

NURSING

The Queensborough Community College program in Nursing, established in 1967, has developed into one of the largest Associate degree programs in New York State. Queensborough is, in fact, the major educator of registered nurses in Queens. Clinical nursing courses for students are offered in the Fall and Spring semesters.

Students admitted to the two-and-a-half year program are required to complete **66 credits**. The Nursing curriculum is integrated into the College setting and provides a strong foundation in general education, biological sciences, and social sciences, as well as nursing science. The Associate Degree Nurse is educated to function in a variety of structured health care settings and provide direct care to patients with common, well-defined health care needs.

Students participate in clinical experiences during each semester of the four core courses in the program, and utilize a variety of private and public acute care hospitals in Queens and Nassau. In addition, the Department has five well-equipped simulation laboratories, and a Nursing Computer Resource Center, which are used to supplement and enhance the learning experience.

The program is registered by the New York State Education Department and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, New York 10006, Telephone: 212-363-5555. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Professional Nursing (NCLEX-RN).

PRE-CLINICAL SEQUENCE

In order to progress into Clinical Nursing courses, students **must complete** the Pre-Clinical Sequence (13 credits) with a minimum grade-point average of 2.75.

The Department has a limited number of seats available in the Clinical Nursing Sequence (NU-101). Therefore, *achievement of a 2.75 grade-point average in the Pre-Clinical Sequence does not guarantee admission into the Clinical Nursing phase of the program. Seats are assigned to students who demonstrate the strongest academic preparation.*

Students who do not attain the required 2.75 grade-point average may **not continue** in the Nursing degree program. However, in cases of extraordinary circumstances, they may appeal to the Nursing screening committee. Students should consult with the Nursing Department concerning appeal procedures.

Prospective Nursing students are encouraged to come to the Nursing Department for academic advisement during the early academic advisement period each semester.

Transfer Students

Transfer students seeking entrance into the Nursing degree program will be advised by nursing faculty during regularly scheduled advisement periods. Students who begin their studies at Queensborough are given priority over transfer students when determining eligibility for Clinical Nursing courses.

Returning Students

Students returning to the clinical nursing sequence following an absence of 2 years or longer should contact the Nursing Department for advisement.

NOTE: All Pre-Clinical sequence courses transferred in will be evaluated for grades earned at previous institution.

Remediation Requirements

Students in need of any remediation (as determined by the placement tests they take when they enter the College) must complete any required remediation (in reading, writing, mathematics, and/or speech) before starting the Clinical Sequence. Remedial sequences based on individual placement scores will be developed by the academic advisers.

Advanced Standing in Nursing

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) currently matriculated at Queensborough Community College and who have made application to the Clinical Nursing Sequence may attain advanced standing in Nursing by successfully completing the following examinations:

1. The NLN mobility, Profile 1 examination passed with a minimum grade of 74. This exam may only be taken **once**.
2. The Nursing Performance Examination.

Students who believe they qualify to take these examinations should contact the Nursing Department (Medical Arts Building, Room M-302).

REPEAT POLICY FOR NURSING COURSES

Students may repeat only one nursing course in the Clinical sequence, one time only. Opportunity to repeat a Clinical nursing course is limited and is based upon a student's overall record and the availability of space. Students should refer to the Nursing Student Handbook for complete guidelines.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

- Students must maintain at least a **2.0 grade-point-average in their studies to progress** through the Nursing program and be eligible for graduation.
- Student Nurse liability insurance coverage is required for students taking a Nursing course with clinical laboratory experience.
- **Students must achieve a grade of C or better in all Nursing courses** in order to proceed to the next level Nursing course and to graduate with the A.A.S. degree in Nursing. Pre-clinical sequence courses may only be taken one time. Students will be required to obtain a grade of C in BI-301 (A&P 1) in order to satisfy the pre-clinical sequence. A grade of C in BI-302 (A&P 2) will be a prerequisite to NU-102. A grade of C in BI-311 will be a prerequisite to NU-201. Students may repeat BI-302 and BI-311 in order to achieve a C but may not advance until it is achieved. (effective Fall 2005)
- Failure of a "critical element" in any clinical course, after three attempts, constitutes a clinical failure for the course (effective 9/1/00) and removal from the clinical area.
- Students must update their health status records each semester to meet hospital requirements. Updated health status clearance must be presented to the instructor on the first day of clinical or student will not be permitted in the clinical area.
- Proof of **current BCLS Certification for Health Care Professionals** is required of **all** students by the first clinical day of each semester. It is the responsibility of the student to keep his certification current.
- No transfer credit will be given for nursing courses taken at another college. All nursing courses must be completed at QCC.
- **To be eligible for clinical placement and/or licensure, students must meet essential competency standards. See the Nursing Department for information.**

NURSING – A.A.S. Required Program

ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (NLNAC).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE A.A.S. DEGREE

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS

A. PRE-CLINICAL SEQUENCE TO BE TAKEN BEFORE

ENTERING CLINICAL PHASE OF PROGRAM		Credits
EN-101	English Composition I.....	3
SS-510	Psychology.....	3
SS-310	Sociology.....	3
BI-301	Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
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<i>Pre-Clinical Sequence Sub-total</i>		<i>13</i>

Pre-Clinical Sequence Students, Please Note:

- Students may not repeat any courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence to improve the grade.
- Students are advised to check course descriptions for all required prerequisites and/or corequisites.
- A Speech Placement Test is required of all entering students. Speech remediation, if needed, must be successfully completed before entering NU-101.
- All required remedial course work must be successfully completed before applying to the clinical nursing sequence.
- Students entering the evening program must complete BI-301, BI-302 and BI-311 before taking NU-101.

B. ADDITIONAL CORE REQUIREMENTS

EN-102	English Composition II.....	3
SS-520	Human Growth and Development.....	3
BI-302	Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
BI-311	Microbiology.....	4
_____	Liberal Arts and Sciences elective.....	3
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<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>17</i>

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

NU-101 ††	Introduction to Nursing Care of Persons with Universal Self-Care Needs/Deficits*.....	7
NU-102 ††	Nursing Care of Persons with Developmental Self-Care Needs and Selected Self-Care Deficits; Intermediate Level, Part I: Writing Intensive.....	9
NU-201 ††	Nursing Care of Adults and Family with Developmental Self-Care Needs and Selected Self-Care Deficits; Intermediate Level, Part II.....	9
NU-202 ††	Advanced Nursing Care of Persons with Complex Self-Care Needs/Deficits.....	9
NU-203	Issues and Trends in Nursing: Writing Intensive.....	2
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<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>36</i>

Total Credits Required66

NOTE: Once a student has successfully completed the pre-Clinical sequence, he or she may apply to the Nursing Department (M-302) for acceptance into the Clinical program. Application takes place during the first three weeks of the early Academic Advisement period of each semester. See Nursing Web page for dates.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Pre-Clinical Sequence to be taken before entering

Clinical phase of Nursing Degree Program		Credits
EN-101	English Composition I.....	3
SS-510	Psychology.....	3
SS-310	Sociology.....	3
BI-301	Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
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<i>Pre-Clinical Sequence Sub-total</i>		<i>13</i>

Clinical Semester 1

NU-101	Introduction to Universal Self-Care Needs/Deficits*.....	7
SS-520	Human Growth and Development.....	3
BI-302	Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
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<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>14</i>

Clinical Semester 2

NU-102	Nursing Care of Persons with Self-Care Needs and Selected Self-Care Deficits.....	9
BI-311	Microbiology.....	4
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<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>13</i>

Clinical Semester 3

NU-201	Nursing Care of Persons with Developmental Self-Care Needs and Selected Self-Care Deficits.....	9
EN-102	English Composition II.....	3
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<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>12</i>

Clinical Semester 4

NU-202	Nursing Care of Persons with Chronic, Complex Multi-System Self-Care Needs/Deficits.....	9
NU-203	Issues and Trends in Nursing.....	2
_____	Liberal Arts and Sciences elective (see pages 67-68 for list of applicable courses; those designated "Applied or Specialized Courses" are not applicable).....	3
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<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>14</i>

Total Credits Required 66

†† Three clinical hours equal one credit hour.

As of Fall 2007, Anatomy and Physiology (BI-301 and BI-302) whether taken at QCC or transferred in from another institution will not be accepted for consideration if taken more than six (6) years ago. Microbiology BL-311 must have been taken within the last five (5) years. A grade of "C" or better in all Biology courses is required for progression and graduation. BI-302 and BI-311 maybe repeated to obtain a "C". BI-301 may not be repeated as part of the pre-nursing sequence

Two (2) Writing Intensive classes are required for the Associate degree. See page 69.-

Suggested Sequence of Courses for Evening Students

Evening students in Nursing are considered to be in **part-time pursuit**. Students must complete all the biological sciences (BI-301, 302, 311) and are encouraged to complete all Arts and Science requirements before entering the Clinical sequence.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

	Credits
EN-101 English Composition I.....	3
BI-301 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
	Sub-total 7
SS-310 Sociology.....	3
BI-302 Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
	Sub-total 7
SS-510 Psychology.....	3
BI-311 Microbiology.....	4
	Sub-total 7
EN-102 English Composition II.....	3
SS-520 Human Growth and Development.....	3
Liberal Arts and Sciences elective.....	3
	Sub-total 9

The successful completion of the pre-clinical sequence (13 credits) and all remedials, if required, with minimum grade-point average of 2.75 are required before applying to the clinical sequence of nursing

Clinical Semester 1

NU-101	Introduction to Nursing Care of Persons with Universal Self-Care Needs/Deficits.....	7
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Clinical Semester 2

NU-102	Nursing Care of Persons with Developmental Self-Care Needs and Selected Self-Care Deficits; Intermediate Level, Part I: Writing Intensive.....	9
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Clinical Semester 3

NU-201	Nursing Care of Adults and Family with Developmental Self-Care Needs and Selected Self-Care Deficits; Intermediate Level, Part II.....	9
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Clinical Semester 4

NU-202	Advanced Nursing Care of Persons withComplex Self-Care Needs/Deficits.....	9
NU-203	Issues and Trends in Nursing: Writing Intensive.....	2

Sub-total 11

Total Credits Required66

B.S. DEGREE IN NURSING

Articulation Agreements exist with the following upper division programs:

- Adelphi University
- Herbert Lehman
- C.W. Post Campus / Long Island University
- Molloy College
- New York University
- College of Staten Island (CUNY)
- Pace University
- York College (CUNY)
- University of Wisconsin, Green Bay
- Excelsior College (in process at time of printing)

