

NURSING (AAS)

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Major: Nursing

Program Code: 1615

About This Major...

This program, which is offered on the Montrose campus, allows the student to achieve an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree, opening up greater employment opportunities, increased compensation, and more job security. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program prepares the student to achieve a balance between general college and nursing education. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing RN is prepared to be a direct caregiver in hospitals, long-term facilities, and ambulatory care-clinical settings.

This program has selective admission requirements. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the current admission requirements.

Important information for this program:

- All essential learning requirements and prerequisite courses must be in progress or completed before applying to the program. Additional admission requirements also apply. Please visit the Department of Health Sciences' website for a complete list of admission requirements and program information.

For more information on what you can do with this major, visit Career Services' [What to Do with a Major?](#) resource.

All CMU/CMU Tech associate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, quantitative fluency, communication fluency, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and information literacy. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

- Exhibit professional nursing care to diverse patients across the life span. (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning)
- Utilize health information systems to provide safe patient care throughout the health care environment. (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning)
- Incorporate therapeutic communication into all interactions. (Communication Fluency)
- Incorporate evidence based practice in the application of care to provide safe quality outcomes. (Critical Thinking)
- Utilize principles of leadership and management skills in caring for patients throughout the lifespan. (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning)
- Display accountability utilizing ethical reasoning. Incorporate compassionate and empathetic behaviors while providing care. (Personal and Social Responsibility)

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print

Options: This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU and CMU Tech Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 60 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 15 of the final 30 semester hours of credit at CMU/CMU Tech.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU/CMU Tech coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 20 semester credit hours for an AAS degree.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Specific to this degree:

- 79 semester hours required for the AAS in Nursing.
- Must have a "C" or better in all courses.

Essential Learning Requirements

(15 Semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course for this degree.)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Communication		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	3
Mathematics		
MATH 110	Mathematical Investigations-GTMA1 (or higher)	3
Other Essential Learning Core Courses		
PSYC 233	Human Growth and Development-GTSS3	3

Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences, History, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, or Humanities course 3

Total Semester Credit Hours 15

Other Lower Division Requirements

(2 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Wellness Requirement		
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity course		1
Total Semester Credit Hours		2

Foundation Courses

(12 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL 209 & 209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 210 & 210L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 241	Pathophysiology	4
Total Semester Credit Hours		12

Program Specific Degree Requirements

(50 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
NURS 244	Introduction to Adult Concepts of Health	2
NURS 244L	Introduction to Adult Concepts of Health Laboratory	2
NURS 246	Pharmacological Concepts I	3
NURS 247	Fundamentals of Nursing	3
NURS 247L	Fundamentals of Nursing Laboratory	2
NURS 248	Adult Concepts of Health I	3
NURS 248L	Adult Concepts of Health I Laboratory	3
NURS 249	Pharmacological Concepts II	3
NURS 250	Health Assessment for Nurses	3
NURS 250L	Health Assessment for Nurses Laboratory	1
NURS 251	Adult Concepts of Health II	3
NURS 251L	Adult Concepts of Health II Laboratory	3
NURS 252	Mental Health Concepts in Nursing	2
NURS 252L	Mental Health Concepts in Nursing Laboratory	2
NURS 253	Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics	4
NURS 253L	Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics Laboratory	2
NURS 255	Adult Concepts of Health III	3
NURS 255L	Adult Concepts of Health III Laboratory	3
NURS 256	Capstone	1

NURS 256L Capstone Laboratory 2

Total Semester Credit Hours 50

Suggested Course Plan

First Year	Semester Credit Hours
Fall Semester	
ENGL 111 English Composition I-GTCO1	3
MATH 110 Mathematical Investigations-GTMA1	3
Essential Learning - Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Science, History, Fine Arts, or Humanities	3
BIOL 209 & 209L Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
KINE 100 Health and Wellness	1
KINA Activity Course	1
Semester Credit Hours 15	
Spring Semester	
ENGL 112 English Composition II-GTCO2	3
PSYC 233 Human Growth and Development-GTSS3	3
BIOL 210 & 210L Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 241 Pathophysiology	4
Semester Credit Hours 14	
Second Year	
Fall Semester	
NURS 244 Introduction to Adult Concepts of Health	2
NURS 244L Introduction to Adult Concepts of Health Laboratory	2
NURS 246 Pharmacological Concepts I	3
NURS 247 Fundamentals of Nursing	3
NURS 247L Fundamentals of Nursing Laboratory	2
Semester Credit Hours 12	
Spring Semester	
NURS 248 Adult Concepts of Health I	3
NURS 248L Adult Concepts of Health I Laboratory	3
NURS 249 Pharmacological Concepts II	3
NURS 250 Health Assessment for Nurses	3
NURS 250L Health Assessment for Nurses Laboratory	1
Semester Credit Hours 13	
Third Year	
Fall Semester	
NURS 251 Adult Concepts of Health II	3
NURS 251L Adult Concepts of Health II Laboratory	3
NURS 253 Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics	4
NURS 253L Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics Laboratory	2
Semester Credit Hours 12	
Spring Semester	
NURS 252 Mental Health Concepts in Nursing	2
NURS 252L Mental Health Concepts in Nursing Laboratory	2
NURS 255 Adult Concepts of Health III	3
NURS 255L Adult Concepts of Health III Laboratory	3
NURS 256 Capstone	1
NURS 256L Capstone Laboratory	2
Semester Credit Hours 13	
Total Semester Credit Hours 79	

Advising and Graduation

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated

requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found on the [Graduation](#) web page.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to apply for graduation in a subsequent semester. A student's "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.