

HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MAJORS

REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM

The Nursing Program leads to an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree for students who successfully complete the required five semesters of study. Students are prepared to become registered nurses upon successful completion of the course of study and satisfactory performance on the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The framework for the nurse education program embodies basic needs, the nursing process, and the Associate Degree Nurse (A.D.N.) competencies. Students utilize the nursing process in the care of patients in acute general care hospitals and nursing homes. In addition to hospitals, students work within community settings. Teaching/learning environments also include lecture halls and patient simulated laboratory, where students practice and achieve proficiency in their technical skills to prepare them for patient assignments. Students, under the direct guidance of qualified professional nurse instructors, learn to provide nursing care for patients of all ages in a variety of settings. All students are encouraged to join the National Student Nurses Association of New York and the on-campus, Gonzalez-Tubman Nursing Club. Some scholarships are available to nursing students.

Goals of the Nursing Program

The program aims to prepare students who, as A.D.N. graduates, are able to:

- Provide comprehensive nursing care based on the use of the nursing process in structured health care environments, and view men and women from a holistic perspective.
- Integrate knowledge from nursing and the physical, biological, behavioral, and social sciences to meet the needs of individuals, families, and community members.
- Demonstrate competence as communicators, providers of patient care, patient teachers, managers of care, and as beginning members of the nursing profession.
- Successfully complete the curriculum which includes liberal arts, urban health, biological sciences, physical sciences, and nursing courses encompassing both lecture and clinical practice.
- Take the NCLEX-RN.

Application/Entrance Process for All Nursing Applicants

Students seeking a degree in Nursing from Hostos Community College must first satisfactorily complete the pre-requisites specified below. Students seeking entry to the Nursing Program are urged to seek academic and registration advisement from the Nursing faculty.

Note: Admission to the College does not guarantee entry to the Nursing program.

After successfully meeting all pre-requisites, students interested in the nursing program will apply for progression to the Clinical phase. Students who need remediation or developmental coursework must complete these and pre-requisite courses.

Upon satisfactory completion of all pre-clinical requirements, students are evaluated for progression to the clinical phase.

Required courses must be taken in the identified sequence. Students should obtain a copy of the "RN Student Handbook".

Students are expected to read and adhere to all policies as outlined in the student handbook.

Note: All requirements for the nursing A.A.S. degree in nursing must be completed within five (5) years. Students are urged to seek advisement for academic and financial planning.

Finally, graduates must take and pass the NCLEX-RN examination to be licensed.

Pre-Requisites for Freshmen, First-Time-To College*

Freshmen students must meet the following criteria to be considered "nursing-bound":

1. Have a high school average of 75% or a GED score of at least 275;
2. Have passing scores on CUNY Skills Tests of Mathematics, Reading, and Writing, specifically:
 - a. Pass CUNY reading and writing examinations and placement into ENG 110.
 - b. Passing score on CUNY Math test (Math score of 32 or better, with a minimum score of 14 in Part 1), exempts students from taking MAT 020 - Elementary Algebra.
 - c. Students who do not pass the CUNY Skills Tests must take the appropriate remedial course(s) and re-test after successful completion of each course.
 - d. ESL students may apply for entry to the pre-clinical phase of the nursing program after completing their ESL courses, passing all CUNY skills tests, and passing all pre-requisite courses.

Pre-requisites for Transfer Students*

Transfer students seeking entry to the Nursing Program should ensure that all transcripts and test results have been submitted to Hostos for review by the Nursing Admissions Committee. To be considered "nursing-bound," transfer students must meet the following criteria:

1. Have an overall GPA of 2.5 at previous institution(s) and a GPA of 2.5 in all courses equivalent to those required in the nursing sequence. (See #3 below for more details about transferring courses.)
2. Testing Requirements
 - a. Transfers from non-CUNY colleges must take all required CUNY basic skills tests.
 - b. Have passing scores on CUNY/ACT Reading and Writing CUNY Skills Tests.
 - c. Passing the CUNY Math test (Math score of 32 or better, with a minimum score of 14 in Part 1), exempts students from taking MAT 020 - Elementary Algebra.
 - d. Transfers from another CUNY college, who retest at Hostos, will be placed in English and Math courses based on their Hostos placement test results only.

- e. Students who are exempted from the Math test (SAT score of 480 or better, or corresponding Regents score of 75 or better) must take MAT 020 - Elementary Algebra.
 - f. Students who do not pass the CUNY Skills Tests must take the appropriate remedial course(s) and re-test after successful completion of each course.
 - g. ESL students may apply for entry to the pre-clinical phase of the Nursing Program after completing their ESL courses, passing all CUNY skills tests, and passing all pre-requisite courses.
3. Transferring Courses
- a. The Nursing Admissions Committee will review transcripts of transfer students who have declared Nursing as their major.
 - b. Any student who has not been permitted to enter, progress, or graduate from another nursing program may not transfer any credits into the Hostos Nursing Program. They are, however, permitted to begin the program of study.
 - c. Nursing courses taken at another college are not transferable to Hostos.
 - d. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Letter grades will be reviewed for Equivalency as per CUNY guidelines.
 - e. Science courses more than three (3) years old are not transferable to the RN program.
 - f. ESL courses are not transferable.

Pre-requisites for Second Degree Students

Students who have completed one degree and seek entry to studies leading to the RN degree must meet the same requirements as Transfer students.

Entry/Progression to Clinical Phase

To progress to the Clinical Phase of the Nursing program, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 with no grade less than "C" in any required course.
2. Have completed all course work at time of registration to the Nursing Program. No Incomplete grades are accepted for any required or elective course.
3. Completion of MAT 105. Students are officially nursing majors upon entry into NUR 216, Fundamentals of Nursing.

The Clinical phase of the Nursing Program has limited capacity. When more students seek entry than can be accommodated, entry will be competitive based on:

1. Highest GPA in courses required for Nursing;
2. Highest scores on NLN, ATI Exams and Writing Sample;
3. There is no waiting list; the application process begins anew annually.

Attendance Policy

Attendance in all courses is required for both lecture and clinical components, from start to adjournment. Attendance is

mandated for the study group hour attached to the lecture. Absences are reviewed by the Nursing faculty to determine if a student may remain in the program.

Clinical Phase Requirements:

1. Prior to first day of Clinical, students must meet and have documented current state-mandated requirements:
 - Health Requirements;
 - Liability Insurance;
 - Professional Basic Life Support for Health Care Professionals.
2. Completion of Infection Control and Child Abuse courses;
3. Completion of required personal health examinations and clearances, including toxicology screening:
 - Anyone who fails a toxicology-screening test must withdraw from nursing courses. Student may apply for re-admission to the program, no sooner than one year, on a space-available basis.

Progression in the Nursing Program

1. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to progress within the nursing major.
2. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation, consistent with CUNY requirements.
3. Students may repeat only one, required non-nursing course one time.
4. A failure in a clinical nursing course results in student dismissal from the nursing program. A student may seek readmission by submission of a letter to the coordinator. Students may repeat one clinical nursing course if approved by the Nursing Unit Coordinator and faculty, if all other requirements are met.
5. A second failure in a clinical nursing course results in the student dismissal from the Nursing Program.
6. Students who fail a clinical course may audit the lecture component of the previous clinical course for a registration fee.
7. The student who drops a nursing course may reapply the following year on a space-available basis.
8. All nursing students in clinical courses are required to pay for external testing measures.
9. Ancillary expenses can be found in this College Catalog and the RN Student Handbook. These are current prices, and as such they are subject to change.

Completion, Graduation, Licensing

1. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to progress within the program.
2. A student must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to meet the CUNY requirements for graduation.
3. Students who have completed 45-60 credits must take and pass the CPE (CUNY Proficiency Examination), which is a graduation requirement.
4. Completion of two (2) WI (Writing Intensive courses).
5. Upon successful completion of all requirements, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.
6. All senior nursing students are required to pay for on-going NCLEX-RN review courses.

- a. NOTE: To license nurses, the New York State Education Department requires applicants to be “of good moral character” and requires the review of anyone with a felony record.
- b. Information will be disseminated by the Nursing Department.

Program of Study Leading to the A.A.S. Degree in Nursing

General Education Requirements	Credits
BIO 230Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0
BIO 240Anatomy & Physiology II	4.0
BIO 310Microbiology	4.0
CHE 105Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences	4.5
ENG 110Expository Writing	3.0
ENG 111Literature and Composition	3.0
HLT 215Nutrition	3.0
MAT 105Mathematics for Allied Health Sciences	3.0
PSY 1032General Psychology	3.0
PSY 1037Life-Span Development of Behavior	3.0
SOC 101Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Subtotal	37.5

Major Requirements

NUR 216Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	6.0
NUR 220Pharmacology	3.0
NUR 227Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family I	3.0
NUR 228Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family II	3.0
NUR 316Nursing Care of the Client with Mental Illness	3.0
NUR 317Nursing Care of the Adult I	6.0
NUR 320Nursing Trends and Issues	3.0
NUR 326Nursing Care of the Adult II	7.0
Subtotal	34.0
Total credits	71.5

Progression into the Nursing Clinical Sequence

All students must be approved by the Nursing Screening Committee. The following criteria will be used in determining those students who will be accepted into the Nursing clinical Sequence.

Screening Procedures:

All students must pass a screening process to be eligible for admission into the nursing sequence. Screening takes place during the spring semester for fall acceptance. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 and a minimum score of 50% on the NLN examination is necessary to be eligible for screening. A student's composite score of the GPA, NLN score and ATI score will be used to admit students to the clinical sequence.

Students will be selected from those with the highest scores. The composite GPA is determined by combining the student's overall GPA and the GPA in the following courses: English 110, English 111, Biology 230, Biology 240 and Chemistry 105.

The weights that will be used to create the composite score, a maximum of seven hundred points are:

Overall GPA	100 points
GPA in English 110, English 111, Biology 230, Biology 240 and Chemistry 105	300 points
Score on the NLN	100 points
Score on the ATI Examination	200 points

Sample Semester Sequence

Semester I	Credits
BIO 230Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0
ENG 110Expository Writing	3.0
MAT 105Mathematics for Allied Health Sciences	3.0
PSY 1032General Psychology	3.0
SOC 101Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Subtotal	16.0

Semester II	Credits
BIO 240Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
ENG 111Literature and Composition	3.0
PSY 1037Life-Span Development of Behavior	3.0
CHE 105Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences	4.5
Subtotal	14.5

Semester III	Credits
BIO 310Microbiology	4.0
NUR 216Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	6.0
Subtotal	10.0

Semester IV	Credits
HLT 215Nutrition	3.0
NUR 220Pharmacology	3.0
NUR 227Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family I	3.0
NUR 228Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family II	3.0
Subtotal	12.0

Semester V	Credits
NUR 316Nursing Care of the Client with Mental Illness	3.0
NUR 317Nursing Care of the Adult I	6.0
Subtotal	9.0

Semester VI	Credits
NUR 320Issues and Trends in Nursing Practice3.0
NUR 326Nursing Care of the Adult II7.0
Subtotal10.0
Total Credits for Degree71.5

The NCLEX - RN examination is taken upon successful completion of the degree requirements for the AAS Program in Nursing.

Ancillary Expenses for Nursing Students*

National League for Nursing	
Pre-Nursing Examinations	\$40.00
ATI	\$22.00
Nursing Program	
NLN End of Course Exams for all students	\$80.00
Uniforms	\$80.00
Shoes	\$45.00
White Hose	\$10.00
Class Pin	\$70.00
Instruments and Carrying Case	\$65.00
National Student Nurse Association	\$30.00
NCLEX-RN Licensure Exam	\$240.00
NCLEX-PN Licensure Exam	\$240.00
CPR Course, Red Cross	\$85.00
Malpractice Insurance (EACH YEAR)	\$50.00
Health Clearance	\$150.00
Total	\$1,207.00

*These are current prices and subject to change without notice.

Description of the Clinical Simulation Laboratory

The clinical simulation laboratory for Nursing students is located on the fourth floor of the Allied Health Building. The laboratory simulates a hospital setting and provides a realistic environment for patient care and skills development. Students have the opportunity to learn and practice skills in a nurturing, safe, supportive, stimulating and comfortable environment before attempting them in an actual clinical site. This promotes confidence and improves skills, as well as awareness necessary for providing safe patient care under supervision in the clinical area.

The laboratory serves as a classroom, audiovisual, computer room and authentic patient settings. Nursing faculty and staff provide a total educational experience by using visual aides, anatomical simulators, and other faculty/staff directed activities.