

NURSING - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

The Associate of Applied Science Degree program in Nursing is designed to provide education to prepare the student for practice as a registered nurse. The curriculum follows the criteria for the Colorado Nursing Articulation Model and is specifically constructed to promote career mobility between nursing educational levels. Upon satisfactory completion of the associate degree sequence with a minimum of "C" in each course of the prescribed curriculum, the student will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing. Successful completion of the OJC nursing program requirements for graduation will also entitle the graduate to submit an application to the State Board of Nursing for the State Licensure Examination.

The Associate of Applied Science Degree program in Nursing is designed to be completed in two (2) years of full-time course work, plus a series of prerequisite courses prior to application to the program.

OJC Nursing Admission Procedure

1. Obtain general college admission to Otero Junior College. Submit a completed application at the Student Services Office on the OJC campus or on-line at www.ojc.edu. Student must be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate.
2. Complete required pre-admission courses (Pre-requisite Courses) with a grade of C or higher for each course and a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher for the five listed courses. The science course must be completed within seven years of the start date of the program.
3. Apply to the nursing program at OJC using the Online Application available at www.ojc.edu/nursingApplication.aspx
4. Provide official transcripts confirming completion of Pre-requisite courses and GPA to the OJC Nursing Department.
5. Clear Criminal background check and urine drug screen (to be completed when instructed by the OJC Nursing Department). See the Disqualifying Offences document for more information at www.ojc.edu/content/nursing/Disqualifying_Offenses09.pdf.
6. Upon notification of admission to start the nursing program, complete the remaining clinical requirements –i.e. physical exam, hepatitis B and varicella vaccinations etc. (specific forms and instructions will be included in the notification letter).

For LPNs entering the second year of the ADN Program

1. Complete steps 1-6 above.
2. Provide a copy of your LPN license.
3. Provide official transcripts of your LPN program courses. If your Practical Nursing (PN) program was completed more than ten years prior to application additional testing may be required.
4. Complete the NUR 189 LPN to RN Transition course with a grade of C or higher if you graduated from a non Colorado Community College System (CCCS) PN program or from a CCCS PN program prior to January of 2007. Contact the OJC Nursing Office for the dates of the next scheduled NUR 189 course.

Contact the OJC Nursing Department for further details at 719-384-6898.

Graduation Requirements

- A. The graduate must fulfill all requirements of the College for graduation.
- B. The graduate of nursing must pass all program courses with a minimum grade of "C."
- C. The graduate must be competent in all critical nursing skills pertaining to the scope of practice for a registered nurse.
- D. The graduate must be competent in calculations of medications. The student is required to pass a medication administration proficiency examination each semester at 100 percent mastery in order to progress to the next semester of the ADN program. (See the Nursing Student Manual for further information.)

Legal Requirements for Registered Nursing Licensure

During application for licensure, the student must answer the following questions:

- A. "Have you ever been convicted of a crime or have you ever accepted a court plea of guilty or nolo contendere? Have you received a deferred judgment or deferred prosecution?"
- B. "Are you now, or were you for the 12 months preceding the date of this application, addicted to any controlled substance; a regular user of any controlled substance without a prescription; and/or habitually intemperate in the use of intoxicating liquor?"

If any question is answered "yes," the student needs to meet with the director of the Nursing Department for counseling because the Colorado State Board of Nursing has specific requirements for licensure.

Recommended Courses

The following courses are recommended to compliment the required nursing program courses. Students are encouraged to register for these courses as their schedule will allow:

CHE 101	Intro to Chemistry	5
CIS 118	Intro to PC Applications	3
ENG 122	English Composition II	3
HPR 178	Medical Terminology	2
PSY 101	General Psychology I	3
PSY 102	General Psychology II	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology I	3
COM 115	Public Speaking	3

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CURRICULUM

Subject to change without notification. Contact the OJC Nursing Dept. office for the most current information.

Freshman Year - (Students without previous nursing education)

Traditional Schedule**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

		Credits
BIO 201	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology II.	4
BIO 204	Microbiology	4
ENG 121	English Composition I.	3
PSY 235	Human Growth and Development	3

All with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

First Semester

NUR 109	Fundamentals of Nursing	8
NUR 112	Basics Concepts of Pharmacology	2
HPR 108	Dietary Nutrition	1
HWE 100	Human Nutrition	3
MAT 103	Math for Clinical Calculations.	3

Second Semester

NUR 106	Medical and Surgical Nursing Concepts	9
NUR 150	Nursing Care of Obstetric and Pediatric Clients	7
BIO 216	Pathophysiology	4

Third Semester

NUR 206	Advanced Concepts of Medical Surgical Nursing I	8
NUR 212	Pharmacology II	2
NUR 211	Nursing Care of Psychiatric Clients	4

Fourth Semester

NUR 216	Advanced Concepts of Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
NUR 230	Leadership, Management and Trends	5
Elective:	GTE Humanities or Social Behavioral Science	3

Nursing Curriculum for Evening and Weekend Schedule

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Admission Requirements

	Credits
BIO 201	Anatomy & Physiology I 4
BIO 202	Anatomy & Physiology II 4
BIO 204	Microbiology 4
ENG 121	English Composition I 3
PSY 235	Human Growth & Development 3

(All with a GPA of 2.5 or higher)

Summer Semester

MAT 103	Math for Clinical Calculations 3
HPR 108	Dietary Nutrition 1
HWE 100	Human Nutrition 3

Fall Semester

NUR 109	Nursing Skills & Concepts 8
Elective	GTE Humanities or Social Behavioral Science 3

Spring Semester

NUR 112	Basics Concepts of Pharmacology 2
NUR 106	Medical Surgical Nursing I 9
NUR 150	Nursing Care of OB & Pediatric Clients 7

Summer Semester

NUR 169	Transition to Practical Nursing 5
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(Required only for those interested in obtaining their LPN license)

BIO 216	Pathophysiology 4
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Fall Semester

NUR 206	Advanced Concepts of Med/ Surg Nursing I 8
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Spring Semester

NUR 212	Pharmacology II 2
NUR 211	Nursing Care of Psychiatric Clients 4
NUR 216	Advanced Concepts of Med/Surg Nursing II 6

Summer Semester

NUR 230	Leadership, Management and Trends 5
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