

NURSING PROGRAM

Associate Degree - RN

<http://www.sandburg.edu/academics/associate-degree-nursing>

Carl Sandburg College offers a two-year Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing. The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares the student for entry level as a Registered Nurse (RN). Successful graduates will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination.

Registered professional nurses work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients recover from and cope with illness. Registered professional nurses assess, diagnose, plan, implement and evaluate care to patients; assist physicians with treatments and examinations; administer medications; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. Registered professional nurses also provide patient education to clients and families to help improve or maintain the optimum level of health.

Working Conditions

Most health care facilities provide a safe and comfortable working environment. Care is required around the clock, often in 8- or 12-hour shifts, weekends and holidays, and may involve on-call work. Schools, offices, and clinics offer more traditional work hours. The Registered Nurse provides direct patient care and must be able to obtain the knowledge (cognitive function), skills (psychomotor function), and demonstrate professionalism (affective function). Please refer to the Essential Skills & Abilities of a Registered Nurse to determine if you are able to meet these functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

Employment

Employment opportunities include, but are not limited to hospitals, clinics and physician offices, long-term care/rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, public health facilities, schools, churches, informatics, correctional facilities and insurance companies. The demand for registered professional nurses is very high and expected to increase. It is projected that employment of RNs will grow 16% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventive care; growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as they live longer and more, active lives. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Accreditation/Approval

The Associate Degree Nursing program holds full accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Illinois State Board of Nursing (ISBN) and Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) has approved the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Licensure

Graduates may apply to write for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of this exam, the student is eligible to apply for Registered Nurse licensure in any state. Graduates will need to complete a criminal background check at time of licensure application and will be evaluated by ISBN before licensure is granted or denied. Please be advised that the Illinois State Board of Nursing (ISBN) can deny nursing licensure and discipline those that are

licensed. You can access all licensing and nursing scope of practice regulations at www.idfpr.com (<http://www.idfpr.com>).

Admission to the Program: Selective

The Associate Degree Nursing Program has limited enrollment and a selection process for admission into the program. Applicants need to refer to the Eligibility & Admission Requirements for this program to determine eligibility criteria and the selection process. Students interested in this program must attend a Health Professions Informational Session prior to applying to the program. Students can apply online to the Associate Degree Nursing Program October 1 - March 1. Application deadline date is March 1 for Fall enrollment. We notify applicants approximately two weeks after the application deadline date whether or not they have been accepted into the program. Applicants accepted into the nursing program must attend the program orientation session.

Students accepted will be required to possess Healthcare Provider CPR certification throughout the program, show proof of immunizations and required titers, TB test, physical examination, criminal background check, and a drug screen. Students are responsible for all fees incurred, in addition to tuition. Please refer to the Associate Degree Nursing Program Cost Sheet. Please note findings on the criminal background check and drug screen may void conditional admission and prevent entrance to the program. Findings on the physical examination and drug screen may prevent placement at the clinical sites.

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For Graduation Requirements:

See the graduation policies and procedures (http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation_policies_and_procedures) page for details.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
First Year		
Summer Session		
ENG.101	Freshman Composition 1	3
PSY.101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Fall Semester		
NAD.105	Nursing 1	7
NAD.106	Medication Principles for Nurses	2
NAD.108	Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	2
BIO.211	Anatomy & Physiology 1	4
Spring Semester		
NAD.125	Nursing II	8
NAD.130	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
BIO.212	Anatomy & Physiology 2	4
NUT.110	Nutrition	3

Second Year**Summer Session**

BIO.200	General Microbiology	4
SOC.101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Fall Semester

NAD.200	Nursing 3	8
NAD.205	Community & Mental Health Nursing	3
PSY.265	Developmental Psychology	3

Spring Semester

NAD.210	Nursing IV	8
NAD.220	Professional Issues	2
PHL.103	Biomedical Ethics	3

Total Semester Hours 72

LPN to RN Articulation into Nursing A.A.S.

Prerequisite: Licensed Practical Nurse in Illinois with active license in good standing. Completion of all required courses prior to admission listed below** with a grade of "C" or better. Submission of nursing program application, meets all admission criteria, and admitted into the second year Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
First Year		
Summer Session		
NAD.180	LPN to RN Transition *	4
Fall Semester		
NAD.200	Nursing 3	8
NAD.205	Community & Mental Health Nursing	3
PSY.265	Developmental Psychology	3
Spring Semester		
NAD.210	Nursing IV	8
NAD.220	Professional Issues	2
PHL.103	Biomedical Ethics	3
Total Semester Hours		31

* NAD 180 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress into the second year Associate Degree Nursing program. All nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress each Semester.

** Required prior to admission selection 1 year High School Biology or 1 semester College Biology. All of the following courses must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better prior to entering the second year of the Associate Degree Nursing Program:

- ENG 101-Freshman Composition I
- PSY 101-Introduction to Psychology
- BIO 211-Anatomy & Physiology I
- NUT 110-Nutrition
- BIO 212-Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 200-General Microbiology
- SOC 101-Introduction to Sociology
- NAD 106-Medication Principles for Nurses
- NAD 108-Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning
- NAD 130-Pharmacology for Nurses

Application and dates to apply to our nursing program can be found on the College of Nursing webpage. Admission criteria into our nursing program can be found on the College of Nursing webpage: College of Nursing (<http://www.sandburg.edu/academics/college-nursing>)

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The College of Nursing building (building AA) has two classrooms, health assessment lab, skills lab, and faculty offices. The nursing program has classroom availability in building A and a simulation skills lab in building A. All three labs are used to demonstrate and practice essential nursing skills such as basic patient care skills, assessment skills, catheter insertion, administering medications, IV insertion, airway management, etc. The state of the art simulation skills lab, A035, provides medium to high fidelity simulation learning experiences, fully equipped functioning ICU Room with SimMan®, two medium fidelity med/surg rooms, a maternal/child unit with high fidelity Noelle Birthing Simulator with Neonate Hal, and infant, toddler and child medium fidelity manikins. Clinical experiences for the Associate Degree Nursing program will be gained with acute care, long-term care and rehabilitative facilities, clinics and physician offices in the Galesburg area such as: Galesburg Cottage Hospital, OSF St. Mary Medical Center, OSF Clinics, Knox County Health Department, and other surrounding facilities as needed.