

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



The Nursing program prepares students to become registered nurses. Upon completion of the program, graduates will obtain an associate in science degree and are eligible to take the NCLEX Registered Nurse (RN) licensure examination and apply for Maine licensure as a registered nurse.

Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from the various clinical agencies. A schedule of classes and clinical rotations is provided at the beginning of each semester. Clinical rotations may involve evening, daytime, and weekends based on availability of clinical sites and instructors.

In order to progress and graduate from the Nursing program, students must maintain passing grades in clinical coursework, concurrent with maintaining at least a 75 exam average and course grade in all required nursing theory courses. Further guidelines are provided in the [Nursing Student Handbook](#).

The Nursing program is approved by the Maine State Board of Nursing, 161 Capitol St. 158 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0158; Phone 207-287-1133; Fax 207-287-1149; www.maine.gov/boardofnursing. The Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peach Tree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; Phone 404-975-5000; Fax 404-975-5020; www.acenursing.org. The ACEN accreditation is from 2012-2020.

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Graduates in the associate in science degree in Nursing program will be able to:

- **Evidence-based Practice** - Demonstrate evidence-based clinical decision-making using the nursing process.
- **Person Centered Care** - Acknowledge the person or designee as a partner and source of control in providing care based on values, preferences, culture and needs of the person, family, and community.
- **Teamwork and Collaboration** - Collaborate with respect, truth, and fairness as an effective member of the healthcare team.
- **Quality Improvement** - Participate in continuous quality improvement processes.
- **Safety** - Provide safe nursing care through individual performance and participation in system safety processes.
- **Informatics** - Use information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, reduce errors, and support decision-making.
- **Professionalism** - Participate actively in professional growth and development.
- **Caring** - Provide compassionate care through the use of therapeutic communication, respect, comfort, and attentiveness.
- **Communication** – Effectively communicates, fostering mutual respect and shared decision making to enhance health outcomes.
- **Leadership** – Demonstrates leadership in the professional practice setting through accountability, influence, change management and collaboration with others in a way that facilitates the establishment and achievement of shared goals.

PREREQUISITES

- High school level Algebra I
- High school level Biology with Lab

- Transferable college-level Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab (EMCC's BIO127)*
- Transferable college-level College Composition (EMCC's ENG101)*
- NRG101-Math for Nurses* (*This course is offered at EMCC as a hybrid and can be taken at a distance. While little is accepted in transfer for this course, a challenge exam is available.*)

Desired (not required) academic courses relevant to the Nursing curriculum, including:

- ⇒ Transferable college-level Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab (EMCC's BIO128)
- ⇒ Transferable college-level Pharmacology (EMCC's BIO251)
- ⇒ Transferable college-level Pathophysiology (EMCC's BIO222)



**These requirements are waived for high school seniors seeking admission to the 3-year extended-track Nursing program. A limited number of 3-year slots (extended program) are available each year to current high school students who have not yet had the opportunity to complete college-level Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab, College Composition, or Math for Nurses. Candidates for the extended program must meet all other admission criteria. See an admissions counselor for clarification.*

NURSING Associate in Science Degree

ALL courses and credits listed below are required for graduation. Prerequisite credits (required and desired) for admission to the Nursing program are applied toward curriculum requirements.

Individuals who feel they have transferrable credit for any of the college-level prerequisites listed below should confirm course transferability with the Director of Admissions prior to submitting an application for admission to the Nursing program.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES	CREDITS
BIO 127* Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab	4
ENG 101* College Composition	3
NRG 101* Math for Nurses	3

DESIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES	CREDITS
BIO128** Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	4
BIO251** Pharmacology	4
BIO222** Pathophysiology	3

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES	CREDITS
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 231 Developmental Psychology	3
BIO 216 General Microbiology	4
SPE 101 Oral Communication	3

FIRST SEMESTER NURSING	CREDITS
NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing	8

SECOND SEMESTER NURSING	CREDITS
NUR 136 Nursing Across the Life Span I	10

THIRD SEMESTER NURSING	CREDITS
NUR 267 Nursing Across the Life Span II	8
NUR 281 Professional Issues I	1

FOURTH SEMESTER NURSING	CREDITS
NUR 270 Nursing Across the Life Span III	8
NUR 282 Professional Issues II	1

TOTAL AS DEGREE CREDITS	70
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EMCC has developed articulation agreements with several colleges/universities to provide seamless transfer opportunities for students moving on to earn a bachelor's degree. Our formalized agreements can be found on <http://www.emcc.edu/beyond-emcc/transfer-agreements/>.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING

Individuals offered admission to the Nursing program will be required to submit to a national criminal background screening, at a minimum cost of \$75 (may be higher), after the offer of acceptance. Applicants who have engaged in any activity or behavior which may be considered abuse, neglect or exploitation of a minor or of an incapacitated or dependent adult, or who has been convicted of any crime involving fraud or dishonesty, or drugs, or for which imprisonment of one year or more has been imposed are urged to seek clarification regarding program completion requirements from the Director of Admissions.

The Maine State Board of Nursing may consider refusing to grant a license on the basis of criminal history record information relating to convictions as described in Title 5, Chapter 5301, Subsection 2 of the Maine Revised Statutes, Annotated.

Questions about this highly competitive program should be directed to Stacy Green, Director of Admissions, at 207-974-4679 or sgreen@emcc.edu.