

Nursing – Associate in Applied Science (NURS.AAS)

The Associate in Applied Science, Nursing (AAS) program consists of integrated lectures, labs and clinicals conducted in approved clinical education affiliates. The program prepares students to demonstrate competency in providing nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings and for employment in the field of registered nursing. Candidates successfully completing the AAS program are eligible to apply for the licensing examination (NCLEX-RN) required for licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN).

The Jackson College's Associate in Applied Science Nursing Degree is approved by Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) located at 511 W Ottawa, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, MI 48909, 517.373.1820, and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. (202) 909-2526.

Students must apply for admission to the nursing program and must do so within the application deadlines. Admission to the nursing program is highly competitive and is not guaranteed. There are special admission requirements to the nursing program, and it is the student's responsibility to understand the requirements and adhere to them. Students must meet all admission requirements. Admission into the program is based on a competitive point system, a pre-admission standardized exam and completion of prerequisite courses. The selection process is subject to change. You must work with an academic advisor to plan your prerequisite course sequence and to make an application to the nursing program. The advisor will explain the point system on the "AAS Selection Process - Worksheet."

Students are required to take the Kaplan NCLEX-RN Review Program as part of the curriculum in order to graduate. Multiple standardized exams are also required at various points in the program. Most clinical sites are subject to Act 303 of the Public Acts of 2002, amended April 1, 2006, of the State of Michigan which restricts persons with certain criminal convictions from having access to vulnerable populations. Therefore, the agreements that Jackson College has with these organizations require that as a condition of admission, all students will be subject to a fingerprint-based criminal background check, including an FBI check. Exclusions for convictions can range from one year to permanent exclusion. Questions should be directed to the security department.

In addition, all students must pass a drug screen to enter any nursing program, as well as complete immunizations (as required for healthcare providers), meet technical standards, and complete a physical form. Following graduation, applicants for licensure as a nurse are also asked about criminal convictions and substance abuse, and this can impact the individual's ability to become licensed.

Prerequisites are:

- MAT 133 Introduction to Probability & Statistics
- BIO 253 Human Anatomy and Physiology I AND BIO 254 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- CEM 131 Fundamentals of Chemistry

Applications are accepted for fall or winter admission. See a student success navigator for application deadlines. It is highly recommended that chemistry be taken prior to Human Anatomy & Physiology. All sciences must be taken within the last eight years. Nursing courses MUST be taken in sequence. Students are required to take and pass the standardized admission test prior to admission.

Minimum credits: 65

Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0

Minimum grade in all courses: 2.0

Minimum grades in BIO 253 and BIO 254: 2.5

Minimum Jackson College credits: 39

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (22 CREDITS)

GEO 1: Write clearly, concisely and intelligibly (3 credits)

Take one of the following:

ENG 131 Writing Experience I

GEO 2: Recognize the importance of equity and inclusion in a diverse society (3 credits)**

Program Courses meet this requirement

GEO 3: Demonstrate computational skills and mathematical reasoning (4 credits)

Take the following:

MAT 133 Introduction to Probability & Statistics (or higher)

**Note: MAT 133 is preferred for maximum application points.*

GEO 4: Demonstrate scientific reasoning (8 credits)

Take the following:

BIO 253 Human Anatomy and Physiology I

BIO 254 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

GEO 5: Understand human behavior and social systems, and the principles which govern them (4 credits)

Take the following:

PSY 140 Introduction to Psychology

GEO 6: Identify artistic, linguistic, and theoretical perspectives across the human experience (3 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

HUM 131 Cultural Connections

ENG 249 African-American Literature

NURSING RELATED REQUIREMENTS (4 CREDITS)

Take the following:

CEM 131 Fundamentals of Chemistry

NURSING CORE REQUIREMENTS (39 CREDITS)

Take the following:

NRS 111 Nursing Skills*
NRS 116 Pharmacology
NRS 119 Health Assessment*
NRS 120 Nursing Fundamentals*
NRS 210 Medical Surgical 1*
NRS 211 Women and Neonate Concepts*
NRS 212 Behavioral Health*
NRS 213 Pediatrics*
NRS 214 Medical Surgical 2*
NRS 215 Pathophysiology
NRS 230 Medical Surgical 3*
NRS 240 Nursing Capstone*

**These courses also have lab and/or clinical components that must be registered for as corequisites. It is highly recommended that general education courses be taken before the nursing course sequence if at all possible.*

Note: Nursing courses are assigned various labs and clinicals. Be sure to follow directions. The schedule is subject to change on short notice. Specific clinical sites and times cannot be guaranteed.

The nursing department reserves the right to change the curriculum, policies and program requirements.

The nursing program requirements are highly demanding and time consuming. Following admission, full-time employment is not recommended.

***We have listed the preferred course option(s) in this category, but other courses may be used to meet this requirement. Your student success navigator will assist you making the best course selection based on your schedule and interests. You can view the complete list of approved GEO courses in the [Jackson College Catalog](#) on pages 14-16.*