



Nursing A.A.S. Program - Information Packet

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the nursing program. Please read all information carefully.

The associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree in nursing prepares students for a career as a registered nurse. Nursing and pre-nursing education courses provide the student with the foundation for skills, attitudes, and knowledge for professional nursing. Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

The A.A.S. in nursing requires completion of prerequisite courses and acceptance into the nursing program for completion of nursing courses. Including prerequisites, it can be completed in two to three years. When a student has already completed all prerequisites prior to applying, it can be completed in as little as just 15 additional months on the Gallatin and Livingston campuses and 21 months on the Springfield campus. Admission to the college and completion of prerequisite courses does not guarantee admission into the nursing program. Only those admitted into the nursing program will be considered a nursing student and provided the opportunity to take nursing courses. LPNs may waive out of the first nursing course (NRS 1710) with the completion of assigned Prior Learning Assessment Activities (PLA).

The nursing program is composed of lecture, laboratory, and clinical instruction. Nursing courses, except the clinical education courses, are taught at the Gallatin, Livingston, and Springfield campuses. Clinical sites are located throughout Tennessee. While not common, some specialty clinicals may require travel up to 120 miles from the perspective campus. Each student is responsible for his or her own transportation. Clinicals can be scheduled at any time. This is a nontraditional program of study, so hours of study and length of semester may not parallel Volunteer State Community College semesters, holidays, and/or breaks.

The nursing program will be limited in the number of students accepted. Acceptance is competitive. A minimum of twenty-four (24) students are accepted at each campus: Gallatin, Livingston, and Springfield. Applicants must meet specific criteria to qualify for the selection process. All prerequisite courses for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing must be complete or in progress at the time of application with a minimum GPA of 2.9. Any courses in progress at the time of application must be completed with a C or better before beginning the nursing program and must still meet the 2.9 prerequisite GPA requirement. All applicants will be required to take the TEAS test. A minimum level of proficient must be earned by the application deadline to be eligible for application. Meeting the minimum requirements does not ensure acceptance.

A point system will be used to rank each applicant. Applicants are selected for admission based on grade point average in the required math and science prerequisite courses, TEAS scoring, and current healthcare experience.



GALLATIN AND LIVINGSTON CURRICULUM GUIDE – NURSING AAS PROGRAM

Year 1 – Fall Semester		
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3 SCH
MATH 1530	Statistics	3 SCH
PSYCH 1030	General Psychology	3 SCH
BIOL 2010	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 SCH
TOTAL		13 SCH

*****APPLY FOR NURSING PROGRAM DECEMBER 1st - APRIL 1st*****

*****APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE*****

Year 1 – Spring Semester		
Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement (TBR)		3 SCH
Guided Elective (ENGL 1020, COMM 2025, PSYC 2130, or HED 220)		3 SCH
BIOL 2020	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 SCH
BIOL 2230	Microbiology	4 SCH
TOTAL		14 SCH

*****IF ACCEPTED, YOU WILL BEGIN THE NURSING PROGRAM IN THE SUMMER SEMESTER*****

Year 1 – Summer Semester		
NRSG 1710	Fundamentals of Nursing ***May be waived by LPNs with completion of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) activities. LPNs would then start in Fall.	7 SCH
TOTAL		7 SCH

Year 2 – Fall Semester		
NRSG 1320	Women’s Health & Childbearing Family	3 SCH
NRSG 1340	Mental Health Nursing	3 SCH
NRSG 1720	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	7 SCH
TOTAL		13 SCH

Year 2 – Spring Semester		
NRSG 1330	Pediatric Nursing	3 SCH
NRSG 2240	Professional Practice in Nursing	2 SCH
NRSG 2730	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	7 SCH
TOTAL		12 SCH

Year 2 – Summer Semester		
NRSG 2740	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	7 SCH
TOTAL		7 SCH

PROGRAM TOTAL FOR A.A.S in NURSING		66 SCH
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SPRINGFIELD CURRICULUM GUIDE – NURSING AAS PROGRAM

Year 1 – Fall Semester		
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3 SCH
MATH 1530	Statistics	3 SCH
PSYCH 1030	General Psychology	3 SCH
BIOL 2010	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 SCH
TOTAL		13 SCH

*****APPLY FOR PROGRAM - APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE*****

Year 1 – Spring Semester		
Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement (TBR)		3 SCH
Guided Elective (ENGL 1020, COMM 2025, PSYC 2130, or HED 220)		3 SCH
BIOL 2020	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 SCH
BIOL 2230	Microbiology	4 SCH
TOTAL		14 SCH

*****IF ACCEPTED, YOU WILL BEGIN THE NURSING PROGRAM IN THE FALL SEMESTER*****

Year 2 – Fall Semester		
NRSG 1710	Fundamentals of Nursing ***May be waived by LPNs with completion of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) activities. LPNs would then start in Spring.	7 SCH
TOTAL		7 SCH

Year 2 – Spring Semester		
NRSG 1320	Women’s Health & Childbearing Family	3 SCH
NRSG 1340	Mental Health Nursing	3 SCH
NRSG 1720	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	7 SCH
TOTAL		13 SCH

Year 3 – Fall Semester		
NRSG 1330	Pediatric Nursing	3 SCH
NRSG 2730	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	7 SCH
TOTAL		10 SCH

Year 3 – Spring Semester		
NRSG 2740	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	7 SCH
NRSG 2240	Professional Practice in Nursing	2 SCH
TOTAL		9 SCH

PROGRAM TOTAL FOR A.A.S in NURSING		66 SCH
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Admission Requirements - **Meeting requirements does not guarantee acceptance.*

- Application for admission and acceptance to Volunteer State Community College is required prior to application to the nursing program. Student must be in good academic standing with the college. Must be 18 years of age by program start date.
- Prerequisite courses for the associate of applied science degree in nursing program must be completed by the end of the spring semester before the semester in which you are applying for, with a “C” or better and minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.9.
- Complete the TEAS test prior to the application deadline. A minimum of proficient must be earned.
- Complete an official application to the A.A.S. in nursing program.
 - o Applications become available December 1st.
 - o Applications are due April 1st for Gallatin and Livingston campuses and July 1st for the Springfield campus. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. They must be submitted online. See application for LPN to RN deadlines.
- In some instances, an interview may be required.
- After conditional acceptance into the program the following must be obtained at the student’s expense:
 - Provide evidence of passing a 10-panel urine drug test.
 - Provide evidence of certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider.
 - Provide proof of medical insurance.
 - Some clinical facilities require the following to be allowed to participate in clinicals at their facilities:
 - * Negative background check
 - * Negative drug screen
 - * Hepatitis B vaccine series or proof of immunity
 - * Measles, mumps, rubella vaccine series or titers showing immunity
 - * Tdap vaccine
 - * Annual influenza vaccine
 - * Annual tuberculosis screening
 - * Additional vaccines or other requirements may be added by facilities

If a student does not meet clinical facility requirements, the inability to complete clinicals may occur, resulting in the inability to successfully complete the program.



Volunteer State Community College

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Admissions Rubric

GPA of at least 2.9 in <i>all</i> prerequisite courses	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Completion of all prerequisite courses with a C or better by end of spring semester prior to the semester you are applying to the program for	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Overall ATI TEAS score Must be a minimum of proficient to be eligible for admission (Overall Score/4. 25 points possible)	
GPA – BIOL 2010 Anatomy & Physiology I A=4, B=3, C=2 (Multiplied x 4. 16 points possible)	
GPA – BIOL 2020 Anatomy & Physiology II A=4, B=3, C=2 (Multiplied x 4. 16 points possible)	
GPA – BIOL 2230 Microbiology A=4, B=3, C=2 (Multiplied x 4. 16 points possible)	
GPA – MATH 1530 Statistics A=4, B=3, C=2 (Multiplied x 3. 12 points possible)	
Current certification or licensure in a health-related field or current work within a health-related field that involves direct patient care. Copy of certificate or license must be submitted to the nursing division. For direct patient care without a certificate or license, a letter from the employer, on employer letterhead with their signature and contact information is required. All documentation must be received by the application deadline. (2 Points Possible)	
TOTAL POINTS	

*Springfield students completing math and science prerequisites during the summer semester will be considered after summer grades post *if* the class is not already full.