

Nursing

The Nursing curriculum prepares students for beginning staff nurse positions in acute, long-term care and community-based facilities. Staff nurses plan, provide and evaluate nursing care for individual health maintenance or health promotion needs. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, students receive an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and are eligible to sit for the state licensure examination to become a registered nurse (R.N.).

Nursing students attend classes at the College. Selected clinical laboratory learning experiences under the guidance of nursing faculty are provided at a variety of health care agencies in Philadelphia. These experiences provide students with the opportunity to apply classroom learning in client care situations. The availability of learning experiences may necessitate evening or weekend clinical laboratory assignments for students.

The Nursing curriculum is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, 800-669-1656, www.nlnac.org and is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

For more information about the Nursing program, visit: <http://www.ccp.edu/site/academic/degrees/nursing.php>.

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Admission is selective and requires that potential students fulfill all admission requirements of the College. All applicants must hold a high school diploma or GED. In addition, applicants must have successfully completed one year of high school biology and one year of high school chemistry as well as two years of college preparatory mathematics within the past 10 years with grades of "C" or better. In the absence of these requirements, placement in MATH 118, and a grade of "C" or better in BIO 106 and CHEM 110 satisfies these requirements. Equivalent college level courses are acceptable. For applicants holding a high school diploma, the 10-year requirement is calculated from the date of graduation. For all other applicants the date is calculated from the semester and year the course was successfully completed.

The Professional Nursing Law permits the Nursing Board to consider the "moral character of any license candidate." The College, in its admissions process, will consider information regarding criminal convictions and/or crimes of moral turpitude. Admission is conditional pending receipt and evaluation of a Pennsylvania State Police and F.B.I. criminal background check, child abuse check, and drug screening test. A positive result in any of these areas may bar the student from being admitted into the Nursing program.

The following guidelines are used for making decisions about an applicant's criminal and child abuse background.

Child Abuse Clearance

- Any record results in denial of admission into the Nursing program.

Criminal Background Check

- Any felony conviction within the past ten years results in denial of admission to the Nursing program.
- Any felony conviction more than ten years old will be evaluated based on the nature of the offense, length of time since the offense and any explanatory letters/materials submitted by the applicant or student.
- Any misdemeanor will be evaluated based on the nature of the offense, length of time since the offense, and explanatory letter/materials submitted by the applicant or students. (Any punishment over one year indicates a felony according to federal sentencing guidelines.)

Drug Screening Clearance

- The Nursing program requires participation in clinical education. Clinical Affiliates of the Nursing program require evidence of a negative drug screening test in order for a student to participate in the clinical education part of the nursing program at their facility. Therefore any student with a positive drug screening test cannot be admitted into the Nursing program.

Involvement in any incident which resulted in disciplinary action against a student at the Community College of Philadelphia or any postsecondary institution is considered in the admissions

process. The Nursing program reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant who has a documented history of violating College rules and regulations or who has been previously suspended or expelled from the College or any other post-secondary educational institution.

Reconsideration

An applicant who believes that an error of fact has been made in terms of the information provided to the decision making committee can request reconsideration by the committee. This request must be made in writing within ten days from the date of the letter notifying the applicant of the decision. The reconsideration should address what the applicant considers to be errors of fact.

Following reconsideration by the decision making committee, the applicant can appeal the committee's decision to the Vice President for Academic Affairs whose decision is final.

Clinical experience in the Nursing program includes contact with children. This experience could be in hospitals, schools, or other community agencies. In order to participate in these experiences, students must obtain a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse History Clearance prior to entrance into the Nursing program. This Nursing program requirement is mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania per 24 P.S. 1-111 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code and 23 Pennsylvania C.S.A. 6355 of the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law. Any official change or the initiation of any government-mental proceeding affecting the information revealed by the required criminal or child abuse background check must be reported immediately to the head of the nursing program.

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a documented history of violating College rules and regulations or who has previously been suspended or expelled from the College or any other post-secondary educational institution.

Students petitioning for admission to any nursing course must have a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average and meet other departmental requirements. Students who meet these criteria are admitted to the course on a competitive basis as space allows. All applicants are required to participate in the pre-entrance Allied Health testing program. Some applicants will be required to attend a summer session workshop prior to admission. Successful completion of the workshop is a necessary requirement for enrollment in the first nursing course. In some cases an interview with the head of the Nursing department or admissions committee is required. All applicants are encouraged to meet with a counselor prior to making an application or petition.

A record of complete physical and dental examinations, including required laboratory test results, must be on file in the nursing office before applicants can begin any nursing course. A physical examination is also required of students prior to enrolling in the second year of the program. Admission is considered conditional until this information is received. Health problems which would interfere with the applicant's ability to meet program objectives will be considered individually.

Health requirements must be documented in English by a U.S. health care provider.

Students are responsible for documenting current CPR certification liability and health insurance, and for purchasing uniforms and other related materials required for the clinical laboratory experiences of the program.

To be considered for the Nursing program applications must be submitted by January 15. All prerequisite courses must be completed by January 31.

To remain in the Nursing curriculum, students must maintain a grade of "C" or better in all nursing and required pre- and corequisite courses. During all clinical laboratory experiences, students must maintain client safety. Violation

of safety may result in an immediate clinical failure, an administrative withdrawal and a grade of "F" for the course. Students whose attitudes and behavior are viewed as inconsistent with professional standards may be dropped from the curriculum pending the results of a departmental hearing.

READMISSION:

Students requesting readmission to the Nursing program must meet program entry requirements and conditions for acceptance. Students requesting readmission are selected on a competitive basis as space permits. The program must be completed within four (4) years of initial enrollment. Students who were dropped from the program for unprofessional conduct or violation of safety issues may not be considered for readmission.

Students applying for readmission must have a college GPA of 2.75 by July 1 for September enrollment or by September 1 for January enrollment.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTIONS:

Licensed practical nurses, corpsmen, and candidates who have had one year of successful previous nursing school experience may apply for advanced placement through credit by life experience for Nursing 101. Advanced placement candidates must complete all admission requirements for consideration by the department. Successful completion of Nursing 915, the noncredit transition course, is required before advanced placement is granted. Students who meet these criteria are admitted on a space-available basis.

All Advanced Placement applicants must complete the following co-requisite courses by July 31 prior to the anticipated January enrollment and achieve a GPA of 2.75 or higher: BIOL 109, DIET 111, and ENGL 101. In addition, all Advanced Placement applicants must have completed the following prerequisite courses (or the high school equivalent) with a grade of "A," "B," or "C" within the past ten years by July 31 prior to the anticipated January enrollment: CHEM 110 and MATH 118.

Documentation of life experience is required. LPNs must submit a current, active LPN license in good standing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

and a transcript from the LPN school. Medics/corpsmen must submit evidence of honorable discharge from a branch of the U.S. military indicating training and service as a medic/corpsmen.

Students who plan to transfer from another school of nursing must provide a transcript showing a GPA of 2.75 or higher, at least one year of clinical courses with satisfactory performance (provide course descriptions) and a letter of reference from the school.

PROGRAM OF STUDY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for the A.A.S. degree in Nursing, students must complete 64 credit hours as prescribed, attain a grade point average of 2.0 or better and no grade below "C" in any course. All students must complete the nursing course sequence within five academic years of the date of admission to the first nursing course.

FOR REFERENCE:

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny a license to any candidate who has been convicted of any felonious act. Conviction includes a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere, probation without verdict, or incomplete ARD. Further, the board shall not issue a license to any applicant who has been:

1. convicted of a felonious act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or
2. convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory or country unless:
 - a. at least 10 years have elapsed from the date of the conviction;
 - b. the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the board significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure should not create a substantial risk of further violations; and
 - c. the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in this act.

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| Recommended Course Sequence | Course Number and Name | Prerequisite or Corequisite | Credits |
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| Program Core Courses - Nursing | | | |
| 1 | NURS 101 - Nursing I | Coreq: BIOL 109, DIET 111, ENGL 101 | 7 |
| 1 | BIOL 109 - Anatomy and Physiology | | 4 |
| 2 | NURS 132 - Nursing II | NURS 101 Coreq: BIOL 110, ENGL 102, PSYC 101 | 7 |
| 2 | BIOL 110 - Anatomy and Physiology | BIOL 109 | 4 |
| 1 | DIET 111 - Introduction to Nutrition | BIOL 109 | 3 |
| 3 | NURS 231 - Nursing III | NURS 132 Coreq: BIOL 241 and SOC 101 | 7 |
| 3 | BIOL 241 - Principles of Microbiology | BIOL 106,107, 109, or 123 | 4 |
| 4 | NURS 232 - Nursing IV | NURS 231 | 7 |
| General Education Courses (See page 36 for information on disciplines which meet these requirements.) | | | |
| 1 | ENGL 101 - English Composition I | | 3 |
| 2 | ENGL 102 - English Composition II | ENGL 101 | 3 |
| 3 | SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology | | 3 |
| 2 | PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology | | 3 |
| Electives | | | |
| 3 | Humanities Elective | | 3 |
| 4 | Humanities or Social Science Elective | | 3 |
| 4 | Statistics or Computer Studies | | 3 |

Total to Graduate: 64 credits minimum

¹Courses with the same recommended course sequence number must be taken as prerequisites to, or concurrent with, the Nursing course.

For More Information Contact:

The Division of Math, Science and Health Careers, Room W2-7, 1700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, Telephone 215-751-8430; or the College Information Center, 215-751-8010; or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 1-800-669-1656, 61 Broadway, New York, New York 10006.