

## **Registered Nursing Associate in Applied Science Degree**

Available: Phil Campbell Campus

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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 section.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program supports the Philosophy and Purpose of the College and serves its community by preparing associate degree nurses for a beginning level of practice in varied health settings. The Nursing Program Director and the nursing faculty have the responsibility for administering and evaluating the Associate Degree Nursing Program according to policies and guidelines established by the College and the Alabama Board of Nursing.

The Purpose of the Associate Degree Nursing Program is to:

1. Prepare entry level Registered Nurses who utilize the nursing process to deliver safe, competent care to clients of all ages who have common health problems;
2. Foster learning as a life-long process to remain competent;
3. Prepare entry level Registered Nurses who contribute to society as citizens and members within the discipline of nursing;
4. Provide education at the Associate Degree level, which forms a basis for entry into baccalaureate nursing education.

### **APPROVALS AND ACCREDITATION**

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is state approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Each agency's address is provided:

Alabama Board of Nursing  
 RSA Plaza, Ste. 250  
 770 Washington Ave.  
 Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
 phone: 334.242.4060, Fax: 334.242.4360  
 Website: <http://www.abn.state.al.us>

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
 3343 Peachtree Road NE  
 Suite 850  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
 phone: (404) 975-5000  
 Fax: 404.975.5020, Website: <http://www.acenursing.org>

All agencies utilized for students' clinical experiences are accredited or licensed by their governing body.

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Students are admitted according to the following priority:

1. First time generic students
2. Healthcare Transition students
3. Second level reinstatements
4. First level reinstatements
5. Transfer students

A generic option and a Healthcare Transition 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 Healthcare Transition 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 or for Paramedics who hold an active Alabama Paramedic license and graduated from a CAAHEP accredited program. This license must be maintained throughout the program. **Proof of licensure must be on file.**

**NOTICE: The Alabama Community College System Standardized Curriculum is continuing to be reviewed and analyzed. Modifications will be made as needed. The most updated information will be found in the College catalog posted on the NW-SCC website.**

### **GENERIC OPTION**

**Minimum admission standards for the Associate Degree Nursing Program include:**

1. Submission of a complete college application to the admissions office prior to application deadline (if not currently enrolled)
2. Unconditional admission to the College;
3. Good standing with the College;
4. Submission of a completed application for the Associate Degree Nursing Program to the NW-SCC Nursing Office by April 15th for fall admission annually.
5. Minimum of 18 ACT composite score (writing component not required), National or Residual, is required, and results must be submitted to the Admissions office. There is no expiration date on ACT for the nursing application.
6. Minimum of 2.50 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale based on the required academic core courses for nursing AND
  - \* Current or previous NW-SCC students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher at NW-SCC
  - \* Transfer students must enter NW-SCC on clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA)
  - \* Students without prior college courses must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative high school GPA on all high school work attempted (including 12th grade)
7. Eligibility for:  
 ENG 101 and MTH 100 or higher level as determined by college policy, and
8. Meeting the essential functions required for nursing. (See Essential Functions.)

The College reserves the right to adjust requirements or use additional criteria to determine admission.

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is developed as a combined sequence of nursing and general education courses, and students may take all required general education courses once admitted to nursing. The general education courses are offered on both the Shoals and Phil Campbell campuses at NW-SCC. If you have major responsibilities such as family or work, or if you have been away from school for several years, or if you do not have a strong academic background, you are encouraged to complete as many general education courses as possible before attempting to enter the nursing program. Completion of certain courses prior to application results in a higher ranking score and improves the chances of being admitted. Otherwise the general education courses must be taken no later than the semester specified in the curriculum. Prior credit for general education courses does not shorten the length of the curriculum due to the required sequence of nursing courses.

**NOTICE:** Your ability to comply with the ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS listed may be evaluated by the nursing faculty at anytime that your ability to do so is in question.

#### **THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM NURSING PROGRAM ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with College policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities.

Physical, cognitive, psychomotor, affective, and social abilities are required in unique combinations to provide safe and effective nursing care. The applicant/student must be able to meet the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations throughout the program of learning. Admission, progression, and graduation are contingent upon one's ability to demonstrate the essential functions delineated for the nursing programs with or without reasonable accommodations. The nursing programs and/or its affiliated clinical agencies may identify additional essential functions. The nursing programs reserve the right to amend the essential functions as deemed necessary.

In order to be admitted and to progress in the nursing program one must possess a functional level of ability to perform the duties required of a nurse. Admission or progression may be denied if a student is unable to demonstrate the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

The essential functions delineated are those deemed necessary by the Alabama Community College System nursing programs. No representation regarding industrial standards is implied. Similarly, any reasonable accommodations made will be determined and applied to the respective nursing program and may vary from reasonable accommodations made by healthcare employers.

The essential functions delineated below are necessary for nursing program admission, progression and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective nursing care. The essential functions include but are not limited to the ability to:

1. Sensory Perception
  - a) Visual
    - i) Observe and discern subtle changes in physical conditions and the environment
    - ii) Visualize different color spectrums and color changes
    - iii) Read fine print in varying levels of light
    - iv) Read for prolonged periods of time
    - v) Read cursive writing
    - vi) Read at varying distances
    - vii) Read data/information displayed on monitors/equipment
  - b) Auditory
    - i) Interpret monitoring devices
    - ii) Distinguish muffled sounds heard through a stethoscope
    - iii) Hear and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment
    - iv) Effectively hear to communicate with others
  - c) Tactile
    - i) Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location and other physical characteristics
  - d) Olfactory
    - i) Detect body odors and odors in the environment
2. Communication/ Interpersonal Relationships
  - a) Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others, from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
  - b) Work effectively in groups
  - c) Work effectively independently
  - d) Discern and interpret nonverbal communication
  - e) Express one's ideas and feelings clearly
  - f) Communicate with others accurately in a timely manner
  - g) Obtain communications from a computer
3. Cognitive/Critical Thinking
  - a) Effectively read, write and comprehend the English language
  - b) Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical nursing decisions in a variety of health care settings
  - c) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations including mathematical computations without a calculator
  - d) Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives
4. Motor Function
  - a) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction
  - b) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self or others
  - c) Maintain balance from any position
  - d) Stand on both legs
  - e) Coordinate hand/eye movements
  - f) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self or others
  - g) Stand, bend, walk and/or sit for 6-12 hours in a clinical setting performing physical activities requiring energy without jeopardizing the safety of the client, self or others

- h) Walk without a cane, walker or crutches
  - i) Function with hands free for nursing care and transporting items
  - j) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
  - k) Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely
  - l) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
  - m) Maneuver in small areas
  - n) Perform daily care functions for the client
  - o) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe effective nursing care
  - p) Calibrate/use equipment
  - q) Execute movement required to provide nursing care in all health care settings
  - r) Perform CPR and physical assessment
  - s) Operate a computer
5. Professional Behavior
- a) Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance and a healthy attitude toward others
  - b) Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude that is age appropriate in relationship to the client
  - c) Handle multiple tasks concurrently
  - d) Perform safe, effective nursing care for clients in a caring context
  - e) Understand and follow the policies and procedures of the College and clinical agencies
  - f) Understand the consequences of violating the student code of conduct
  - g) Understand that posing a direct threat to others is unacceptable and subjects one to discipline
  - h) Meet qualifications for licensure by examination as stipulated by the Alabama Board of Nursing
  - i) Not to pose a threat to self or others
  - j) Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing nursing care
  - k) Adapt to changing environments and situations
  - l) Remain free of chemical dependency
  - m) Report promptly to clinicals and remain for 6-12 hours on the clinical unit
  - n) Provide nursing care in an appropriate time frame
  - o) Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions
  - p) Seek supervision/consultation in a timely manner
  - q) Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with nursing care or learning

Upon admission, an individual who discloses a disability can request reasonable accommodations. Individuals will be asked to provide documentation of the disability in order to assist with the provision of appropriate reasonable accommodations. The respective College will provide reasonable accommodations but is not required to substantially alter the requirements or nature of the program or provide accommodations that inflict an undue burden on the respective College. In order to be admitted one must be able to perform all of the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations. If an individual's health changes during the program of learning, so that the essential functions cannot be met with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will be withdrawn from the nursing program. The nursing faculty reserves the right at any time to require an additional medical examination at the student's expense in order to assist with the evaluation

of the student's ability to perform the essential functions. Requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to: ADA Coordinator, Crystal Reed, at 256.331.5249 or [cingle@nwsc.edu](mailto:cingle@nwsc.edu)

### HEALTHCARE TRANSITION OPTION

**Track One:** Students who completed the Alabama Standard Concept Based Curriculum greater than one academic year of the Healthcare Transition coursework and students who did not complete the Alabama Standard Concept Based Curriculum for the PN certificate must take NUR 209. Healthcare entry into the ADN program begins in Track One.

**Track Two:** Students who completed the Alabama Standard Concept Based Curriculum for the PN certificate within one academic year of the Healthcare Transition coursework are exempt from taking NUR 209.

Minimum admission standards for the Healthcare Transition option include:

1. Submission of a complete college application to the admissions office prior to application deadline (if not currently enrolled).
2. Unconditional admission to the college.
3. Good standing with the college.
4. Submission of a completed application for the Healthcare Transition option of the Associate Degree Nursing Program to the NW-SCC Nursing Office by the application deadline.
5. A minimum of 18 ACT composite score (writing component not required), National or Residual, is required, and results must be submitted to the Admissions office. There is not expiration date on ACT for the nursing application.
6. A minimum of 2.50 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale based on the required academic core courses for nursing AND
  - \* Current or previous NW-SCC students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher at NW-SCC
  - \* Transfer students must enter NW-SCC on clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA)
7. Have completed BIO 201, BIO 202, ENG 101, SPH 106/107, PSY 210, and MTH 100 or higher level with a grade of "C" or higher by the application deadline.
8. Possess and maintain a current, active and unencumbered Alabama LPN license. Proof must be on file.
9. LPN's must be a graduate of a state approved school of practical nursing or have a paramedic license. Proof must be on file.
10. Paramedics must provide proof of CNA certification by the state of Alabama.
11. Paramedics must be graduates of a CAAHEP accredited program. Proof must be on file.
12. MEET THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. For the Healthcare Transition (Mobility) option, the deadline is:

Track One: Spring Admission-October 15

Track Two: Fall Admission- June 15

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. **Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.**

(Preference will be given to graduates of Northwest-Shoals Community College LPN program.)

Applicants will be notified in writing by the ADN office of acceptance into the ADN program.

The college reserves the right to adjust requirements or use additional criteria to determine admission.

#### TRANSFER POLICY

The transfer policy applies only to students desiring to transfer between Alabama Community College System institutions. It does not apply to students wishing to transfer from other institutions.

Criteria for transfer:

1. Must meet minimum admission standards for the Nursing program.
2. Must possess a grade of C or better in all Nursing Program required courses taken at another institution and possess a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of transfer.
3. Dean/Director of previous nursing program must provide a letter of eligibility for progression in previous nursing program.
4. Must comply with all program policies and requirements at accepting institution (including, but not limited to the program progression policy, nursing progression policy and reinstatement policy).
5. Complete at least 25% of the Nursing Program required courses for degree/certificate at the accepting institution.
6. Must meet acceptability criteria for placement at all clinical agencies for clinical experiences.
7. Acceptance of transfer students into Nursing Programs is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal standards does not guarantee acceptance.
8. ACCS Nursing Curriculum courses will be transferred without review of the course syllabus. The crossover from the previous ACCS Nursing Curriculum (prior to the ACCS Standard Concept Based Curriculum) to the ACCS Standard Concept Based Curriculum will be utilized to determine placement into the nursing program. The last successful course must have been completed in the past 12 months.
9. Submit an application requesting transfer to the Nursing Program by the following deadlines:  
Fall Semester: May 15th  
Spring Semester- October 15th  
Summer Semester- February 15th

#### 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 any clinical agency.**

2. Meet the Essential Functions with or without reasonable accommodations. These functions relate to physical, mental, and emotional capabilities of the prospective students and are available in writing from the Nursing Department. Additional health criteria may be required by clinical agencies.
3. Purchase regulation uniforms and specified accessories.
4. Possess and maintain current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the health care provider level (BLS) by the American Heart Association. Community CPR is not acceptable. If a student is not certified with appropriate CPR, the student may take EMS 100 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation I. This course meets the CPR requirements for two years.
5. Receive certain immunizations at the student's expense.
6. Purchase professional liability insurance through the College.
7. Participate in and pay for periodic standardized tests.
8. Participate in and pay for drug testing as directed by the Health Studies Division.
9. Participate in and pay for background checks as directed by the Health Studies Division.

It is recommended that each student carry health insurance because neither the College nor affiliated clinical agencies provide health care for students.

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#### ADN PROGRAM COMPLETION

Students completing NUR 112,113,114, and 115 and required academic courses will be awarded the Practical Nursing Certificate. Students who have completed required academic courses and continue in the program through completion of NUR 211 and 221 will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree. Students are responsible for meeting all the progression and graduation requirements.

**PROGRAM PROGRESSION POLICY:**

In order to continue in the nursing program, the student must:

1. Complete all required general education courses according to The Alabama Community College System Nursing curriculum.
2. Maintain a grade of "C" or better in all required general education and nursing courses and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA at NW-SCC.

**Please note:** The Grading Scale for all Nursing Courses in the Nursing Program is:

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

3. Be accepted by all clinical agencies for clinical experiences. If a student is dismissed from any clinical agency, he or she will be dismissed from the program. Depending on the issue, the student may be withdrawn or receive a failing clinical grade.
4. Earn a satisfactory clinical evaluation in all nursing courses with a clinical component.
5. Maintain ability to meet essential functions for nursing with or without reasonable accommodations.
6. Maintain current CPR at the health care provider level by American Heart Association.
7. Maintain an adequate level of health including but not limited to annual PPD, and freedom from chemical dependency and/or mental disorder.

A student that has an unsuccessful attempt in a nursing course (W, D, or F) cannot progress in the nursing course sequence until the course is repeated successfully. Course repetition will be based on instructor availability and program resources.

If a student has been unsuccessful in the associate degree nursing program, the student may apply for admission to the practical nursing program. If a student has had two non-progressions in the Healthcare Transition Option Track One or Track Two, the student may apply as a new student for the Healthcare Transition Option Track One or may apply for admission the generic option as a new student.

**NURSING PROGRESSION POLICY**

In order to progress in the nursing program, the following policy should be followed:

1. A total of two unsuccessful attempts in two separate semesters (D, F, or W) in the nursing program will result in dismissal from the program.
2. A student may be reinstated to the nursing program only one time. The reinstatement is not guaranteed due to limitations in clinical spaces. All nursing program admission standards must be met.
3. A student must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the current institution for reinstatement.
4. If a student has a documented extenuating circumstance that should be considered related to a withdrawal or failure, then this student may request a hearing before the Admission Committee or other

appropriate college committee for a decision on repeating a course or readmission to the program.

5. ADN students whose second unsuccessful attempt occurs in NUR 211 or 221 may apply for the Healthcare Transition option, provided the student meets all admission requirements for the Healthcare Transition option, including valid Alabama Practical Nursing License.

**REINSTATEMENT POLICY:**

Definition of reinstatement: Students who have a withdrawal or failure in a nursing course and are eligible to return to that course will be considered for reinstatement to the program.

1. Students who desire to be reinstated following non-progression must schedule an appointment with a nursing faculty advisor to discuss reinstatement.
2. A student must request reinstatement within one year from the term of non-progression to be eligible for reinstatement.
3. In order to be eligible for reinstatement, the student must,
  - a) Apply for readmission to the college if not currently enrolled.
  - b) Receive unconditional admission status from the College;
  - c) Demonstrate a 2.0 GPA in Nursing Program .
  - d) Have no more than one non-progression since program admission;
  - e) Submit application requesting reinstatement to the nursing program by the following deadlines:  
Fall Semester - May 15  
Spring Semester - October 15  
Summer Semester - February 15
  - f) Demonstrate the ability to meet essential functions for nursing with or without reasonable accommodations;
  - g) Demonstrate competency in previous nursing courses by those students who have been out of progression for greater than one semester; (This may be evaluated by testing and/or skills validation.)
  - h) Be accepted by all clinical agencies for clinical experiences;
  - i) Demonstrate current American Heart Association CPR certification at the Health Care Provider level;
4. Students dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons and/or unsafe client care in the clinical area will not be allowed reinstatement to the nursing program.
5. Reinstatement to the nursing program is not guaranteed and will only be allowed one time;
6. Reinstatement will be denied due to, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:
  - a) Grade point average is less than 2.0 from courses completed at the current institution;
  - b) Refusal by any clinical agency to accept the student for clinical experiences;
  - c) space unavailability;
  - d) more than twelve(12) months have lapsed since the student has enrolled in a nursing course;
  - e) being previously dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons and/or unsafe client care in the clinical area.

A total of two unsuccessful attempts (D, F, or withdrawal) in nursing courses will result in dismissal from the nursing program. Withdrawal and/or a D or F in one or more courses in a term will be considered one attempt.

A student who has been dismissed from a specific option (Generic/Healthcare Transition) can apply for admission as a new student to any nursing program within the ACCS, provided:

- a) the student meets current entry requirements; and
- b) the student was not dismissed from the previous program for disciplinary reasons or for unsafe/unsatisfactory client care in the clinical area.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:**

The nursing 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 nursing 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 nursing advisor.

For additional information or a copy of the complete Code, contact the Alabama Board of Nursing. Website: <http://www.abn.alabama.gov/laws/#tab-code>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:**

As a student in the ADN program, you can anticipate certain necessary expenses. First of all, the tuition rate is the same as that for other NW-SCC students, but nursing program students will incur other expenses, which are listed below. Note that the amounts listed are approximations and that they are subject to change without notice.

Books and Online resources	\$ 1,600.00
Standardized Tests	\$ 400.00
Physical Exam, TB Test & Shots	\$ 1000.00
Uniforms and Small Equipment	\$ 345.00
Clinical Kit	\$ 70.00
Clinical ID Badges	\$ 10.00
Drug Screening	\$ 70.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 40.00
Graduation Pictures	\$ 25.00
Graduation Pin (optional)	\$ 40.00-200.00
RN Licensure Application Fee	\$ 85.00
RN Temporary Permit (AL) (optional)	\$ 50.00
NCLEX	\$ 200.00
Background Checks	\$ 75.00
NCLEX-RN Review (optional)	\$ 300.00

**NOTICE: In addition to the expenses listed, you are responsible for transportation, meals, health care expenses, any liability incurred during and while traveling to and/or from educational experiences.**

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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 39 hours in nursing for a total of 66 hours.

<b>Semester I (Fall)</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>
+MTH 100(Intermediate College Algebra) or Higher Level*	3
+BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NUR 112 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	7
	14
<b>Semester II (Spring)</b>	
+ENG 101 English Composition I**	3
+BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development	3
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I	8
	18

**Semester III (Summer)**

SPH 106 or 107 Speech.....	3
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II .....	8
NUR 115 Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning .....	2
	13

(Students who successfully complete NUR 112, NUR 113, NUR 114, NUR 115 and all required academic courses of the first three semesters will be awarded the PN certificate. Students who continue in the program through completion of NUR 211 and 221 and have completed all required academic courses will be awarded the Associate in Applied Science Degree.)

**Semester IV (Fall)**

+BIO 220 Microbiology .....	4
NUR 211 Advanced Nursing Concepts.....	7
	11

**Semester V (Spring)**

+++Humanities Elective.....	3
NUR 221 Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning ...	7
	10

**Total Semester Credit Hours .....66**

**Registered Nursing 513801 MOB  
Mobility (Healthcare Transition)  
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**PREREQUISITES:**

- MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) or Higher Level (3 credit hours)\*
- BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credit hours)
- BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credit hours)
- ENG 101 English Composition I (3 credit hours)\*\*
- PSY 210 Human Growth and Development (3 credit hours)
- SPH 106 or 107 Speech (3 credit hours)
- Total Prerequisites: 20 credit hours

**Semester I (Spring)**

**Semester Hours**

NUR 209 Concepts for Healthcare Transition Students ....	10
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**Semester II (Fall)**

+BIO 220 Microbiology.....	4
NUR 211 Advanced Nursing Concepts.....	7
	11

**Semester III (Spring)**

+Humanities Elective.....	3
NUR 221 Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning ...	7
	10

Skills Competency is required for Healthcare Transition Option Track I and Track II and may include testing and/or skills validation. Upon successful completion of NUR 209, students are eligible to progress into NUR 211. Upon successful completion of the Healthcare Transition Option Track One, students will receive 15 non-traditional credit hours. Upon successful completion of the Healthcare Transition Option Track Two, students will receive 25 non-traditional credit hours.

**Total Semester Credits..... 66**

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

\*\*Keyboarding skills are essential for the successful completion of English 101.

+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.

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

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

**Practical Nursing 513901 LPN  
Career Certificate**

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This certificate is designed for training capable individuals who desire to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). The Practical Nursing program enables the student to obtain the skills and knowledge leading to employment in the health care field. Topics related to safe, knowledgeable, and efficient nursing care are included. The certificate is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the state licensing examination (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as Practical Nurses. Graduation from the program however, does not guarantee Board of Nursing approval to take the NCLEX-PN licensing examination. See Standards of Conduct in the Registered Nursing section of the catalog.

The Practical Nursing Program is three semesters in length. Students are admitted in the Summer Semester.

**The admission criteria is currently under review and is subject to change.**

Students are admitted according to the following priority:

1. First time students
2. Reinstatements
3. Transfer students with previous nursing education

**PRACTICAL NURSING GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Minimum admission standards for Practical Nursing include:

1. Unconditional admission to the college and be in good standing with College.
2. Receipt of completed application for the Practical Nursing Program by October 15th for the summer admission annually.
3. Have a minimum of 2.50 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale based on a required academic core courses for nursing and on clear academic status AND
  - \* Current or previous NW-SCC students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher at NW-SCC
  - \* Transfer students must enter NW-SCC on clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA)
  - \* Students without prior college courses must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative high school GPA on all high school work attempted (including 12th grade)

4. Eligibility for English 101 and MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) or higher as determined by college policy.
5. Minimum of 18 ACT Composite score (writing component not required), national or residual, is required, and results must be submitted to the Admissions office. There is no expiration date on ACT for the nursing application.
6. Meeting the essential functions required for nursing. (See Essential Functions in Registered Nursing section of the catalog.)

Admission to the PN program is competitive. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

The College reserves the right to adjust requirements or use additional criteria to determine admission.

**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 any clinical agency.**

2. Meet the Essential Functions 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 (BLS). Community CPR is not acceptable. If a student is not certified with the appropriate CPR, the student may 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. Participate in and pay for periodic standardized testing.
8. Participate in and pay for drug testing as directed by Health Studies Division.
9. Participate in and pay for background checks as directed by Health Studies Division.

**NOTICE: The Alabama Community College System Standardized Curriculum is continuing to be reviewed and analyzed. Modifications will be made as needed.**

**Refer to the Registered Nursing sections for the following information which applies to both the ADN and PN programs: Essential Functions and Standards of Conduct.**

**Progression Policy:** Please refer to the Progression Policy for Nursing Programs for the Alabama Community College System found in the Registered Nursing Section.

**Transfer Policy:** Please refer to the Transfer Policy for Nursing Programs for the Alabama Community College System found in the Registered Nursing Section.

The following are specific policies for the PN Program for students wishing to transfer:

1. You will receive no credit for any nursing education that was acquired more than one (1) year prior to the transfer.
2. You must complete two semesters of the program at NW-SCC.
3. ACCS Nursing Curriculum courses will be transferred without review of course syllabus.

**EXPENSES:**

The tuition rate is the same as that for other NW-SCC students, but nursing program students will incur other expenses, which are listed below. Note that the amounts listed are approximations and that they are subject to change without notice.

Textbooks and course outlines .....	\$1,000.00
Professional liability insurance .....	\$20.00
Drug Screening.....	\$40.00
Laboratory kit.....	\$70.00
Uniforms(s) and necessary equipment.....	\$345.00
(stethoscope, watch with second hand, pen light, etc.)	
Physical examination.....	\$1,000.00
(Immunizations, if needed)	
Standardized Exams .....	\$250.00
Background Check .....	\$60.00
Clinical ID Badge .....	5.00
Computer Software.....	\$400.00
Parking Decal .....	\$20.00

Additional expenses anticipated during the final semester of the PN program are approximate. These are as follows:

ABN application.....	\$88.50
NCLEX application .....	\$200.00
Temporary permit (optional) ABN Only .....	\$50.00
Nursing Pin (optional) .....	\$45.00
NCLEX review course (optional) .....	\$250.00

**NOTICE: In addition to the expenses listed above, you are responsible for transportation, meals, health care expenses, any liability incurred during and while traveling to and/or from educational experiences.**

## **Practical Nursing Career Certificate**

513901 LPN

### **NW-SCC PN to ADN TRANSFER POLICY**

PN Students are not allowed to transfer into the ADN program without obtaining the PN certificate. After completion of the PN certificate, students may apply for admission into the ADN program without a LPN license based on the following conditions.

1. Meet all the ADN program admission and progression requirements.
2. Apply to transfer into the ADN program within one semester of the completion of the NW-SCC PN program with PN certificate (meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.)

	<b>Semester Hours</b>
<b>Semester I</b>	
+MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or Higher Level...	3
+BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4
NUR 112 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing .....	7
	14
<b>Semester II</b>	
+ENG 101 English Composition I .....	3
+BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
+PSY 210 Human Growth and Development.....	3
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I .....	8
	18
<b>Semester III</b>	
SPH 106 or 107 Speech.....	3
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II .....	8
NUR 115 Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning .....	2
	13
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours .....</b>	<b>45</b>

+Must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher before or during semester noted above.

## **Nursing Assistant**

513902 NAS

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The Nursing Assistant course includes instruction in theory, nursing skills lab, and a clinical rotation in a long-term care facility. A basic introduction to the field of long-term care and home health care is provided. This course does not require a high school diploma or GED certificate for admission.

After successful completion of the 80-hour nurse assistant course, the student will meet requirements to take both the written and skills examinations required by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to be a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) in the state of Alabama. Tests are available from at least two test services in the state. Students must pass the test within 24 months of having successfully completed a state approved nurse assistant training program. Applicants are allowed three attempts to take the written test and the clinical skills test. Both tests must be passed in the same 24-month eligibility period for the results to be provided to the ADPH, the certifying agency.

Certification as a nurse assistant enables the individual to obtain employment in nursing homes, hospitals, or home health care agencies. Employment eligibility for persons less than 18 years old is dependent upon the policy of the individual agency.

Clinical requirements:

1. Ability to meet essential functions requirements (with or without accommodation).
2. Current proof of negative TB skin test (2 step)
3. Verification of current CPR certification at the American Heart Association, Health Provider level (BLS)
4. Negative drug screen (performed by school-approved vendor)
5. Clear criminal background check (performed by school approved vendor)

Note that the amounts listed are approximations and that they are subject to change without notice.

Tuition and fees .....	\$ 568.00
Student Insurance Fee .....	\$ 7.50
Textbook .....	\$ 81.75
Liability Insurance.....	\$ 20.00
TB Skin Test .....	varies
Background Check .....	\$ 60.00
Clinical ID Badge.....	\$ 5.00
Certification Exam .....	\$ 100.00
Parking Decal .....	\$ 20.00
Drug Screening.....	\$ 40.00
Uniform and Shoes.....	\$ varies