

ASSOCIATED IN APPLIED SCIENCE THE NURSING PROGRAM

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants to the A.A.S. degree in the nursing program must first complete the admissions requirements for the college. All students must meet the requirements of each assigned clinical site to qualify for placement. To be eligible to apply to the nursing program, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher in courses required for the A.A.S. degree in nursing, excluding fitness or math classes. Because nursing builds on the foundation of science, a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 in the behavioral/social sciences, math and science requirements. Math and science courses have a five-year time limit of eligibility. The following courses are prerequisites for admission to the program: BIOL 130, BIOL 130L, ENGL 111, HLCR 125 and MATH 102. Application packets are available through the nursing office. It is the student's responsibility to return the completed application packet. Exact dates will be provided by the nursing department.

The nursing program accepts new nursing students, paramedics, LPNs, re-entry and transfer students. It is the student's responsibility to seek pre-nursing advisement about course requirements and the application process. Class size is limited and admissions are based on space availability. Selection of students may be based on college G.P.A. for courses that are appropriate to the nursing curriculum, residency, health-care related work experiences and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Students are considered pre-nursing students prior to admission to the nursing program and nursing students thereafter. Prospective students who have been convicted of a felony are advised to contact the appropriate state board of nursing prior to admission to determine their eligibility for licensure. Some agencies require additional information from the nursing program such as fingerprinting, background checks, drug testing, etc.

ALTERNATE TRACK:

This track is designed for students with bachelor degrees from accredited colleges or universities. To apply to this 15 month track, all science prerequisites (BIOL 130, BIOL 130L, BIOL 131, BIOL 131L, BIOL 221 and BIOL 221L) must be completed prior to admission in addition to the required prerequisites (ENGL 111, HLCR 125 and MATH 102).

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

The program is designed to be completed in two academic years after admission. Nursing courses are to be taken in sequence as outlined by the nursing department. A minimum grade of "C" must be maintained in all nursing courses to progress from one level to the next and to graduate. A cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 must be maintained to remain in the nursing program.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING

(71 hrs. min.)

CIP: 51.1601

The SFCC Nursing Program is approved by the New Mexico State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York City, NY 10006, (800) 669-1656, ext. 153 or www.nlnac.org. Students who successfully complete the associate in applied science in nursing degree are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN) to qualify for licensure as registered nurses in New Mexico. Students who plan to take the licensure examination in another state are advised to contact that state's board of nursing for specific requirements.

Note: A.A.S. degrees are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in specific occupations; they are not generally intended to transfer to four-year institutions. For more information on transfer, please refer to Page X of this catalog, or speak with an academic adviser.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Compassion through empathy and sensitivity to the human experience within diverse populations across the lifespan.
- Competence in application of cognitive, affective and psychomotor knowledge and skills in providing safe, comprehensive, collaborative and complex nursing care.
- Conscience through the application of standards and ethical and legal decision-making in nursing practice.
- Confidence in the implementation of the roles of the nurse when caring for others through collaborative and creative utilization of nursing knowledge and experience.
- Commitment to personal and professional growth in the responsible application of the standards and obligations of the nursing profession to assure excellence in nursing practice by self and others.
- Comportment through professional attitude, language, behavior and appearance that communicates a caring presence.
- Creativity through reflection about one's own nursing practice and resourcefulness when contributing to new solutions to improve healing environments.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (33 HRS. MIN.)

Communications (9 hrs.)

ENGL 111 Composition and Rhetoric (3)

ENGL 216 Technical Writing (3)

SPCH 220 Interpersonal Communication (3)

Humanities (3 hrs.)

Behavioral/Social Sciences (3 hrs.)

PSYC 111 Psychology I (3)

[or]

PSYC 130 Applied Health Psychology (3)

Biological/Physical Sciences (12 hrs.)

BIOL 130 Anatomy and Physiology I: Health Sciences (3)

BIOL 130L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab: Health Sciences (1)

BIOL 131 Anatomy and Physiology II: Health Sciences (3)

BIOL 131L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab: Health Sciences (1)

BIOL 221 Microbiology for Health Sciences (3)

BIOL 221L Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab (1)

Computers/Technology (4 hrs.)

OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials I (4)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation or Dance (2 hrs. min.)

CORE REQUIREMENTS: (38 HRS.)

NURS 111 Fundamentals of Nursing (4)

NURS 111L Fundamentals of Nursing Lab (2)

NURS 112 Introduction to Pharmacology (1)

NURS 113 Medication Calculations (1)

NURS 121 Adult Nursing I (4)

NURS121L Adult Nursing I Lab (4)

NURS 122 Pharmacologic Interventions (2)

NURS 130 Health Assessment (2)

NURS 211 Family Nursing (2)

NURS 211L Family Nursing Lab (1)

NURS 212 Nursing of Children (2)

NURS 212L Nursing of Children Lab (1)

NURS 221 Adult Nursing II (4)

NURS 221L Adult Nursing II Lab (4)

NURS 222 Psychiatric/Mental-Health Nursing (2)

NURS 222L Psychiatric/Mental-Health Nursing Lab (1)

NURS 241 Issues in Nursing (1)

Note: BIOL 130, BIOL 130L, ENGL 111, HLCR 125 and MATH 102 or skill-level equivalents are prerequisites for the associate in applied science nursing degree

and must be completed before applying to the program. Other general studies requirements can be taken before or during the nursing program. NURS 297 Transition in Nursing is a prerequisite for paramedics and LPNs entering the second level of the program.

Note: See "College Success Course Requirement" on Page 8.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester/16.25 Credits

Prerequisite credit hours that are not included in the 33 degree credit hours

BIOL 130 Anatomy and Physiology I: Health Sciences (3)

BIOL 130L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab: Health Sciences (1)

ENGL 111 Composition and Rhetoric (3)

EMSI 151L Basic Life Support – CPR (.25) [or current CPR certificate]

HLCR 125 Nurse Aide (5) [course within 12 months, or current CNA certificate]

MATH 102 Basic Algebra (4) [or similar skill level equivalent or placement exam]

Second Semester/14 Credits

BIOL 131 Anatomy and Physiology II: Health Sciences (3)

BIOL 131L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab: Health Sciences (1)

OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials (4)

PSYC 111 Psychology I (3)

[or]

PSYC 130 Applied Health Psychology (3)

SPCH 220 Interpersonal Communication (3)

Third Semester/12 Credits

Humanities (3)

Choose one from these areas: HIST, LANG. PHIL, HUMS, ANTH, ARTS (not studio courses), MUSC, AMSL or Literature

BIOL 221 Microbiology for Health Sciences (3)

BIOL 221L Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab (1)

ENGL 216 Technical Writing (3)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation or Dance (2)

Fourth Semester/10 Credits Min.

Nursing Core Requirements (10 hrs.)

NURS 111 Fundamentals of Nursing (4)

NURS 111L Fundamentals of Nursing Lab (2)

NURS 112 Introduction to Pharmacology (1)

NURS 113 Medication Calculations (1)

NURS 130 Health Assessment (2)

Fifth Semester/10 Credits

NURS 121	Adult Nursing I (4)
NURS 121L	Adult Nursing I Lab (4)
NURS 122	Pharmacologic Interventions (2)

Sixth Semester/9 Credits

NURS 211	Family Nursing (2)
NURS 211L	Family Nursing Lab (1)
NURS 212	Nursing of Children (2)
NURS 212L	Nursing of Children Lab (1)
NURS 222	Psychiatric/Mental-Health Nursing (2)
NURS 222L	Psychiatric/Mental-Health Nursing Lab (1)

Seventh Semester/9 Credits

NURS 221	Adult Nursing II (4)
NURS 221L	Adult Nursing II Lab (4)
NURS 241	Issues in Nursing (1)

TOTAL 71 CREDITS MIN.