

# Nursing Degree Map



● CAREER DEGREE    **M** MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS    **N** NEWBURGH CAMPUS

## A Day in the Life ...

Nurses provide emotional and physical support to individuals and families throughout the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings. They must use excellent communication skills and extensive technological know-how as they care for and advocate on behalf of clients. Critical thinking and good clinical judgment are the keys to excellence in nursing.

## Three Reasons to Consider Nursing

1. First associate degree Nursing program in the United States
2. Highly respected in the community, with highly qualified, diverse faculty
3. Many options exist for career paths and advancement in the profession

## Keep This in Mind

After completion of our A.A.S. in Nursing, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) for the Registered Professional Nurse.

Graduates should plan on moving into an RN-to-BSN (Bachelor's in Nursing) program due to the new BSN in 10 years law recently passed.

If additional courses besides the program-specific courses are taken, they should be ones that can be useful for transfer to a Bachelor's of Nursing program.

Nursing is a high-impact, high stakes work environment which is very challenging as well as rewarding.

## Nursing Gateway Courses:

- Key courses: NUR 101, NUR 102, NUR 201, NUR 202, NUR 203, NUR 205
- Electives: General elective, Liberal Arts elective. We recommend the following possible courses that may be required by most BSN programs: PSY 220, MAT 120, PHL 220

*Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).*

## First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1	P	3
BIO 111	Anatomy and Physiology 1	P	4
MLT 106	Microbiology for Health Prof.	P/C	3
NUR 101	Nursing 1: Fundamentals	C	7
	Total Semester Credits		17

## Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Begin researching BSN programs.

## Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2	P	3
BIO 112	Anatomy & Physiology 2	P	4
NUR 102	Nursing 2: Fundamentals	P	10
	Total Semester Credits		17

## Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Consider taking Pharmacology in Summer session.
- LPN to RN students may take the Excelsior exam for Maternal-Child Health, if eligible, to advance to Nursing 4.

## Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology		3

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Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
NUR 205	Pharmacology & The Human Body	P, P/C	3
NUR 201	Nursing 3: Caring for the Growing Family	P	7
	Elective		3
	Total Semester Credits		16

## Milestones

### During this semester, students should:

- Check Degree Works to ensure all required courses and elective have been taken or are planned.
- Make final decisions and apply for BSN programs.

## Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
	Liberal Arts Elective		3
NUR 202	Nursing 4: Physical and Mental Illness	P	9
NUR 203	Nursing 5: Transition to Practice	P	1
	Total Semester Credits		13

## Milestones

### During this semester, students should:

- Apply for graduation
- Attend pinning ceremony and graduation
- Take the NCLEX review course
- Take the NCLEX exam (preferably within three months of graduation)

**TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 63**