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 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.

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 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 for the most current information. Additional fees apply to some courses. Fees are subject to change.

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.

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.
**Associate in Applied Science Degree**

**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

**General Education**

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**Total General Education Credit Hours** 30

### CURRICULUM (Cont’d)

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**Total Area of Concentration Credit Hours** 39

**Total Credit Hours for Nursing Program:** 69

* 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

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