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### REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Division of Health Studies offers a five semester Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. Upon satisfactory completion, the Associate of Applied Science Degree is awarded and the graduate is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse. Graduation from the program however, does not guarantee Board of Nursing approval to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination. See Standards of Conduct at the end of the ADN section.

The ADN program is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing. Each agency's address is provided below.

Alabama Board of Nursing  
RSA Plaza, Ste. 250  
770 Washington Ave.  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Telephone: (334)-242-4060 Fax: (334)-242-4360  
Website: <http://www.abn.state.al.us>

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission  
61 Broadway 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10006  
Telephone: (212)-363-5555, Ext. 153 or (800)-669-1656, Ext 153  
Fax: (212)-812-0390  
Website: <http://www.nlnac.org>

A generic option and a mobility option are offered. The generic option is for students without previous nursing education. Students are admitted in the fall semester and complete five semesters of nursing.

The mobility option is for Licensed Practical Nurses who graduated from a state-approved school of practical nursing and hold a current, active, and unencumbered Alabama Practical Nursing license. This license must be maintained throughout the program. **Proof of licensure must be on file.** Students seeking entry under the mobility option are evaluated on an individual basis and admitted when appropriate.

Under the mobility option, students with previous successful professional nursing education from an accredited nursing program may apply to the ADN program. Successful means a grade of "C" or higher in nursing courses completed within the last two years.

Students are admitted according to the following priority:

1. First time generic students.
2. Mobility LPNs.
3. Second year readmissions.
4. First year readmissions.
5. Applicants with previous nursing education.

#### ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING GENERAL

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** All applicants must meet the following criteria.

1. Unconditional admission to the college: Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the ADN program.
2. Apply to the ADN program: Complete a separate application to the ADN program.
3. Grade point average: A minimum (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all completed college work is required.

**GENERIC OPTION:** In addition to the general admission requirements, students applying for the generic option **must:**

1. Have completed BIO 103, ENG 101, and MTH 100 with a grade of "C" or higher by the end of Spring semester of the year for which application is made. Preference will be given to those students that complete the above three courses by the application deadline of February 15.
2. MEET THE ADN APPLICATION DEADLINE: For the generic option, **February 15** of the year for which application is made is the deadline.
3. Applications received after the **February 15** deadline will not be considered unless space is available.
4. Students are selected for admission into the ADN program based on academic performance and space availability. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Since class size is limited, students with the strongest academic record will be selected.
5. Applicants will be notified in writing by the ADN office of acceptance into the ADN program.
6. Faculty reserves the right to impose additional admission criteria as deemed appropriate.

**MOBILITY OPTION:** In addition to the general admission requirements, students applying to the mobility option **must:**

1. Have completed BIO 103, BIO 201, ENG 101, and MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) with a grade of "C" or higher.
2. Possess and maintain a current, active, and unencumbered Alabama LPN license. Proof must be on file.
3. Be a graduate of a state approved school of practical nursing. Proof must be on file.

4. **MEET THE ADN APPLICATION DEADLINE:** For the **mobility option** the deadlines are:  
 Summer Admission – February 15  
 Fall Admission – May 15  
 Spring Admission – October 15
5. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered unless space is available.
6. Preference will be given to graduates of Northwest-Shoals Community College LPN program and/or its predecessor's institutions.
7. Students are selected for admission into the ADN program based on academic performance and space availability. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Since class size is limited, students with the strongest academic record will be selected.
8. Applicants will be notified in writing by the ADN office of acceptance into the ADN program.

**IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, STUDENTS WITH PREVIOUS SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL NURSING EDUCATION SEEKING ADMISSION MUST:**

1. Submit to the ADN program official college transcripts showing professional nursing courses taken and detailed course syllabi with course descriptions. These nursing courses will be evaluated on an individual basis for compatibility with the ADN curriculum.
2. Provide verification from the institution at which nursing courses were taken that the student is eligible to return to that nursing program.
3. Have completed BIO 103, BIO 201, ENG 101, and MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) with a grade of "C" or higher.
4. Students are selected for admission into the ADN program based on academic performance and space availability. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Since class size is limited, students with the strongest academic record will be selected.
5. Applicants will be notified in writing by the ADN office of acceptance into the ADN program.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

**After acceptance each student must:**

1. Submit completed medical examination forms (at student expense) that provide evidence the student is free of communicable disease and chemical dependency, and is physically and psychologically able to participate fully in both classroom and clinical aspects of the program. The nursing faculty reserves the right to require at any time (at

student expense) an additional medical examination in order to evaluate the student's state of physical, mental, and/or emotional health such as during pregnancy, infectious diseases, interference with mobility, emotional instability, chemical dependence, etc. When an examination or treatment is required, written proof must be provided by the physician attesting to the student's ability to carry out both classroom and clinical requirements of the program. **NOTE:** Northwest-Shoals Community College reserves the right to remove from the program any student who is refused use of facilities by clinical agencies.

2. Since the nursing curriculum includes direct patient care, students must meet the Essential Technical Standards with or without reasonable accommodations. These standards relate to physical, mental, and emotional capabilities of prospective students and are available in writing from the Nursing Department. Additional health criteria are required by clinical agencies.
3. Purchase regulation uniforms and specified accessories.
4. Possess current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the health care provider level (BCLS). Community CPR is not acceptable. If a student is not certified with the appropriate CPR, the student must take EMS 100 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation I. This course meets the CPR requirement for two years.
5. Receive certain immunizations at the student's expense.
6. Purchase professional liability insurance through the College.
7. It is recommended that each student carry health insurance because neither the College nor affiliated clinical agencies provide health care for students.
8. The student is expected to participate in and pay for periodic standardized testing.

**PROGRAM CONTINUATION:**

**To continue in the ADN program, each student must:**

1. Follow an approved ADN curriculum track.
2. Maintain a minimum (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each nursing course. The Nursing program grading scale is:

A=90-100  
 B=80-89  
 C=75-79  
 D=60-74  
 F=59 and below.

4. Earn a satisfactory clinical evaluation on the clinical component of any course with a clinical component.

5. Maintain current CPR certification at the BCLS level.
6. Meet Essential Technical Standards with or without reasonable accommodation.
7. Maintain an adequate level of health including but not limited to annual PPD, and freedom from chemical dependency and/or mental disorder.

#### **READMISSION INTO NURSING:**

1. Any student who receives a “W”, “WP”, “WF”, “D”, or “F” in any nursing (NUR) course is automatically dropped from the program. The student must make an appointment with their nursing advisor within the first two weeks of the next semester. Readmission options will be reviewed with the student and the Program Continuation/Readmission Counseling Form completed. **The student is NOT eligible for readmission until this process is complete.**
2. Students must submit an application for readmission to the ADN program specifying the semester for which they wish to be readmitted. The student must meet current College and program admission requirements as outlined in the College Catalog including application deadlines. For **readmission** the deadlines are:  
 Summer Admission – February 15  
 Fall Admission – May 15  
 Spring Admission – October 15
3. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered unless space is available.
4. The applicant must be readmitted within two calendar years, otherwise all nursing courses must be repeated.
5. Students are required to complete the program within five (5) years of initial entry.
6. Qualified applicants for readmission are admitted on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis and are ranked and admitted according to the highest grade point average.
7. Students who are unsuccessful on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) admission will be dismissed from the ADN program.
8. Students dismissed from the ADN program are allowed one appeal to the College’s Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee will review dismissal cases only during the week before final exams and during the first week after classes begin in a new semester. A student seeking admission/readmission may have his/her case presented before the Committee in absentia or in person.

#### **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:**

The ADN student shall comply with the standards that determine acceptable behavior of a nurse in accordance with the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code.

#### **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE STANDARDS WHILE IN THE NURSING PROGRAM**

#### **CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM.**

The following examples of behavior may be grounds for dismissal from the ADN program or for licensure application review by the Alabama Board of Nursing. Any individual who:

1. Is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license.
2. Is guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude or of gross immorality that would tend to bring reproach upon the nursing profession.
3. Is unfit or incompetent due to the use of alcohol, or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs to such an extent as to render the licensee unsafe or unreliable.
4. Is mentally incompetent.
5. Is guilty of unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public in matters pertaining to health.
6. Has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of this act.
7. Has been convicted of a felony.
8. Has been convicted of any violation of a Federal or State law relating to controlled substances.
9. Has any other reasons authorized by law.
10. Has been placed on a State and/or Federal abuse registry.
11. Has been court martialled or disciplined or administratively discharged by the military.

Students who have demonstrated any of the behaviors prior to or during attendance of the nursing program will have to provide appropriate explanatory documentation with their state board license application. Any concerns related to the above should be discussed with the ADN advisor.

For additional information or a copy of the complete Code, contact the Alabama Board of Nursing.

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The Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing is a five semester program, which prepares the graduate to sit for the Registered Nurse licensure examination. Candidates for the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing must complete the prescribed general education course requirements, plus 41 hours in nursing for a total of 72 hours. See your advisor for program completion options.

PREREQUISITE - \*BIO 103 Principles of Biology, ENG 101 English Composition I, \*\*Mathematics Elective

### Semester I Semester Hours

NUR 110 Foundations of Nursing .....	6
NUR 241 Basic Pharmacology .....	1
+BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4
+++Humanities or Fine Arts Elective .....	3
	14

### Semester II

NUR 251 Adult Nursing I .....	5
NUR 131 Health Assessment .....	1
NUR 242 Advanced Pharmacology .....	2
+BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
+PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
	15

### Semester III

NUR 262 Adult-Child Nursing I .....	5
+BIO 220 Microbiology .....	4
	9

### Semester IV

NUR 263 Adult-Child Nursing II .....	5
NUR 271 Maternal-Newborn Nursing or	
NUR 280 Psychosocial Nursing .....	4
ENG 102 English Composition II .....	3
	15

### Semester V

NUR 291 Transition into Nursing Practice .....	3
NUR 264 Adult-Child Nursing III .....	4
NUR 280 Psychosocial Nursing or	
NUR 271 Maternal-Newborn Nursing .....	4
NUR 201 Specialized Area of Study .....	1
	12

**Total Semester Credit Hours .....**72

\*May be substituted with successful completion of biology placement examination.

\*\*Mathematics elective must be MTH 100, MTH 110, MTH 112, MTH 265 or equivalent.

+Must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher before or during the semester noted above. All other general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to graduate.

Computer competency skills are embedded within one or more courses required in this curriculum.

+++Choose from ART (for transfer program – ART 100); Music (for transfer program – MUS 101); Foreign Language; Philosophy; Religion; Theater; Literature

## LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE MOBILITY REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

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Prerequisites - \*BIO 103 Principles of Biology I; BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I; ENG 101 English Composition I; \*\*Mathematics Elective

### Semester I Semester Hours

NUR 211 Nursing Concepts for Mobility Nursing .....	5
NUR 131 Health Assessment .....	1
++NUR 242 Advanced Pharmacology .....	2
+BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
+PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
	15

### Semester II

NUR 262 Adult Child Nursing I .....	5
+BIO 220 Microbiology .....	4
	9

### Semester III

NUR 263 Adult-Child Nursing II .....	5
NUR 271 Maternal-Newborn Nursing or	
NUR 280 Psychosocial Nursing .....	4
ENG 102 English Composition II .....	3
	12

### Semester IV

NUR 291 Transition into Nursing Practice .....	3
NUR 264 Adult-Child Nursing III .....	4
NUR 280 Concepts of Psychosocial Nursing or	
NUR271 Maternal-Newborn Nursing.....	4
NUR 201 Specialized Area of Study .....	1
+++Humanities or Fine Arts Elective .....	3
	15

**Total Semester Credits .....** 65

\*May be substituted with successful completion of biology placement examination

\*\*Must choose from MTH 100, MTH 110, MTH 112, MTH 265, or equivalent.

+Must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher before or during the semester noted above. All other general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to graduate.

++Challenge examination may be available for certain nursing courses. See nursing advisor for further information.

Computer competency skills are embedded within one or more courses required in this curriculum.

+++Choose from ART (for transfer program – ART 100); Music (for transfer program – MUS 101); Foreign Language; Philosophy; Religion; Theater; Literature