

NURSING - LPN/RN, A.A.S.

Entry Time

Fall, Spring, Summer

Note: The Nursing Program is a day program. However, some evening or weekend experiences may be required.

Award

Associate of Applied Science degree
2 years (5 terms plus prerequisites)

Accreditation

The Nursing program is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing:
River Point Business Park
400 S.W. 8th Street, Suite B
Des Moines, IA 50309-4685
515-281-3255
<http://www.iowa.gov/nursing> (<http://www.iowa.gov/nursing/>)

NLN CNEA Pre-Accreditation

- The Kirkwood Community College Associate Degree in Nursing program holds pre-accreditation status from the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20037
202-909-2526
- Holding pre-accreditation status does not guarantee that initial accreditation by NLN CNEA will be received.

Program Description

The first two semesters of the Practical Nursing (PN) and Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) programs are identical and provide a core of knowledge and skills that are common to both nursing roles. Kirkwood nursing classes cover medical, surgical, geriatric, maternal-child, mental health and home health nursing over the five-semester program. Patient care skills are learned in a supervised lab setting. Clinical experience begins in the first semester. Students receive clinical experience in all of the major areas of nursing and complete their clinicals in area hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, mental health facilities, home health agencies and a variety of specialty clinics.

Additional Requirements

- GPA of 2.75 in pre-requisites with Minimum C in each course EXCEPT: minimum B- in Introduction to Nursing and Anatomy & Physiology I and II
- May take each pre-requisite course only twice
- Anatomy & Physiology I and II courses must be taken within 5 years of entry into the nursing program and must be 3 credits didactic course with a 1 credit lab
- Introduction to Nursing must be taken within 2 semesters of entry into the nursing program
- TOEFL IBT of 84 with a minimum Speaking score of 26 for those who have not graduated from a high school or college in the United States
- Meet the program Math requirement listed below by achieving one of the requirements below:

- ACT math score of ≥ 19
- ALEKS algebra score of 30 (effective October 1, 2016)
- College level Math course equivalency
- Earned AA or Bachelor's Degree
- Please Note: Test scores expire after 2 years
- Personal laptop is required for all computer based testing. Specifications of laptop requirements are available on the the Kirkwood Nursing website or at the Department of Nursing office; 2172 Linn Hall.
- Certified Nursing Assistant OR Health Support Professional
 - Certified Nursing Assistant demonstrated by the following:
 - Certificate of completion of an Iowa CNA course (with completion of the clinical component of the course)
 - Listing in the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Direct Care Worker Registry as eligible
 - Note:** Students may obtain CNA training through Kirkwood's Continuing Education

or

- Health Support Professional demonstrated by the following:
 - Certificate of completion of all Health Support Professional (HSP) modules in the Iowa Prepare to Care Direct Care Professional Career Pathway (<http://www.iowapreparetocare.com/?responseToken=0ee7e60c625538620a0f23d376df6be10>) curriculum
 - Listing in the Care Book as an HSP
 - Minimum of 80 hours of work experience as an HSP supported with the following:
 - Letter from nurse manager
 - Official job description
- Compliance Requirements:**
 - Criminal and Dependent Adult Abuse and Child Abuse Background Checks
 - Immunizations
 - Current certification for American Heart Association Health Care Provider in CPR
 - Administrative requirements
 - Note:** Students must provide immunization paperwork for specified immunizations and pass a Criminal and Dependent Adult Abuse and Child Abuse Background Check prior to admission to the program. Failure to pass these background checks, complete the immunizations or administrative requirements will prevent admission to the Nursing Program.
- Note: Nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person:**
 - Who has been denied licensure by the Iowa Board of Nursing.
 - Whose license is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any United States jurisdiction.
 - Whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

Career Opportunities

- hospitals
- long-term care facilities
- home health care
- Hospice

- nurse educator
- public health
- clinics
- school nursing
- military
- correctional nursing
- wellness centers
- occupational-industry

Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisites		
BIO-168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	4
BIO-151	Nutrition ²	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-105	Composition I ²	
ENG-120	College Writing ²	
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology ²	3
SOC-110	Introduction to Sociology ²	3
Humanities or History/Culture Course (https://creditcatalog.kirkwood.edu/aas-degree-humanities-requirement/) ²		3
Term Totals:		19
Term 1		
BIO-173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	4
HSC-189	Introduction to Nursing ¹	4
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology ²	3
BIO-186	Microbiology ²	4
Select one of the following:		3
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication ²	
SPC-112	Public Speaking ²	
Term Totals:		18
Term 2		
PNN-228	Foundations of Nursing I ¹	6
PNN-280	Pharmacology I ¹	2
PNN-721	Foundations of Nursing Clinical I	2
PNN-293	Health Assessment ¹	3
Term Totals:		13
Term 3		
PNN-229	Foundations of Nursing II ¹	4
PNN-282	Pharmacology II ¹	2
PNN-446	Nursing Care of the Growing Family ¹	4
PNN-723	Foundations of Nursing Clinical II	2
Term Totals:		12

Term 4		
ADN-171	Concepts of Nursing I ¹	5
ADN-740	Concepts of Nursing Clinic	3
ADN-176	Advanced Concepts in Mental Health Across the Continuum ¹	4
Term Totals:		12
Term 5		
ADN-180	Advanced Concepts of Nursing ¹	4
ADN-760	Advanced Concepts of Nursing Clinical	4
ADN-183	Advanced Concepts in Obstetric and Pediatric Nursing ¹	4
Term Totals:		12
Program Totals:		86

¹ Completion of courses with a B- minimum required.

² Completion of courses with a minimum of a C required prior to acceptance.

Optional Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ADN-924	Honors Project	1
HSC-160	Healthcare Communication and Comprehension	3