

NURSING (A.D.)
Associate in Science Degree Program

~~Amended 07/2009~~

I. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum General Education Requirements..... 30 Credits

Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication (CM)..... 4 cr

ENGL 1117* Reading & Writing Critically I 4 cr

Goal 3: Natural Sciences (NS) 16 cr

BIOL 1217, BIOL 1218 Anatomy and Physiology I & II 8 cr

CHEM 1117 General, Organic and Biological Chemistry 4 cr

BIOL 2021 General Microbiology 4 cr

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SS)..... 7 cr

PSYC 2618 General Psychology 4 cr

SOC 1614* Introduction to Sociology 3 cr

Goal 6: Humanities – the Arts, Literature, and Philosophy (HA)..... 3 cr

PHIL 1125 Ethics 3 cr

***Honors Equivalents Available**

II. Nursing Course Requirements 34 Credits

NURS 1117 Fundamentals of Nursing 6 cr

NURS 1118 Adult Nursing I 6 cr

NURS 2217 Adult Nursing II 5 cr

NURS 2207 Maternal Newborn Nursing 3 cr

NURS 2208 Mental Health Nursing 3 cr

NURS 2209 Pediatric Nursing 3 cr

NURS 2218 Advanced Concepts in Nursing 3 cr

NURS 2219 Leadership and Management in Nursing 4 cr

NURS 2220 Professional Practice Issues 1 cr

TOTAL..... 64 Credits

RCTC class hours are 50 minutes in length, 1 credit is a minimum of 16 hours of classroom contact. The College has an expectation that students spend two hours of preparatory work for every one hour in the classroom. Nursing clinical assignments are calculated on a ratio of 1:3. Three hours are spent in clinical work for every one credit. Science course labs are assigned two hours for one credit.

Purpose: The associate degree nurse is prepared to practice nursing in situations involving direct patient care, most frequently in the hospital or long-term care facility. Graduates are prepared to function as defined in Minnesota statutes by

(a) providing a nursing assessment of the community; (b) providing nursing care supportive to or restorative of life functions such as skilled ministrations of nursing care, supervising and teaching nursing personnel, health teaching and counseling, case finding and referral to other health resources; and (c) evaluating these actions. After successful completion of this program, which includes classes at RCTC and care of patients in the Mayo Foundation Hospitals in addition to area nursing homes and selected community agencies, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination -Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006 (www.nlnac.org).

Articulated Program with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities – Winona
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For Information on RCTC admission, Contact Enrollment Services at (507) 285-7219

To obtain an application for the PN program visit:

http://www.rctc.edu/program/pnm/html/admission_requirements.html

If you are an RCTC student and need program advising, Contact Glen Saponari at (507) 280-5511 or email glen.saponari@roch.edu

Prerequisites:

- High school diploma or GED
 - **Nursing Assistant Course (NA 1500 or equivalent)**
 - Cumulative GPA 2.5. (Based on grades within 10 years of the semester for which you have applied)
 - Grade of C or better (in high school ** or at college level) in the following courses:
 - Biology with a lab component within the last 5 years
 - Chemistry with a lab component within the last 5 years
 - Elementary Algebra (Math 0098 or equivalent)
- **High School biology & chemistry must be full year courses **

Application to the Nursing Program: view website: www.rctc.edu/program/nurs/

- Seek academic advisement.
- Apply to and meet college admission requirements. Once accepted into the college, you must complete a nursing program application (Available Online). **ALL prerequisites must be completed prior to submission of a Nursing Program application, ie enrollment in a science course at the time of application does not fulfill prerequisite requirements.**
- * Applicants must submit official high school and ALL college transcripts for evaluation.
- Applications must be received by 4pm September 15th for Spring semester admission and February 1st for Fall semester. Should there be more qualified applicants than are spaces available, students will be admitted according to their admission ranking, based on the points earned. Applicants must be in good standing with RCTC to be considered.

(See Website for complete details-select "Admission Requirements" scroll down to Admission Point Structure)

Admission: Admitted students are required:

- To pay (by the designated deadline) a \$300 deposit to hold a place in the Nursing Program. (The deposit is applied toward the first semester tuition and is refundable if application is withdrawn in writing up to 30 days before the semester begins).
- To attend a mandatory Nursing Orientation prior to registration. Nursing acceptance letter will identify the sessions and times available.
- To purchase Nursing Liability insurance as an attached fee each semester.
- To submit completed health forms; physical exam, immunizations, hepatitis, annual mantoux and health insurance documentation. Forms available online: www.rctc.edu/services/health/health-forms.html
- To complete the State of Minnesota Background Study Form.
- To obtain and remain current with CPR for Health Professionals prior to the start of the semester.
- To be in good standing with RCTC Nursing clinical partners.

Nursing (A.D.) Course Sequence

The Nursing Program is a four-semester course sequence, which begins both Fall and Spring Semester. Biology, Chemistry, English, Psychology, Sociology, and Philosophy (Humanities) courses may be taken prior to admission into the Nursing Program. Grade of C or better is required of all general education and nursing course requirements. All general education requirements may be taken through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option Program (PSEOP).

Semester I

NURS 1117	6 cr
BIOL 1217 (A&P)	4 cr
CHEM 1117	4 cr
ENGL 1117	4 cr
TOTAL	18 cr

Semester III

NURS 2207 (8 weeks)	3 cr
NURS 2208 (8 weeks)	3 cr
NURS 2217	5 cr
SOC 1614	3 cr
TOTAL	14 cr

Semester II

NURS 1118	6 cr
BIOL 1218 (A&P)	4 cr
BIOL 2021 (Micro)	4 cr
PSYC 2618	4 cr
TOTAL	18 cr

Semester IV

NURS 2209 (8 weeks)	3 cr
NURS 2218 (8 weeks)	3 cr
NURS 2219 (8 weeks)	4 cr
NURS 2220 (8 weeks)	1 cr
PHIL 1125 (Ethics)	3 cr
TOTAL	14 cr

NURS 1120 Transition for LPNs, 2 credits (Offered Fall & Spring Semester)

An accelerated track is available for licensed, currently registered LPNs who have graduated from a state-approved school of practical nursing within the last 3 years or are currently employed as an LPN. LPNs meeting these criteria can receive 12 credits for N1117 & 1118.

LPNs accepted into the accelerated program will first take NURS 1120 and required general education courses as needed, then proceed to Semester III courses. **A separate application is required (LPN-RN Transition).**

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