

NURSING - ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Overview

Nursing - Associate Degree Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Code: 10-543-1

For more information: [wctc.edu/nursing](http://www.wctc.edu/nursing) (<http://www.wctc.edu/nursing/>)

Nurses are key to the healthcare team, serving as caregivers, educators and patient advocates. Integrate the science and art of nursing to prepare for the national licensing exam to become a registered nurse. Licensed nurses may work in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities or on the business side of healthcare.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

Core Courses = C

General Studies Courses = C

Program GPA = 2.0

Related Credential that can be earned along the way.

- Nursing Assistant Technical Diploma (<https://catalog.wctc.edu/programs/nursing-assistant/>)

This WCTC program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states.

Learning Outcomes

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1. Integrate professional nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing standards.
2. Communicate comprehensive information using multiple sources in nursing practice.
3. Integrate theoretical knowledge to support decision-making.
4. Integrate the nursing process into client care across diverse populations.
5. Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care.

Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multicultural and collaborative**, we provide curricular and co-curricular opportunities to develop critical life skills. WCTC is committed to teaching all students the following skills:

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.
- **Self-management:** Demonstrate responsible and respectful behavior.

Required Courses

Listed below are the required courses for the program. To view the recommended sequence for taking courses click on the plan of study tab(s) above. Work with your Academic Advisor to design a program plan!

To support your success in the program, we recommend credits earned in Advanced A&P be relevant within the last 5 years.

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
543-102	Nursing Skills	3
543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	2
543-104	Nursing Intro Clinical Practice	2
543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	3
543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	3
543-107	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	2
543-108	Intro to Clinical Care Management	2
543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	3
543-110	Mental Health & Community Concepts	2
543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	3
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations II	3
543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	2
543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
General Studies		
801-136	English Composition 1	3
Approved Substitute: 801-223		
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Approved Substitute: 801-198		
806-177	Gen Anatomy & Physiology	4
		View Prerequisite Requirements by hovering over the Course #.
806-179	Adv Anatomy & Physiology	4
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
809-198	Intro to Psychology	3
Total Credits		65

Full-time Fall Start Plan

First Year

Fall Term 1		Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Credits		6

Fall Term 2

806-177	Gen Anatomy & Physiology	4
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809-198	Intro to Psychology	3
Credits		7
Spring Term 1		
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
806-179	Adv Anatomy & Physiology	4
Credits		7
Spring Term 2		
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
Credits		7
Second Year		
Fall Term 1		
543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
543-102	Nursing Skills	3
Credits		5
Fall Term 2		
543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	2
543-104	Nursing Intro Clinical Practice	2
Credits		4
Spring Term 1		
543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	3
543-107	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	2
Credits		5
Spring Term 2		
543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	3
543-108	Intro to Clinical Care Management	2
Credits		5
Third Year		
Fall Term 1		
543-110	Mental Health & Community Concepts	2
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
Credits		3
Fall Term 2		
543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	3
543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6
Spring Term 1		
543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations II	3
543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6
Spring Term 2		
543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	2
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
Credits		4
Total Credits		65

Full-time Spring Start Plan

First Year

Spring Term 1		Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Credits		6

Spring Term 2

806-177	Gen Anatomy & Physiology	4
809-198	Intro to Psychology	3
Credits		7

Summer Term

806-179	Adv Anatomy & Physiology	4
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
Credits		7

Fall Term 1

806-197	Microbiology	4
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
Credits		7

Second Year

Spring Term 1		
543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
543-102	Nursing Skills	3
Credits		5

Spring Term 2

543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	2
543-104	Nursing Intro Clinical Practice	2
Credits		4

Fall Term 1

543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	3
543-107	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	2
Credits		5

Fall Term 2

543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	3
543-108	Intro to Clinical Care Management	2
Credits		5

Third Year

Spring Term 1		
543-110	Mental Health & Community Concepts	2
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
Credits		3

Spring Term 2

543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	3
543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6

Fall Term 1

543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations II	3
543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6

Fall Term 2

543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	2
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543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
Credits		4
Total Credits		65

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Nursing Plan

Designed for those who hold a current Wisconsin Practical Nurse License (LPN). Students must verify having 2000 hours of work experience within the last five years working as an LPN in a health care setting. This progression track will enable LPNs to enter the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program with advanced standing at the third semester based on past education and experience. This personalized progression pathway will help the LPN become an RN with minimum repetition of previously learned knowledge and skills. Contact the program advisor for approval of all prior learning credits.

LPNs in the progression track are required to take a progression course prior to entry, which will assist in the transition into the Nursing-Associate Degree program and the role of the registered nurse.

LPNs are required to pass all required General Studies courses (listed on the Required Courses tab) as well as the following courses with a C or better before entering into the ADN Program:

- 543-123 LPN Progression Transition
- 890-101 College Success Strategies
- 806-176 Physiology for Healthcare

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Spring Start Only

First Year		
Spring Term 1		Credits
806-176	Physiology for Healthcare	2
890-101	College Success Strategies	1
Credits		3
Spring Term 2		
543-123	LPN Progression Transition	2
Credits		2
Fall Term 1		
543-110	Mental Health & Community Concepts	2
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
Credits		3
Fall Term 2		
543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	3
543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice ^{This course will run 12 weeks.}	3
Credits		6
Second Year		
Spring Term 1		
543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations II	3
543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6

Spring Term 2

543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	2
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
Credits		4
Total Credits		24

Paramedic to Nursing, Associate Degree Plan

Designed for those working as paramedics that have completed the Paramedic Technician Associate Degree program that want to advance their educational experience and earn a Nursing associate degree. By taking specific Paramedic to RN bridge courses, students can enter into the third semester of the Nursing - Associate Degree Program based on past education and experience. Contact the program advisor for approval of all prior learning credits.

Students are also required to pass all required General Studies courses (listed on the Required Courses tab) with a C or better.

View your Program Matrix (https://www.wctc.edu/_site-pdfs/course-offering-matrix/paramedic-bridge.pdf) to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Fall Start Only

First Year

Fall Term 1		Credits
543-127	Paramedic to ADN Theory 1	3
543-130	Paramedic to ADN Skills	2
Credits		5

Fall Term 2

543-128	Paramedic to ADN Theory 2	3
543-129	Paramedic to ADN Clinical	2
Credits		5

Spring Term 1

543-110	Mental Health & Community Concepts	2
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
Credits		3

Spring Term 2

543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	3
543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6

Second Year

Fall Term 1

543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations II	3
543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3
Credits		6

Fall Term 2

543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	2
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
Credits		4
Total Credits		29