WSCC Department of Nursing Education Frequently Asked Questions

ACT Requirements

The Traditional and Mobility Pathway requires a minimum ACT composite score of 18. The Joint Enrollment program with our university partner requires a minimum ACT composite score of 20.

There is no substitution or exception. We do accept superscore if it is calculated by ACT or an advisor. There is no expiration date for your ACT test. If you need to take an ACT test, click here for information to register for the ACT Testing offered on campus. If you need ACT Prep please contact our Tutoring Lab or Adult Education.

Prerequisite Courses

For the traditional pathway there are no required prerequisite courses. We encourage you to take your nursing general education courses prior to applying in order to earn more application points and to prepare yourself with a solid foundation. Study skills, test taking skills, time management, and organization are all very important components to your success in nursing. If you have any questions about <u>transfer credit</u> or course substitutions, you will need to speak with your <u>advisor</u>.

Points for Admission

Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive; the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. After meeting all requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on grades achieved in ENG 101, BIO 201, BIO 202, and MTH 100, first-time enrollment in a nursing program, completion of nursing recommended information session, valid healthcare license or healthcare certificate or a Bachelor's or higher degree, and minimum ACT composite score. The Admission Committee makes the final selection of qualified applicants who will be offered a seat in the program.

Transfers

We are not currently accepting nursing student transfers due to a lack of clinical space. You are welcome to apply to the Traditional pathway if you have not received your PN certification.

Letter of Good Standing

A letter of good standing is required if you have previously attended a nursing program. Send your LGS to Deborah.hoover@wallacestate.edu.

Apprenticeship Program

After successful completion of NUR 112, you will have the opportunity to attend an Apprenticeship Interest Meeting hosted by Christina Holmes, Wallace State's Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Coordinator. For more information about Apprenticeship click here.

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Hybrid Content Delivery

Our nursing program is designed with on-campus and off-campus components. You are required to be on campus for testing, labs, and simulation – you are not required to be on campus for lecture. The lecture is recorded and available to you through Canvas. The off-campus requirements are mainly clinical. Plan for at least two days a week on campus during the week in addition to off-campus commitments.

Clinical

You will attend clinical in each nursing course. Below is a chart showing the clinical hour requirements for each course. Clincial facilities are located across the state and we will try to assign you within an hour driving distance from your home address. You will be placed in various clinical facilities in order to experience the different specialties required for each course. Simulation is performed at the Simulation Center on the Hanceville campus to supplement clinical hours.

WSCC Nursing Curriculum Hours			
Course	Theory Hrs	Lab Hrs	Clinical Hrs
NUR 112	60	90	45
NUR 113	60	45	135
NUR 114	75		135
NUR 115	15		45
NUR 209	90	45	135
NUR 211	60		135
NUR 221	45		180
	Theory hours include lecture, classroom time, and testing	Lab hours include lab and simulation	Clinical hours include on-campus and off-campus clinical experiences

Mobility Program

You would qualify for the Mobility Pathway if you earned your LPN certificate or have an AAS and licensure/certification in one of the following specialties: Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic, Diagnostic Imaging, Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, Medical Laboratory Technician, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Therapist.

The ADN program is completed in three semesters, and you must have the following prerequisites completed before applying: min. ACT 18, BIO 201, BIO 202, ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, PSY 210, and SPH 106.

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