art, Communications, English (EN 103 or higher), Film, Foreign Language, Humanities, Literature, Oral Communication, Philosophy, Photography, Sign Language, Theater Arts.

Associate Degree Nursing Program Curriculum

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
BI 215 *	Anatomy and Physiology I w/ Lab	4
BI 217	Anatomy and Physiology II w/ Lab	4
EN 101	English Composition I	3
	Subtotal for Program Requirements	11-15

*BI 101 or BI 110 (4 credits) pre-requisite

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester I (Fall)</i>	
NU 130	Introduction to Professional/Humanistic Nursing Concepts	2
NU 125	Introduction to Biophysical Concepts and Pharmacology in Nursing	4
HL 110	Health Assessment and Skills	1
BI 223 **	Fundamentals of Microbiology w/ Lab	4
PS 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
	credits:	14
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester II (Spring)</i>	
NU 135	Introduction to Psychosocial Concepts and Pharmacology in Nursing	4
NU 160	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan I	4
NU 161	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan I Practicum	4
EN 102	English Composition II	3
	credits:	15
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Semester I (Fall)</i>	
NU 225	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II	3
NU 226	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II Practicum	2
NU 235	Concepts in Family Nursing	3
NU 236	Concepts in Family Nursing Practicum	2
CS 100	Computers and Technology	3
	Humanities Elective	3
	credits:	16
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Semester II (Spring)</i>	
NU 260	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III	4
NU 261	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III Practicum	4
NU 275	Nursing Capstone	4
	credits:	12
	Total Program Credits	68-72

This program qualifies as an Alternative Transfer Agreement (MassTransfer) with select public institutions in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.mass.edu/masstransfer.

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BI 215 *	Anatomy and Physiology I w/ Lab	4
BI 217	Anatomy and Physiology II w/ Lab	4
EN 101	English Composition I	3
	Subtotal for Program Requirements	11-15

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COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester I (Winter Intersession)</i>	
CU 156	RN Role Transition <i>Before or During Program</i>	0
BI 223 **	Fundamentals of Microbiology w/ Lab (before 3 rd Semester)	4
PS 101 ***	Introduction to Psychology	3
	credits:	7
<i>First Year</i>	<i>Semester II (Spring)</i>	
NU 135	Introduction to Psychosocial Concepts and Pharmacology in Nursing	4
NU 160	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan I	4
NU 161	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan I Practicum	4
EN 102	English Composition II	3
	credits:	15
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Semester I (Fall)</i>	
NU 225	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II	3
NU 226	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II Practicum	2
NU 235	Concepts in Family Nursing	3
NU 236	Concepts in Family Nursing Practicum	2
CS 100	Computers and Technology	3
	Humanities Elective	3
	credits:	16
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Semester II (Spring)</i>	
NU 260	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III	4
NU 261	Concepts in Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III Practicum	4
NU 275	Nursing Capstone	4
	credits:	12
	Total Program Credits	61-65

* BI 101 or BI 110 (4 credits) pre-requisite

** BI 223 Fundamentals of Microbiology w lab (4 Credits) must be successfully completed within a five (5) year time frame with a grade of C+ or higher before a student begins the 3rd semester in the Associate Degree Nursing program (Note: students may repeat each science course only once to achieve a C+ within the required 5-year period).

*** PS101 Must be completed before entry into ADN Program