



WALLACE
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Associate Degree Nursing Program Information Packet

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Associate Degree Nursing Program
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The Associate Degree Nursing program at
Wallace Community College is accredited by the
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<http://www.wallace.edu/deptpages/health/adn/>

Note: Only entry into a daytime traditional curriculum will be offered for Spring Semester 2012.

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BASIC INFORMATION

How do I get started?

Apply to Wallace Community College (WCC). Acceptance to WCC is the first step for application to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. You must complete a WCC application and be UNCONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED to WCC prior to applying to the ADN program. Applications to WCC may be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records at either campus listed on the application. If you are uncertain of your WCC application status or need a WCC application, please contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (334) 983-3521 or (800) 543-2426.

Applications to WCC may also be obtained on our Web site at <http://www.wallace.edu/enrollment/admissions/>. Applications from the Web site must be printed and submitted to WCC. *Please be aware that new regulations require photo identification. If submitted via mail, an original notarized copy of a driver's license must accompany the college application. For other forms of acceptable identification, please contact the Office of Admission and Records.*

What are the admissions requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program?

1. Student must obtain **unconditional admission** to WCC. (The application to WCC is separate from the application to the AND program.)
2. Student must submit a **completed application packet** for the ADN program by the published deadline.
3. Student must have a minimum **GPA of 2.500**.
4. Student must have completed or be **eligible to enroll in ENG101** (English Composition I), **MTH100** (Intermediate College Algebra) or a higher level math, and **BIO201** (Anatomy and Physiology I) within the first semester of the ADN curriculum. (Any required pre-requisites to these courses must be completed by the ADN application deadline.)
5. Student must be in **good standing with WCC** (as defined by the college catalog).
6. Student must be able to **meet the essential functions** or technical standards required for nursing.
7. Student must have **taken the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills, Version V (TEAS-V®)** within the last three years.

How do I know what classes to take for the ADN program?

Upon admission to WCC, you will be assigned an advisor. You can meet with your advisor by making an appointment. During your advising meeting, your advisor will review your status and discuss your options with you. Advisors are also available during each open registration period and can help you in making your course selections. **A curriculum guide is included in this packet to further assist you.** Students in pre-nursing may take any course that does not begin with an "NUR" prefix, prior to applying to the ADN program.

Placement in classes for math and English will be determined using testing scores from either the COMPASS™ Examination or the ACT®. Students whose placement requires enrollment in remedial courses for math or English must successfully complete any required pre-requisite courses prior to applying to the ADN program.

Please note, BIO103 (General Biology) is required by WCC in order to progress to BIO201 (Anatomy and Physiology I). Students that apply to the ADN program must have successfully completed BIO103 with a "C" or higher, or must achieve a passing score on the ACCS Biology Placement Exam.

Students that have completed an Anatomy and Physiology course at WCC or another college and have received credit at WCC through the Office of Admissions and Records will not be required to complete BIO103 in order to meet curriculum requirements.

Who do I contact regarding placement and admissions testing?

For questions regarding the COMPASS™, Biology ACCS placement examinations, or TEAS-V®, please contact Testing Services:

Wallace Campus, Dothan – (334) 983-3521, ext. 2294, ext. 2281, ext. 2208
Sparks Campus, Eufaula – (334) 983-3521, ext. 4249, ext. 4210
Online - http://www.wallace.edu/student_resources/test_serv.htm

Students admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing program for Spring Semester 2012 will operate in accordance with criteria mandated by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education for nursing admission. Students will be required to take an academic entrance test, the **ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills, version five (TEAS-V®)**. TEAS-V® measures basic skills in **reading, mathematics, science, English and language usage**. The TEAS V® will replace the COMPASS™ reading score as one of the components for calculation of admission points. The COMPASS™ test is still a requirement to determine academic placement for English, Reading, and Math courses and to demonstrate eligibility for specific components of nursing application eligibility. **COMPASS™ and TEAS-V® scores are only good for three (3) years**. A student may repeat the COMPASS™ once during a three year period. A student may repeat the TEAS-V®, but must wait six weeks between taking each test. No cut off score has been established for the TEAS-V® test, but ranking points will be based on the actual test score one receives. **A copy of the TEAS-V® score report form must be included as part of your nursing application.**

Registration and payment for the TEAS-V® must be completed on-line through the vendor site—this cannot be handled through Testing Services on either campus location and payments cannot be received through the College Business Office. Applicants must create an on-line account at www.atitesting.com to schedule a date for testing.

Please note: Students that have taken the **TEAS-V®** at any location other than the WCC Dothan Campus or Sparks Campus will be required to have official scores transferred to WCC. ATI assesses a \$20.00 fee to transfer these scores.

When do I apply to the ADN program?

When you have met the admission requirements listed on page one, you are eligible to apply to the ADN program. Some students opt to complete the majority of the curriculum-required general education courses prior to applying; however, this is not required.

How do I apply to the ADN program?

To apply to the ADN program, you will need to complete and application packet and submit it, along with any required documentation, to the ADN program office on the Wallace Campus, Dothan. This can be done in person or via the U.S. mail. Locations for application submission will be listed in the application packet.

It is important to note that the ADN application packet must be complete at the time it is submitted. Incomplete applications will not be processed for possible admission to the ADN program. A checklist will be provided for your convenience.

Applications for Spring Semester 2012 can be picked up in person or printed from the WCC Web site at <http://www.wallace.edu/deptpages/health/adn/> **after August 1, 2011**. Additionally, students that do not have access to the internet may contact the ADN Program Office at (334) 556-2262 to request an application by mail.

How are applicants selected for admission to the ADN program?

Applicants to the ADN program are ranked using a state-standardized points system. There are 251 possible points. Points are assigned using the following criteria:

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| TEAS-V [®] Score | 150 possible points |
| A & P I | 30 possible points (“A” = 30, “B” = 20, “C” = 10) |
| A & P II | 30 possible points (“A” = 30, “B” = 20, “C” = 10) |
| Microbiology | 30 possible points (“A” = 30, “B” = 20, “C” = 10) |
| GPA 3.2 or higher on last 24 hours attempted | 11 possible points |

What will I need in order to complete my ADN application packet?

1. **A complete Associate Degree Nursing application.** Please make sure that all forms are signed.
2. **A copy of your Admission Agreement form from the Office of Admissions and Records.** Even if you are currently enrolled in courses at WCC, a copy of this agreement must be included in your ADN application packet. *Students who have previously applied to or been enrolled at WCC must re-apply to the College if more than a semester has passed without active enrollment in courses.* Note: The Office of Admissions and Records requires a minimum 72-hour processing time for document requests.
3. **Transcripts from each college you have attended.** (Unofficial copies are acceptable.) Although official transcripts are in the Office of Admissions and Records, *a copy must be included in your ADN application packet.* Transfer courses listed on another college’s transcript are not acceptable in lieu of a transcript from the actual college where credit was received. All transcripts submitted for ADN application purposes must accompany the ADN application packet.
4. **Documentation of eligibility for, or completion of English Composition I, Intermediate College Algebra (or a higher level math), and Anatomy & Physiology I.** Documentation may be in the form of transcripts or placement scores.
5. **A copy of your TEAS-V[®] score report.** (Scores must be no older than 3 years from the ADN application deadline. Applicants may repeat the exam once during the application period and must wait at least six weeks between test dates.)

Note: Students that have not completed Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, or Microbiology, may submit a copy of their high school transcript with the ADN application packet for possible ranking points. High school courses that will be considered for points include Algebra II or a higher level math, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Advanced Placement or Honors Biology.

Keep copies of all ADN application material that is submitted. Once submitted, copies of materials will not be made or transferred for re-application to the ADN program or for application to any other program.

How will the GPA be calculated?

For admission purposes, nursing programs will calculate a GPA based on the applicant's last 24 hours of college credit. Hours will be counted in reverse chronological order. If 24 credit hours are reached in the middle of a term, grades/hours in the odd term will be chosen in such a way as to benefit the student.

If a student is at the graduate level and has received less than 24 credits at that level, the most recent 24 hours of undergraduate credits will be used in the GPA calculation – graduate credit hours will be ignored.

Neither a GED nor high school credits will be used in calculating a GPA except as required in the Early College Enrollment Program. Students with no prior college work will be considered to be in compliance with the minimum GPA requirements for ADN application purposes.

What happens after I submit my ADN application packet?

ADN applications will not be reviewed until after the application deadline. All applications are reviewed for completion and ranked by the ADN Admissions Committee. All students that apply to the ADN program will receive notification of their acceptance status via the U.S. mail. Please allow a minimum of six (6) weeks from the application deadline for applications to be processed. *No information regarding the status of an application will be given over the telephone.*

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program is competitive and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. *Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.*

Will a background screen be required?

Applicants accepted to the ADN program will be required to complete a background screen. Students should be aware that a fee will be charged to complete this requirement. Criminal findings may prohibit enrollment into the ADN program. Nothing should be completed prior to notification from the ADN program.

Will a physical examination and drug screening be required?

Applicants accepted to the ADN program will receive a listing of health requirements, to include information about a physical examination and drug screening. Information regarding health requirements and drug screening will be provided at new-student orientation for ADN students. Nothing should be done prior to notification from the ADN program.

Will CPR be required?

Applicants accepted to the ADN program must provide proof of current CPR, at the health care provider level. CPR must be updated annually. Information regarding requirements for CPR will be provided at new-student orientation for ADN students.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

| TUITION | TOTAL |
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| 72 Credit Hours <i>(based on in-state tuition and does not include any remedial courses)</i> | \$7,704.00 |

| FEES | |
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| Course-related fees | \$1,368.00 |
| Graduation-related costs | \$58.50 |
| Physical Exam, Lab, Immunizations | \$490.00 |
| Student Liability Insurance and SAS Random screens | \$105.00 |
| Substance Abuse Screening | \$64.00 |
| Criminal Background Check | \$45.00 |
| Comprehensive Assessment Exams | \$400.00 |
| Licensure-related costs | \$350.00 |
| | Fees SUBTOTAL \$2,880.50 |

| TOOLS AND SUPPLIES | |
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| Estimated Cost of Tools and Supplies (Uniforms, lab coat, shoes, patches, ID, etc.) | \$359.85 |
| Lab Kits | \$377.00 |
| | Tools and Supplies SUBTOTAL \$736.85 |

| BOOKS | TOTAL |
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| Estimated Cost of Books (Academic and NUR courses) | \$2,800.00 |
| | Books SUBTOTAL \$2,800.00 |

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| GRAND TOTAL | \$14,121.35 |
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Estimate only. Costs are subject to change.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING - STANDARD CURRICULUM

Students may complete some or all of the general education (non-nursing) courses prior to admission to the ADN program. Upon admission to the program, students must complete any remaining general education courses prior to or within the semester listed, in order to progress. **NUR courses are sequential and cannot be combined to shorten the length of the program.**

All courses listed in the ADN curriculum must be completed with a “C” or higher.

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| <u>First Term</u> | | |
| MTH100 | Intermediate College Algebra (or a higher level math) | 3 |
| *BIO201 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| NUR102 | Fundamentals of Nursing | 6 |
| NUR103 | Health Assessment | 1 |
| NUR104 | Introduction to Pharmacology | 1 |
| TOTAL Credit Hours | | 15 |
| <u>Second Term</u> | | |
| ENG101 | English Composition I | 3 |
| BIO202 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| NUR105 | Adult Nursing | 8 |
| NUR106 | Maternal and Child Nursing | 5 |
| TOTAL Credit Hours | | 20 |
| <u>Third Term</u> | | |
| PSY200 | General Psychology | 3 |
| BIO220 | General Microbiology | 4 |
| NUR201 | Nursing Through the Lifespan I | 5 |
| TOTAL Credit Hours | | 12 |
| <u>Fourth Term</u> | | |
| SPH106 or SPH107 | Speech | 3 |
| PSY210 | Human Growth and Development | 3 |
| NUR202 | Nursing Through the Lifespan II | 6 |
| TOTAL Credit Hours | | 12 |
| <u>Fifth Term</u> | | |
| HUMANITIES ELECTIVE | | 3 |
| NUR203 | Nursing Through the Lifespan III | 6 |
| NUR204 | Transition Into Nursing Practice | 4 |
| TOTAL Credit Hours | | 13 |
| Total Program Credit Hours: 72 | | |

Per College curriculum requirements, the following courses will be required in order to complete your AAS in Nursing. These courses must be completed satisfactorily or with a “C” or higher:

- ORI 101:** Orientation to College (if applicable) – 1 credit hour
- ORI 104:** WorkKeys® Assessment and Advisement – 1 credit hour
- CIS 146:** Microcomputer Applications – 3 credit hour

***Pre-requisite:** Completion of BIO103 with a “C” or higher or satisfactory performance on ACCS Biology Placement Exam, prior to application to the ADN program, if applicable. Students that have completed an Anatomy and Physiology course at WCC or another college and have received credit at WCC through the Office of Admissions and Records will not be required to complete BIO103 in order to meet curriculum requirements.