

Nursing Program

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Program Description

Murray State College offers a four semesters and one summer session nursing program that leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree. The program has national accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006 (1-800-669-1656). The program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of the state approved program are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses.

Associate Degree Nursing Programs are structured in such a way that: 1) they are conducted by institutions of higher education; 2) they require two years to complete; 3) the course of study combines nursing theory and practice with college level general education courses in the arts and sciences; 4) nursing students have the same rights, privileges and obligations as other college students; 5) the associate degree program graduates are prepared to give client centered nursing care in beginning nurse positions. Course Descriptions and detailed curriculum information can be obtained in the [college catalog](#).

At Murray State College the nursing program is designed to teach the student to be a self-directing, problem-solving practitioner of nursing. The nursing faculty believes that learning is dynamic and occurs within the learner. The student must therefore share responsibility with the faculty for learning progress. Numerous learning opportunities are provided to the student and learning materials are available for study in the audio-tutorial and nursing skills laboratories. The student is expected to take full advantage of these opportunities and materials in studying and practicing nursing care measures. Students perform direct client care activities during clinical laboratory learning experiences scheduled each week. These clinical experiences are carefully planned around current nursing theory.

ADMISSION:

TAKING THE FIRST STEP!

Admission Requirements

All nursing program applicants must meet college admission requirements. Students must also meet the following additional requirements in order to apply to the nursing program:

1. One year of high school chemistry with a grade of "C" or higher or one semester of college chemistry.
2. A grade point average of at least 2.5 on any completed college courses.
3. Enhanced ACT composite of 19 or above with sub-scores of 19 or above. Deficiency in these sub-scores can be removed by taking appropriate courses.

*If criteria cannot be met, deficiencies may be removed by achieving at least a 3.0 GPA in minimum of 15 college credit hours applicable to the nursing program degree including at least one science course.

Admission Procedure

The college admission procedures are:

1. Submit a Murray State College application.
2. Submit to the Registrar's Office ALL of the following and request a copy to be sent to the Nursing Office;
 - a. Official ACT score report
 - b. High School transcript or equivalent
 - c. College transcripts if applicable

Additional application procedures for the nursing program must be followed after completing the general college admission process. These additional requirements include the following.

1. Attend a Nursing Program Admission Class conducted by the Nursing Program Director.
2. Complete a Nursing Application and submit it to the nursing Office.
3. Submit a health history form.

Applications to the nursing program are accepted once per year and are due the first Friday in March. Applicants are evaluated in relation to the entire applicant pool. Applicants who are accepted into the Nursing Program but do not enroll for the designated class must reapply if admission at a later time is desired. Students who do not complete the first nursing course for any reason and desire to be considered for a later class will be reconsidered in relation to the entire applicant pool for a given year.

The general education courses included in the nursing curriculum may be completed before being admitted into the nursing program. Students obtaining general education credit hours are advised to schedule an appointment with an advisor in order that an appropriate plan of study maybe followed. After admission into the nursing program, the nursing courses must be taken sequentially as listed.

Credits from other college courses in the biological, nutritional and behavioral sciences are not applicable to the nursing program if less than a "C" grade is achieved or if the courses were completed more than ten years prior to the student's anticipated date of graduation. (Individual consideration will be given to applicants who have advanced courses in the subject matter).

If a grade of less than a "C" is attained in the biological, nutritional, or behavioral sciences, the student may repeat the course one time and higher grade will be considered. Students failing to achieve a grade of "C" or better upon repeating the course are not eligible to apply to the Nursing Program.

NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Courses	Credit Hours
Fall Semester	
ORI 1011* New Student Orientation	1
HUM 1111 Humanities	1
ENG 1113 English Composition	3
PSY 1113 Intro Psychology	3
A&P 1124 Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
NUR 1116 The Client & the Nursing Process	6
Total Fall Semester	18
Spring Semester	
HE 1553 Nutrition	3
A&P 1134 Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
NUR 1129 Health Promotion & the Nursing Process I	9
Total Spring Semester	16
Summer Session	
MIC 1124 Intro to Microbiology	4
Total Summer Semester	4
Fall Semester	
SOC 1113 Principles of Sociology	3
HST 1483 American History or History 1493	3
NUR 2219 Health Promotions & the Nursing Process II	9
Total Fall Semester	15
Spring Semester	
ENG 1213 English Composition or Speech 1113	3
GVT 1113 American Government	3
NUR 2220 Leadership & the Nursing Process	11
Total Spring Semester	17

*Required for students with no previous college experience

Career Mobility Advisement Material

Program Description

The Career mobility Program at Murray State College is especially designed to provide educational mobility for licensed practical nurses and critical care paramedics. Qualified applicants may apply to enter the program in the third semester. The Nursing Program internet based curriculum provides for general education courses in humanities, biological sciences, behavioral and social sciences in the first year of study and clinically related nursing courses in the second. The Murray State College Nursing program is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, 212-363-5555. www.nlnac.org.

The Murray State College Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for practical nurse licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.) [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on another health-related license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony charges. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

Career Mobility Options (Students who successfully test out of the first two semesters of Nursing)

In Class Option- The career Mobility applicant who chooses this option will complete nursing course work in classes that are taught on campus during traditional daytime hours. The classes are internet enhanced and basic computer skills are needed. Students may use computers in the Library, computer center or LRC in the nursing building while on campus. Clinical rotations will be done on Mondays and Wednesdays in small groups in a variety of clinical settings.

Online Option- The Career Mobility applicant who chooses the option will complete the majority of nursing courses via the internet with faculty guidance and interaction. Clinical rotations will be done on Fridays and Saturdays. The clinical schedule will be individualized according to the experience of the student.

Students will be asked to state their option preference of traditional in class or internet option at the time of application. Once enrolled in an option, the student will remain in that option through completion of the program.

Career Mobility Students are required to take Nursing 1113: Nursing Role Transition from Murray State College before entering the either option.

Eligibility to apply as a Career Mobility Applicant

Licensed Practical Nurses and critical care paramedics are eligible to apply as a Career Mobility student to Murray State College. All students admitted to the Career Mobility program must receive credit for the first two semesters of the nursing program either through a challenge exam or direct articulation or both. The following individuals are eligible to apply as a career mobility student to Murray State College:

- A. Critical Care Paramedics who are currently on the national registry as a Critical Care Paramedic. The Challenge exams must be successfully completed to be eligible for admission to the program.
- B. Practical Nurses. LPN/LVN's may apply to the program through Challenge exams or through direct articulation, using the following guidelines.
 - 1. Direct Articulation- LPN/LVN's who have graduated from and NLNAC accredited program may receive credit for Nursing 1123. LPN/LVN's who receive direct articulation will be eligible to challenge Nursing 1129. Applicants eligible for direct articulation must provide proof of a valid LPN/LVN license in good standing to be eligible for admission. All applicants are required to complete other admission requirements as well.
 - 2. Challenge- LPN/LVN's who are not eligible for direct articulation may challenge Nursing 1123 and Nursing 1129.

Approximate Program Cost

Go to the MSC Nursing Home Page for a estimate of program costs. Students who commute should also consider the additional cost of travel. All students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from clinical facilities.

For students who work while attending college, the following work-study schedule is suggested.

Credit Hours Attempted	Work Schedule
3-6 Semester hours	32-40 Hours per week
9-12 Semester hours	16-20 Hours per week
15-18 Semester hours	No Work

Loans and Scholarships

A number of loans and scholarships are available to students. Full information may be obtained from the [Director of Financial Aid](#) at (580) 371-2371 ext 143.

Information can be obtained at the Murray State Website at www.mscoke.edu

Credit by Advanced Standing

Admission by advanced standing may be granted to Licensed Practical Nurses and/or Critical Care Paramedics who hold current licensure. LPN/Paramedics interested in admission by advanced standing should contact [Robin Coppedge, RN, MS the Career Mobility Advisor](#).

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