

STANDARD PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM

Below is the standard Practical Nursing curriculum. The curriculum is designed to be finished in only three semesters (one calendar year) for the traditional day program track, but at times may be adjusted per individual student needs. Students may complete some or all of the general education (non-nursing) courses prior to admission to the PN 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 in the program.

Students must successfully complete all NUR courses within each semester listed prior to progressing to the next semester. NUR courses are sequential and cannot be combined. All courses listed in the PN curriculum must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

First Term (Fall or Spring Semester)

MTH 116	Mathematical Applications	3
*BIO 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NUR 102	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NUR 103	Health Assessment	1
NUR 104	Introduction to Pharmacology	1
TOTAL Credit Hours		15

**Pre-requisite: Completion of BIO 103 with a "C" or higher or satisfactory performance on ACS approved placement exam.*

Second Term (Spring Semester or Summer Term)

ENG 101	English Composition I	3
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NUR 105	Adult Nursing	8
NUR 106	Maternal and Child Nursing	5
TOTAL Credit Hours		20

Third Term (Summer Term or Fall Semester)

NUR 107	Adult/Child Nursing	8
NUR 108	Psychosocial Nursing	3
NUR 109	Role Transition	3
TOTAL Credit Hours		14

Per College curriculum requirements, the following courses must be completed with a "C" or higher in order to complete your Practical Nursing Certificate at Wallace Community College:

ORT100, Orientation for Career Students or ORI101, Orientation to College or ORI105, Orientation and Student Success

Total Program Credit Hours: 50 Hours (52)

Students must maintain current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification throughout the PN program in order to participate in clinical experiences. Certification must be American Heart Association or American Red Cross Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers (CPR/AED). On-line certification without hands-on skill validation is not acceptable to meet this requirement. Two options exist for obtaining this certification:

- take through the College by registering for EMS 100 prior to or concurrent with NUR 102
- take courses by either of the above named providers at any other approved agency or facility and present proof of successful completion prior to registration for NUR 102

Comprehensive Assessment (CA) through use of standardized and validated assessment tools will be incorporated into each NUR-prefix course. This assessment may or may not comprise a portion of grade calculation and is intended to aid in advisement, counseling, and/or remediation of students. Costs associated with CA are the responsibility of the individual student.