

Nursing A.A.S.

The Program

The Nursing program at Cayuga Community College prepares the student for entry into the profession of Nursing. Upon graduation, students receive the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The overall NCLEX-RN passing rate for Cayuga nursing students exceeds state and national averages.

The curriculum offers a balance of courses in general education and nursing. Students are provided with the theoretical knowledge and clinical practice needed to provide nursing care for individuals throughout the life span. Learning experiences are provided in the classroom, nursing laboratory, and a variety of clinical settings.

Nursing education is available at both the Auburn and Fulton campuses of Cayuga Community College. The Auburn program admits students *every* fall. The Fulton program admits *every other* fall (even years).

Employment opportunities for entry-level graduates include hospitals, ambulatory care, skilled nursing facilities, and community agencies.

For information about the program on the College web site, visit www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/programs/nursing and www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing.php.

Program Accreditation

Cayuga's Nursing program is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30326, www.nlnac.org.

Admission Requirements

The following prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Nursing program:

- High school or equivalency diploma
- Algebra math proficiency:
 - Testing into MATH 102 or higher on the Cayuga placement test, *or*
 - Completion of MATH 099 or higher with a grade of C (or equivalent) or higher, *or*
 - Completion of pre-calculus or higher in high school with a grade of C (or equivalent) or higher
- Satisfactory completion (C or 70% or higher) of high school or college biology
- Satisfactory completion (C or 70% or higher) of high school or college chemistry
- Minimum cumulative GPA or overall high school average of C (2.0)
- Pre-admission Nursing Entrance Exam (for information and dates of tests, visit www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing.php and see the section under the subhead "Admission to the Program: Steps and Deadlines.") A grade of 70 or higher is required in all components of the exam.
- Satisfactory completion (C+ or higher) of Biology 203 and 204 is strongly suggested
- English language proficiency as demonstrated by compliance with minimum required TOEFL score.
- May be required to consent to background check and/or drug testing upon request by college or affiliating clinical agency.

Admission Process

Applicants are encouraged to attend a Nursing Information Session. For information on dates and times visit www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing.php. Admission to the Nursing program is a two-application process. Applicants must fill out both the College admissions application and a Nursing admission application. Completion of these two applications does not guarantee admission to the program. Note:

- January 15 is the postmark deadline to apply for fall admission.
- October 31 is the postmark deadline to apply for spring admission.
- Attendance at a Nursing Information Session is strongly recommended.
- The Pre-admission Nursing Entrance Exam must be completed by the application postmark deadline.
- All applications will be considered competitively.
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance decision in March for fall admission and December for spring admission.
- Applicants not accepted must reapply to be considered for admission the following year.

LPN Advanced Placement

Advanced placement in Cayuga's Nursing program is based on available space in Nursing 102.

Licensed Practical Nurses must meet the following admission requirements to

challenge Nursing 100 and 101:

- Satisfy the criteria stated in Admission Requirements.
- Complete BIOL 203 with a C+ or higher (ENGL 101 and BIOL 204 are strongly suggested).
- Graduate from a state-certified LPN program within 2 years with a GPA of 3.0 (80%) *or*
- Complete the Excelsior College online Fundamentals of Nursing Exam (www.excelsior.edu) with a score of B (80%) or higher.
- Meet with the Director of Nursing prior to October 31 deadline.
- Complete the Nursing Department Skill Competency Evaluation (www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing/nursing-skill-competency.php) with a grade of Satisfactory.
- Complete the non-credit Nursing Bridge Course (www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing/nursing-bridge-course.php) offered in December or January.
- Submit current LPN license.

Transfer into the Program

Students requesting transfer from another Nursing program must:

- Satisfy the admission criteria stated in the admission requirement.
- Submit a written request for consideration of transfer on the Nursing Transfer Request form (available at www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing.php) to the Director of Nursing. The only nursing course that may be accepted for transfer is Nursing 101 pending review of course syllabus. A minimum grade of C+ (77) is required for Nursing 101 credit transfer.
- Apply for admission through the Admissions Office by October 31. (See www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing.php)
- Complete the Nursing department Skill Competency Evaluation (www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing/nursing-skill-competency.php) with a grade of Satisfactory.
- Complete the non-credit Nursing Bridge Course (www.cayuga-cc.edu/admissions/application_process/nursing/nursing-bridge-course.php) offered in December or January.

Program Progression

- A minimum passing grade of 77 (C+) must be achieved in each Nursing course. A grade less than C+ is considered an unsuccessful attempt.
- A "Satisfactory" clinical grade must be achieved in each clinical Nursing course.
- A minimum passing grade of C+ is required in BIOL 203, 204, and 216 courses taken after September 1, 2008. This requirement does not apply to biology courses completed before September 2008.
- A student is limited to one W or unsuccessful attempt in any clinical Nursing course (NURS 101, 102, 214, 215, 216, 217). A second W or unsuccessful attempt in any clinical Nursing course will result in dismissal from the program.
- All required Nursing courses (with the exception of NURS 101) must be taken at Cayuga Community College.
- The following grading system is used by the Nursing faculty:

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	less than 62
- A student receiving a W or a grade less than C+ in NURS 101 or 102 must reapply for admission to the Nursing program through the Admissions Office in accordance with specified application deadlines.
- A student receiving a W or a grade less than C+ in NURS 214, 215, 216, or 217 must apply for re-entry to the program through the director of Nursing (e-mail alfieri@cayuga-cc.edu). The student must schedule a meeting with the director of Nursing three months prior to the semester start date. Academic counseling will be initiated to develop a success plan. Re-entry is granted on a space-available basis and upon compliance with the re-entry procedure.
- A student seeking re-entry to the Nursing program must meet program policies in effect at the date of re-entry.
- Program requirements must be completed within three years of the initial admission.

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Note: Additional fees for Nursing students are listed in the college catalog.



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Legal Limitations for RN Licensure

There is a requirement that the applicant for the licensure exam be of “good moral character.” Applicants should be aware that eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse in New York State by persons who have been convicted of a crime (felony or misdemeanor) or have charges pending in any state or country will be determined through an investigation by the New York State Education Office of Professional Discipline. Refer to www.op.nysed.gov/nursing for specific criteria.

Degree Requirements

The following curriculum represents the Nursing course sequence and minimum requirements for the A.A.S. degree in Nursing (total of 69 credit hours).

Map your degree

Courses	Cr Hrs	Semester Completed	Grade
First Semester			
ENGL 101 Freshman English I	3	_____	___
NURS 100 Nursing Success Strategies	1	_____	___
NURS 101 Fundamentals of Patient Care	8	_____	___
BIOL 203 Anatomy and Physiology I	4	_____	___
Physical Education	1	_____	___
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Second Semester			
NURS 102 Nursing in Physical/Mental Health I	8	_____	___
NURS 212 Health Assessment I	1.5	_____	___
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	_____	___
BIOL 204 Anatomy and Physiology II	4	_____	___
	16.5		
Third Semester			
NURS 214 Family/Community Nursing I	4	_____	___
NURS 215 Nursing in Physical/Mental Health II	4	_____	___
NURS 213 Health Assessment II	1.5	_____	___
BIOL 216 General Microbiology	4	_____	___
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	_____	___
Physical Education	1	_____	___
	17.5		
Fourth Semester			
ENGL 221 Effective Speech: Public Address	3	_____	___
NURS 216 Family/Community Nursing II	4	_____	___
NURS 217 Nursing in Physical/Mental Health III	4	_____	___
NURS 203 Trends in Nursing	1	_____	___
NURS 207 Pharmacology	3	_____	___
PSY 212 Developmental Psychology	3	_____	___
	18		
Total Credit Hours	69		

Learning Experiences

Theory instruction is provided in a variety of formats: on campus, on line or video conferencing may be used. Clinical learning experiences are provided in a variety of area health facilities. Clinical schedules include days, evenings and occasional weekends. Students must provide their own transportation to clinical facilities. Clinical agencies include but are not limited to Auburn Nursing Home, Finger Lakes Center for Living, Seneca Hill Manor, Auburn Memorial Hospital, Community General Hospital, University Hospital, Veterans Medical Center, Oswego Hospital, Hutchings Psychiatric Center, Oswego County Health Department, and Cayuga County Health Department.

Technical Standards

Technical standards are abilities and behaviors that a nursing student must be able to perform in order to function in a safe manner. It is essential that students of nursing meet the functional requirements outlined on www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/programs/nursing/enrollment_requirements.php with or without reasonable accommodations.

Disabilities Services

Nursing students must be able to meet all established academic and clinical requirements to successfully complete the program. In accordance with law and College policy, no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of that disability, be excluded from the program. Cayuga Community College will provide reasonable accommodations to a qualified individual with a disability. The Office of Disability Services is responsible for determining if reasonable accommodations can be identified and for ensuring that such accommodations are provided for students. It is the responsibility of the applicant or student to request the accommodations needed to meet the program's Technical Standards (see above). To be eligible for a reasonable accommodation, applicants must provide clear documentation of disability. Arranging for accommodations is a confidential process. Contact the Office of Disability Services (trerise@cayuga-cc.edu) and the director of Nursing (alfieri@cayuga-cc.edu) if you think you may need an accommodation for a disability.

Health Requirements

After being accepted into the Nursing program, the student must show evidence of the following prior to August 15:

- Completed physical exam and updated annually. The health record must show no physical condition which would limit safe performance of technical standards (see www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/programs/nursing/enrollment_requirements.php)
- Completed Mantoux test and immunization records
- Compliance with New York State health requirements

CPR Requirement

The student must hold CPR certification throughout the program. American Heart Association certification (BLS for Adults, Infant and Child) and Red Cross certification (Professional Rescuer Course) are valid for two years. Online certification or re-certification is accepted. Note: “Heart Saver” and “Community CPR” do not meet the CPR requirement. Evidence of CPR certification must be submitted to the Nursing Education office by August 15.

Graduation Requirement

The candidate for the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing must meet the following requirements:

- Completion of 69 credits (60 credits for LPN Advanced Placement)
- Completion of General Education distribution requirements as well as the Nursing curriculum
- Cumulative average of no less than 2.0 and a minimum grade of “C+” in each Nursing and Biology course

Transferring into Bachelor's Degree Nursing Programs

Cayuga Community College has articulation agreements with a number of baccalaureate nursing programs. For information on these, contact the director of Nursing.