Associate in Applied Science in Nurse Education Degree
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Offered at the Passaic Academic Center, the Nurse Education Program includes both general education and nursing courses for those who have chosen careers as registered nurses. General education courses from the sciences and liberal arts enhance the students’ understanding of clients. Graduates are prepared for practice in hospitals and health-care agencies within the framework of the American Nurses Association’s Standards of Practice and the New Jersey Nurse Practice Act.

Note: New Jersey Board of Nursing requires all licensure applicants to complete a criminal history background check prior to licensure as a registered professional nurse. Information is provided to graduates by the Board of Nursing upon application to take NCLEX.

*This two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program is a member of the National League for Nursing This program is accredited by: New Jersey Board of Nursing P.O. Box 45010 Newark, NJ 07101 (973) 504-6430 National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) 61 Broadway New York, NY (800) 669-1656

Nurse Education Program
Graduates will be able to:

• Integrate into practice knowledge and skills from the sciences, liberal arts and nursing.

• Apply the nursing process when caring for clients with commonly occurring health problems to promote, restore, and maintain health.

• Individualize nursing care to accommodate cultural, ethnic, and economic differences in clients and families.

• Practice nursing based on ethical considerations and within legal parameters according to the New Jersey Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and Standards of Care.

• Communicate in an effective manner with clients, clients’ families, and the interdisciplinary health care team.

• Demonstrate accountability for personal and professional development.
• Integrate developmental principles when caring for clients of all ages.

• Function as an entry-level associate degree nurse as provider of care, manager of care, and member of the discipline of nursing.

• Contribute to continuity of care for clients and their families in the changing health-care system. Graduates earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Successful performance on this examination results in licensure as a registered nurse (RN).
**Admission Requirements Day and Evening Option**

Applicants for admission to the Nursing Education Program must be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (GED). They also must meet admission criteria selected to ensure that accepted candidates have the potential to succeed in a rigorous academic program. Admission criteria are minimum standards and, in most cases, applicants accepted into the program exceed these requirements. The following requirements must be met prior to admission:

1. Meet Passaic County Community College admission criteria.

2. Achieve proficiency on the College Placement Test OR complete the required remediation with a grade of “C” or higher.

3. Complete CH 103, Introduction to General and Organic Chemistry, with a grade of “C” or higher. If an applicant has not completed at least one high school laboratory science course within the past 5 years, it is recommended that they complete SC 004, General Science, with a grade of “C” or higher.

4. Applicants selecting the evening option must complete CH 103, BS 103, BS 104, EN 101, EN 102, PS 101, and PS 102 prior to admission.

5. Successfully pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). [Click here for test and registration information.](#)

6. A point system based on cumulative GPA and NET score is used to rank applicants and determine acceptance. A copy of the point system is included in the Program Information booklet available from the Nurse Education Office.

**Requirements for Clinical Experience**

Once accepted into the Nurse Education Program and prior to participation in courses with a clinical component, the following are required:

1. Submit a completed health form signed by a physician or nurse practitioner.

2. Provide evidence of current Professional Liability Insurance coverage for nursing students.

3. Submit verification of current certification by an American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR.

4. Submit evidence of health insurance coverage.

5. Successfully pass a criminal history background check. *(A second comprehensive criminal history background check, with fingerprints, is required at completion of the program by the New Jersey Board of Nursing in order to obtain your nursing license.)*