



NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION

NURSING (RN)

Associate in Applied Science Degree with Practical Nurse (LPN) Certificate Option

Program Location: Bay Minette, Brewton, Fairhope, Monroeville, and Thomasville Campuses

Length: Five Semesters (A.A.S. Degree); Three Semesters (Certificate)

This is a full-time day program designed to prepare students to practice as competent registered nurses (RN) after passing the licensure exam. Students who successfully complete the first three semesters (45 credit hours) are awarded a Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate and are eligible to take the licensure exam to become an LPN. Licensure by the Boards of Nursing may be denied if an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense of a felony, has abused drugs or alcohol, has a history of chemical dependency or mental illness, has been placed on the federal abuse registry, or has been administratively discharged from the armed services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, applicants must be in good standing (minimum GPA of 2.0) at Coastal Alabama, have original transcripts from all schools attended in the Registrar’s Office, hold a minimum GPA of 2.5 for the academic core courses in the program or cumulative 2.5 GPA if a high school student without prior college coursework, and be eligible for ENG101, MTH100, and BIO 201.

Students are selected based on the following point system:

1. Score on ACT with a minimum composite score of 18 required
2. Three points are awarded for an A, two for a B, and one for a C in ENG 101, MTH 100, BIO 201, and BIO 202
3. One point each is awarded for completion of PSY 210, SPH 106 or 107, BIO 220, and a Humanities course with a C or higher
4. Three points are awarded for completion of a higher-level Math or Chemistry with a C or higher (MTH 116, Mathematical Applications, is not a higher-level Math course)
5. Three points are awarded for completion of all eight general education courses required in the nursing program with a C or higher
6. All applicable courses must be completed by application deadline in order to be awarded points.

A separate nursing application is required. Application deadlines, application packets, information sessions, and ACT registration dates are available on Coastal Alabama’s website. Once selected for the program, students are required to provide the following: drug screen, background check, physical exam showing ability to meet essential eligibility criteria, records of immunizations, proof of medical insurance and American Heart Association CPR. All nursing courses must be passed with a minimum of 75 (C) in order to progress in the program. A nursing testing fee will be assessed each semester.

It is highly recommended that students take the general education courses prior to beginning the nursing coursework. This is a career program designed for students to go directly into the labor market upon completion. Although some of the courses in this program will transfer to four-year institutions, this program is not designed to be a transfer program of study; therefore, it is not subject to the terms and conditions of STARS.

AREA I: Written Composition	3 Total Hours
ENG 101 – English Composition I	3
AREA II: Humanities and Fine Arts	6 Total Hours
Choose one of the following: SPH 106 – Fundamentals of Oral Communication SPH 107 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Humanities and Fine Arts Elective: Choose one of the following ART 100 – Art Appreciation ART 203 – Art History I ART 204 – Art History II HUM 101 – Introduction to Humanities I HUM 102 – Introduction to Humanities II MUS 101 – Music Appreciation PHL 106 – Introduction to Philosophy PHL 206 – Ethics and Society REL 100 – History of World Religions REL 151 – Survey of the Old Testament REL 152 – Survey of the New Testament THR 120 – Theater Appreciation THR 126 – Introduction to Theater	3
AREA III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics	15 Total Hours
MTH 100 – Intermediate College Algebra or more advanced MTH 110 – Finite Mathematics MTH 112 – Precalculus Algebra MTH 113 – Precalculus Trigonometry MTH 120 – Calculus and its Applications MTH 125 – Calculus I MTH 126 – Calculus II MTH 265 – Elementary Statistics	3
BIO 201 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 220 – General Microbiology	4
AREA IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3 Total Hours
PSY 210 – Human Growth and Development	3
AREA V: Pre-Professional, Major, and Elective Courses	39 Total Hours
NUR 112 – Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	7
NUR 113 – Nursing Concepts I	8
NUR 114 – Nursing Concepts II	8
NUR 115 – Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	2
NUR 211 – Advanced Nursing Concepts	7
NUR 221 – Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	7
Total Hours	66 SH