

NURSING

Associate in Applied Science Degree



Nursing is an art and an applied science that is practiced in a variety of acute and long-term care settings. Nursing assists groups and individuals in the promotion and maintenance of health, restoration to health, adaptation to long-term illness, and provision for comfort when return to health is no longer possible. The complex and multifaceted nature of nursing requires that the nurse apply concepts from social, physical and biological sciences and nursing theory.

Persons considering a career in nursing should have an interest in the health sciences and in working closely with people. In addition, they should be able to meet the academic demands of a program that requires a commitment of time, energy and motivation to learn.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing at St. Louis Community College is a 68-credit-hour-program that can be completed in two years. Graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse by the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN examination).

Instruction in nursing courses includes theory, college laboratory and clinical laboratory experiences. Clinical lab experiences are obtained through cooperating health care agencies (hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and home health care settings).

Admission to the nursing program is contingent on meeting the established minimum criteria as defined in the Nursing Program Handbook, available at www.stlcc.edu/Programs/Nursing. Applicants are required to complete a health history, provide an immunization record and undergo a criminal background check and drug screening. Applicants selected for the program are required to take a physical examination. Note: An individual who has been convicted of a felony may not be licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri. Program completion does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure exam.

LPN Bridge courses are available to qualifying licensed practical nurses. See a Nursing academic advisor for information.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS FIELD

Registered nurses may find employment in a wide range of industries. Employment is expected to rapidly increase in ambulatory care centers, nursing homes, physician's offices and outpatient care centers. RNs may practice in other specialty areas including corporations, schools, private duty, public health and more. Hospital employment is expected to grow more slowly.

JOB OUTLOOK

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall job opportunities for registered nurses are expected to continue to be excellent. Employment of RNs is expected to grow much faster than average. Individual salaries vary by the geographic location, the nurse's education and experience, and the type and size of the employer.

TUITION

Visit www.stlcc.edu/nurse-exp.html for detailed estimated expenses by semester. These estimates include maintenance fees (tuition) of \$88 per credit hour. Costs are highest during the first semester for textbooks, uniforms, equipment, background checks and screenings.

ACCREDITATION

The Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing has full accreditation from the following organizations:

- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone: 404-975-5000; Fax 404-975-5020.
- Missouri State Board of Nursing (Full approval)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Missouri Department of Education

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GETTING STARTED AT STLCC

1) Apply for Admission

Online, by mail/fax or in person at any campus.

2) Apply for Financial Aid

Apply for grants, scholarships, loans or work-study.

3) Complete Assessment

You may need to complete an assessment for placement in the proper level courses.

4) Get Advised

Meet with an advisor or career counselor. Attend a College Registration/Enrollment Workshop (CREW).

5) Get Connected

Access your MySTLCC ID and set up a secure password. Activate your student email and log in to Banner Self Service.

6) Register for Classes

Online, in person or via mail/fax.

7) Pay for Classes

Payment plan option is available.

8) Prepare for Class

Purchase books, attend New Student Success Orientation and get your STLCC OneCard student photo ID.

Visit www.stlcc.edu/Get_Started for details and important links.

Non-discrimination Statement

St. Louis Community College is committed to non-discrimination and equal opportunities in its admissions, educational programs, activities and employment regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, genetic information or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran and shall take action necessary to ensure non-discrimination.

Accommodations Statement

St. Louis Community College is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you have accommodation needs, please contact the Access office at the campus where you are registering at least six weeks before the beginning of the class. Documentation of disability may be required.

www.stlcc.edu/programs/nursing

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PROGRAM ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

(Must be satisfied prior to applying to the program)

- Fundamentals of Chemistry (CHM:101) and Introductory Biology (BIO:111) are required of students who did not have one year of high school Chemistry and **Biology with a "C" grade within five years prior to admission. English, Mathematics and Reading** courses may be required before admission dependent on placement test score results. Reading proficiency is required.
- Candidates to the Nursing program are required to complete assessment testing in reading, writing and mathematics. Exemptions are limited to students who can document a grade of "C" or better in ENG:030 (or ENG:070), MTH:030 and RDG:030, or the equivalent course from another college or university.
- High school applicant—2.5 minimum cumulative GPA. This applies only to high school graduates with less than 15 hours of college credits. College applicants with less than 15 St. Louis Community College credit hours must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 for 15 or more college credits earned at all institutions attended. All college-level courses from all colleges and universities attended will be used in the calculation of cumulative 2.5 GPA for qualification purposes only.
- Students applying to the Nursing program will be required to pass the dosage calculation test with a 92% or better prior to being placed on the waiting list. Test scores are valid for two years.

CURRICULUM

Course Number

Course Description

Credit Hours

GENERAL

___ENG:100	Career English or	
___ENG:101	College Composition I*	3
___ENG:102	College Composition II* or	
___ENG:103	Report Writing* or	
___XXX:XXX	Literature elective	3
___BIO:203	General Microbiology I*	4
	(must be taken prior to third semester of Nursing)	
___BIO:207	Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
	(must be taken before or concurrently with first semester of Nursing)	
___BIO:208	Anatomy and Physiology II*	4
	(must be taken before or concurrently with second semester of Nursing)	
___PSY:200	General Psychology	3
___PSY:205	Human Growth & Development*	3
	(must be taken before or concurrently with first semester of Nursing)	
___XXX:XXX	Missouri State Requirement+	3
___SOC:101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Total General Credit Hours

30

Physical Education Activity

2

AREA OF CONCENTRATION

First Semester

___NUR:101	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
___NUR:102	Nursing Laboratory Practicum I	1

Second Semester

___NUR:105	Nursing Laboratory Practicum II	1
___NUR:108	Nursing of Adults and Children I	8

Third Semester

___NUR:201	Nursing of Adults and Children II	9
___NUR:203	Contemporary Nursing	1

Fourth Semester

___NUR:204	Management Skills in Nursing	3
___NUR:205	Nursing of Adults & Children III	8

Total Area of Concentration Credit Hours

36

Total Credit Hours Nursing

68

* Prerequisite required. Check with your academic advisor for details.

+ See current college catalog for courses that meet the Missouri State Requirement.

Students with college credits in the required science course (Chemistry, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology I and II) that was earned more than 5 years ago are required to retake the course(s).