

Official Program Outline



HERZING
UNIVERSITY

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Program Description

This Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program prepares the graduate to practice as a nurse generalist as a member of the healthcare team in a variety of settings. The program focuses on patient-centered care, teamwork and collaboration, and safety. The program emphasizes the use of innovative technologies and preparation for assuming the role of the professional nurse.

Program Outcomes (Student Learning Outcomes)

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Prioritize patient-centered care using clinical judgment and the nursing process.
2. Collaborate with patients, families and team members to provide safe and culturally competent care.
3. Minimize risk of harm to patients and providers through both systems effectiveness and individual performance.
4. Evaluate quality improvement processes to enhance patient outcomes.
5. Integrate professionalism and communication skills within the interdisciplinary healthcare environment.

Special Admissions Requirements

Please refer to the “Undergraduate Nursing Admission Requirements” policy in the Admissions Information section of this catalog for nursing program admission requirements.

Program Content

A minimum of 65.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

Statement on the Importance of Proficiency in Dosage Calculation in Nursing Programs

Proficiency in dosage calculation is a critical competency for nursing students and a foundational requirement for safe and effective patient care. Accurate dosage calculations are essential to ensure that patients receive the correct amount of medication, minimizing the risk of adverse drug events and medication errors, which can have serious or even life-threatening consequences.

In recognition of the vital role that dosage calculation plays in clinical practice, nursing programs require that students demonstrate mastery in this area before they are eligible to participate in clinical experiences. This ensures that nursing students are adequately prepared to handle the responsibilities of medication administration in real-world healthcare settings.

Validating proficiency in dosage calculation is not only a measure of academic achievement but also a safeguard for patient safety. By upholding this standard, nursing programs affirm their commitment to producing competent, confident, and responsible nursing professionals who are equipped to deliver high-quality care. Please refer to syllabi for specific requirements for individual courses.

Clinical Readiness Requirement

This program requires completion of a [clinical readiness](#) preparation.

Required Courses in Nursing

All courses, 38.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NSG 121 Health Assessment	SC 166, SC 254	3.00
NSG 122 Nursing Fundamental Concepts	SC 166, SC 254	5.00
NSG 124 Pharmacology	SC 166, SC 254	3.00
NSG 128 Medical-Surgical Nursing I	NSG 121, NSG 122, NSG 124	4.00
NSG 221 Mental Health Nursing	-Prerequisites for AASN, ASN, BSN, and BSN Accelerated Only: NSG 121, NSG 122, and NSG 124	4.00

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
	-Prerequisites for BSN Bridge Only: NSG 125 -Prerequisite for ASN Bridge Only: None. Corequisite for ASN Bridge Only: NSG 125	
NSG 222 Family Nursing	NSG 123 or NSG 125 or NSG 128	6.00
NSG 228 Medical-Surgical Nursing II	NSG 128	5.00
NSG 238 Medical-Surgical Nursing III	NSG 222	4.00
NSG 290 ASN Practicum	NSG 238	2.00
NSG 299 Review of Nursing Concepts	NSG 238	2.00

Required Courses in General Education

Students enrolled in this associate degree program must complete a minimum of 26.00 semester credit hours.

6.00 Semester Credit Hours in Communications

- EN 104 English Composition I
- EN 111 Information Literacy

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities

- HU 140 Cultural Diversity

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics

- MA 109 College Algebra

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Behavioral Science

- PS 105 Developmental Psychology

11.00 Semester Credit Hours in Science

- SC 154 Anatomy and Physiology I for Nurses
- SC 166 Microbiology
- SC 254 Anatomy and Physiology II for Nurses

Courses transferred from other accredited colleges may also be used to meet these requirements. Science courses being transferred from other accredited colleges must meet the nursing program science requirements.

Special General Education Grading Requirements

The following general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (70%) or better for a student to continue in the nursing program.

- MA 109 College Algebra
- PS 105 Developmental Psychology
- SC 166 Microbiology

The following science courses must be completed with a grade of "B" (80%) or better. Only two attempts are permitted for each course and a student who fails to successfully complete in the maximum attempts is subject to dismissal from the nursing program.

- SC 154 Anatomy and Physiology I for Nurses
- SC 254 Anatomy and Physiology II for Nurses

A student who is dropped from the nursing program for failing to achieve the minimum grade specified in the courses listed above, but who otherwise meets the academic standards of the University may transfer to another Herzing degree program and/or may appeal to reapply to the AASN nursing program in a future semester.

Personal and Professional Development Courses

1.00 semester credit hour is required.

- PD 202 Professional Development II, Semester Credit Hours: 1.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course					
Course	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Contact Hours	Credits
NSG 121	30.00	30.00	0.00	60.00	3.00
NSG 122	45.00	30.00	45.00	120.00	5.00
NSG 124	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
NSG 128	45.00	0.00	45.00	90.00	4.00
NSG 221	45.00	0.00	45.00	90.00	4.00
NSG 222	60.00	0.00	90.00	150.00	6.00
NSG 228	60.00	0.00	45.00	105.00	5.00
NSG 238	45.00	0.00	45.00	90.00	4.00
NSG 290	0.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	2.00
NSG 299	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	2.00
PD 202	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	1.00
Gen Ed – Communications (6 credits)					
EN 104	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
EN 111	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed – Humanities (3 credits)					
HU 140	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed – Mathematics (3 credits)					
MA 109	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed – Behavioral Science (3 credits)					
PS 105	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed – Science (11 credits)					
SC 154	45.00	30.00	0.00	75.00	4.00
SC 166	30.00	30.00	0.00	60.00	3.00
SC 254	45.00	30.00	0.00	75.00	4.00
Totals	765.00	150.00	405.00	1320.00	65.00