

HEALTH SCIENCES

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Quarter Credit Hours Required = 105

The Health Science Associate in Science degree program provides a unique educational opportunity by providing general education courses as a complement of important tools for use in practical nursing. General education courses, coupled with practical nursing knowledge, builds a foundation in communications, humanities/fine arts, mathematics, and social and behavioral sciences to assure a basis for understanding and responding appropriately to the health needs of clients. This degree provides an educational foundation for a student that is considering more advanced studies in nursing and healthcare sciences. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX-PRN) to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Upon successful completion of this program, the students should be able to

- apply evidence-based knowledge from nursing science, the humanities, and social and natural sciences in providing practical nursing care;
- perform comprehensive patient assessments through the collection of information from multiple sources establishing a foundation for provision of client care;
- provide safe, competent care and promote positive client outcomes using critical thinking to make clinical decisions;
- demonstrate accountability for ethical and professional standards of practical nursing;
- teach the client and significant support person(s) in order to promote and facilitate informed decision making, achieve positive outcomes, and promote self-care activities;
- demonstrate caring behaviors toward the client, significant support person(s), peers, and other members of the healthcare team;
- demonstrate effective communication skills in an effort to exchange information verbally, non-verbally, in writing, and through information technology, directed toward promoting positive health outcomes;
- assist in managing client care as a member of the healthcare team, effectively utilizing resources to meet the health needs of the client and their families;
- collaborate with the client, significant support person(s), and members of the healthcare team to achieve positive client outcomes;
- use contemporary technology safely in practical nursing practice;
- use evidence-based information to support clinical decision making;
- recognize the impact of social, economic, legal, and political factors on the delivery of healthcare; and
- value life-long learning and professional development.

AREA OF CONCENTRATION

Quarter Credit Hours

PRN 1050	Introduction to Nursing.....	4
PRN 1100	Fundamentals of Nursing.....	9
PRN 1130	Human Anatomy and Physiology.....	6
PRN 1140	Medical Terminology for Nursing.....	2
PRN 1150	Pharmacology and Medication Administration.....	4
PRN 1180	Nutrition, Wellness, and Disease.....	2
PRN 1200	Geriatric Nursing.....	4
PRN 1300	Medical/Surgical Nursing I.....	10
PRN 1400	Medical/Surgical Nursing II.....	14
PRN 1450	Human Growth and Development.....	4
PRN 1600	Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric Nursing.....	10
PRN 1800	Transition to Graduate.....	12
Total Minimum Required Area of Concentration Credits.....		81

GENERAL EDUCATION:

These courses are to be selected in consultation with the Program Director so as to effectuate a balanced educational program.

Select a total (minimum) of 24 credit hours as indicated below:

Communications.....	12
Humanities and Fine Arts.....	4
Mathematics.....	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences.....	4
Total Minimum Required General Education Credits.....	24

TOTAL MINIMUM QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED.....105