



## Nursing at White Mountains Community College

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The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares the student for practice as a registered nurse. The program offers multiple entry/exit options. Students who are beginning their nursing education enter the program at Level I.

After successful completion of Level I, students are eligible to take the National Council for Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) in New Hampshire based on comparable education, and have the option of exiting the program or returning for the second year (Level II). Licensure by comparable education may not be recognized by the licensing agency in every state. Applicants who are Licensed Practical Nurses enter the program at Level II. Students who successfully complete Level II are eligible to take the National Council for Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

### Admission Requirements for Level I Applicants:

1. Meet college requirements for admission.
2. Successfully complete the NLN Pre-Admission Exam for RNs with a minimum percentile score of 50 in each of the subtests. Students are allowed to test once in a six-month period. Test scores are valid for a period of five (5) years.
3. Provide the Admissions Office with documented credit for high school biology with lab, algebra I, and chemistry with lab, with a minimum grade of C.
4. Submit a statement of professional goals.
5. Submit an admissions application that is complete when all of the above-mentioned documents are in place. . A review of all completed applications will begin in February. Nursing program applications must be complete by December 31 to be considered for early acceptance in the fall class. If the class is not filled when the review is complete, we will continue to accept completed applications and conduct a second review in May.
6. If applicable, seek transfer credits for Anatomy & Physiology I and II and Microbiology for courses with a grade of C or better. These courses must have been completed within the previous 5 years.
7. Candidates who do not meet admissions requirements may be evaluated on an individual basis for evidence of competence based on recent college level academic performance.

### Admission Requirements for Level II Applicants:

1. Meet college requirements for admission.
2. Meet all Level I course requirements and possess a current NH Practical Nurse License, or be eligible for NH Practical Nurse Licensure.
3. Upon acceptance, participate in an assessment of knowledge and skills in fundamentals of nursing and maternal and child nursing.
4. Provide the Admissions Office with documentation of three credits for college-level psychology with a minimum grade of C. The applicant must also provide the equivalent of eight college credits of Anatomy and Physiology with lab, with a minimum grade of C. These courses must have been completed within the past five years. Applicants whose Anatomy and Physiology and/or Microbiology course credit is more than 5 years old can elect to retake the course(s) or take the Excelsior College Exam. Applicants must attain a grade of C or better in these subject areas to meet this admission requirement.

Call the Admissions Office for more information on the Excelsior College Exam or for a schedule of courses.

### Nursing Readmission Policy

Students matriculated in the Nursing program who withdraw or do not achieve the required minimum grade in the nursing or science courses and are not able to continue in the Nursing program may be eligible for readmission consideration. A student may be readmitted to the Nursing program one time only. Students who have failed a nursing course because of unsafe practice involving actions or non-actions are not eligible for readmission to the Nursing program (see Nursing Course Syllabi and Nursing Student Handbook). Readmissions are contingent upon space availability. The student applying for readmission will be required to meet the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of readmission.

### All students who are accepted into the Nursing Program will:

1. Submit a completed health record, including proof of required immunizations.
2. Provide proof of health insurance. (Available to matriculated students through the college.)
3. Obtain and maintain current BLS-C (Basic Life Support) certification.
4. Successfully complete a criminal background check.

**The above criteria (#1-4) must be completed prior to the first day of class.**

5. Purchase lab equipment, course materials, liability insurance and program uniform. Estimated cost is \$100-130 per year. Pay the Nursing Clinical Surcharge of \$350 per semester. Pay for and participate in standardized nursing achievement exams each year of the program.

Students admitted into the nursing program must achieve a minimum grade of C in all physical science and nursing courses and a grade of satisfactory in the clinical component in order to continue in the program.

The New Hampshire State Board of Nursing may restrict licensing of candidates who have been involved in civil or criminal legal action. Questions about licensing restriction should be addressed to the New Hampshire State Board of Nursing.

The Nursing program outcomes are as follows:

- To educate the student to provide safe and competent nursing care
- To promote the student's individual growth in meeting personal and career goals
- To prepare the student to take the NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN or both exams based upon individual career goals
- To provide for the nursing employment needs within the community through multiple entry/exit program options

#### Level 1 (Freshman)

Fall Semester		Lec	Lab	Cr
<a href="#">BIO114</a>	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	2	4
<a href="#">NUR111</a>	Nursing I	5	6	7
<a href="#">NUR112</a>	Nursing II	4	6	6
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring Semester		Lec	Lab	Cr
<a href="#">BIO115</a>	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	2	4
<a href="#">NUR113</a>	Nursing III	4	6	6
<a href="#">NUR114</a>	Nursing IV	4	6	6
<a href="#">PSY111</a>	Psychology	3	0	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>First Year Total</b>				<b>36</b>

**Nursing I and II run sequentially during the fall.  
Nursing III and IV run sequentially during the spring.**

#### Level 2 (Senior)

Fall Semester		Lec	Lab	Cr
<a href="#">BIO211</a>	Microbiology	3	2	4
<a href="#">ENG120</a>	College Composition	3	0	3
<a href="#">NUR211</a>	Nursing V	6	15	11
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

Spring Semester		Lec	Lab	Cr
<a href="#">NUR212</a>	Nursing VI	4	15	9
	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
	<a href="#">Mathematics</a>	3	0	3
	<a href="#">English</a>	3	0	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Second Year Total</b>				<b>36</b>

**Total for A.S. Degree 72**

