

# NURSING (EFFECTIVE FALL, 2014)

Associate in Applied Science Degree



## Begin Your Successful Nursing Career

Nursing is an art and an applied science that is practiced in a variety of acute and long-term care settings. Nurses assist 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 69-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 Register 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](http://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.

### FEES

Visit [www.stlcc.edu/nurse-exp.html](http://www.stlcc.edu/nurse-exp.html) for detailed estimated expenses by semester. Costs are highest during the first semester for textbooks, uniforms, equipment, background checks and screenings. Please visit [www.stlcc.edu/fees](http://www.stlcc.edu/fees) for the most current information. Additional fees apply to some courses. Fees are subject to change.

### ACCREDITATION

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

- The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), formerly 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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You may take general education classes toward this degree at any of our campuses or education centers.

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For more information on how to get started on your career go to [www.stlcc.edu/getstarted](http://www.stlcc.edu/getstarted).

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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:140 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 90% or better prior to being placed on the waiting list. Test scores do not expire.
- Admission and degree are subject to change without notice. See an academic advisor for additional information.
- Applicants are required to complete a health history, immunization record, criminal background check, drug screening and physical examination. An individual who has been convicted of a felony may not be licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri.

CURRICULUM		AAS	CURRICULUM (Cont'd)		AAS
Course Number	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Number	Course Description	Credit Hours
<b>General Education</b>			<b>Area of Concentration</b>		
___ ENG:101	College Composition I*	3	<b>First Semester</b>		
___ COM:200	Communication Between Cultures	3	___ NUR:151	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
___ LIB:101	Introduction to Library	1	___ NUR:152	Nursing Laboratory Practicum I	1
___ BIO:203	General Microbiology I* (must be taken prior to third semester of Nursing)	4	<b>Second Semester</b>		
___ BIO:207	Anatomy and Physiology I* (must be taken before first semester of Nursing)	4	___ NUR:153	Nursing of Adults and Children I	9
___ BIO:208	Anatomy and Physiology II* (must be taken before or concurrently with first semester of Nursing)	4	___ NUR:154	Nursing Laboratory Practicum II	1
___ PSY:200	General Psychology	3	<b>Third Semester</b>		
___ PSY:205	Human Growth and Development* (must be taken before or concurrently with first semester of Nursing)	3	___ NUR:251	Nursing of Adults and Children II	10
___ XXX:XXX	Missouri State Requirement+	3	<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
___ PE:XXX	Physical Education Activity	2	___ NUR:252	Nursing of Adults & Children III	8
			___ NUR:253	Management Skills in Nursing	3
	<b>Total General Education Credit Hours</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Total Area of Concentration Credit Hours</b>		<b>39</b>
			<b>Total Credit Hours for Nursing Program:</b>		<b>69</b>

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

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

Chemistry and Biology courses being used to be placed on the waiting list must have been successfully completed within the last five years with a "C" grade or higher.

[www.stlcc.edu/programs/nursing](http://www.stlcc.edu/programs/nursing)