

# Registered Nursing: Mobility (Healthcare Transition)

## Associate in Applied Science

Available: Phil Campbell Campus

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See **GENERAL INFORMATION** and **APPROVALS AND ACCREDITATION** in the Registered Nursing section of the catalog.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

A generic option and a Healthcare Transition option are offered. The **Healthcare Transition option** is for Licensed Practical Nurses who graduated from a state-approved school of practical nursing and hold a current, active, and unencumbered Alabama (or Multistate) Practical Nursing license or for Paramedics who hold an active Alabama Paramedic license and graduated from a CAAHEP accredited program. This license must be maintained throughout the program. Paramedics must also provide proof of current CNA certification in the state of Alabama. Proof of licensure must be on file.

**NOTICE: The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Standardized Curriculum is continuing to be reviewed and analyzed. Modifications will be made as needed. The most updated information will be found in the College catalog posted on the NWSCC website.**

## HEALTHCARE TRANSITION OPTION

**Track One:** Students who completed the Alabama Standard Concept Based Curriculum greater than one academic year of the Healthcare Transition coursework and students who did not complete the Alabama Standard Concept Based Curriculum for the PN Certificate must take NUR 209. Paramedic entry into the ADN program begins in Track One.

**Track Two:** Students who completed the Alabama Standard Concept Based Curriculum for the PN certificate within one academic year of the Healthcare Transition coursework are exempt from taking NUR 209.

Minimum admission standards for the Healthcare Transition option Include:

- Unconditional admission to the college and be in good standing with College.
- Submission of a completed application for the Healthcare Transition option of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. (Applications must be hand delivered to the nursing office on the Phil Campbell Campus or postmarked by the application deadline.)

- A minimum of 2.50 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale based on the required academic core courses for nursing AND
  - Current or previous NWSCC students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher at NWSCC
  - Transfer students must enter NWSCC on clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA)
- Submission of Official ACT score (national or residual) to the Admissions office. The writing component is not required. The ACT must have been taken by the application deadline. **There is no minimum ACT composite score required (effective: fall 2024 application period).** There is no expiration date on the ACT for the nursing application. The nursing program does not accept the ACT Superscore.
- Completion of BIO 201, BIO 202, ENG 101, SPH 106/107, PSY 210, and MTH 100 or higher level with a grade of "C" or higher by the application deadline.
- Possess and maintain a current, active and unencumbered Alabama (or Multistate) PN or Alabama Paramedic license by the application deadline. Proof must be on file.
- LPN's must be a graduate of a state approved school of practical nursing or have a paramedic license. Proof must be on file.
- Paramedics must provide proof of CNA certification by the state of Alabama by the application deadline.
- Paramedics must be graduates of a CAAHEP accredited program. Proof must be on file.
- Meet the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA required for nursing (See ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA).
- MEET THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. For the Healthcare Transition option, the deadline is:
  - **Track One:** Spring Admission-October 15
  - **Track Two:** Fall Admission- May 15

The College reserves the right to adjust requirements or use additional criteria to determine admission. Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program is competitive. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. (Preference will be given to graduates of Northwest Shoals Community College's PN or paramedic program.) Applicants will be notified in writing via email by the ADN office of acceptance into the ADN program. The college reserves the right to adjust requirements or use additional criteria to determine admission.

NOTICE: Your ability to comply with the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA listed may be evaluated by the nursing faculty at anytime that your ability to do so is in question.

See **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, TRANSFER POLICY, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, , NURSING PROGRESSION POLICY** in the Registered Nursing section of the catalog.

## ADN PROGRAM COMPLETION (HEALTHCARE TRANSITION OPTION)

Students who have completed required academic courses and continue in the program through completion of NUR 211 and 221 will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree. Students are responsible for meeting all the progression and graduation requirements.

## PROGRAM PROGRESSION POLICY:

See **PROGRAM PROGRESSION POLICY** in the Registered Nursing section of the catalog.

Specific to the Healthcare Transition Option: If a student has had two non-progressions in the Healthcare Transition Option Track One or Track Two, the student may apply as a new student for the Healthcare Transition Option Track One or may apply for admission to the generic option as a new student.

## NURSING PROGRESSION POLICY

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Specific to the Healthcare Transition Option: If a student has had two non-progressions in the Healthcare Transition Option Track One or Track Two, the student may apply as a new student for the Healthcare Transition Option Track One or may apply for admission to the generic option as a new student.

See **REINSTATEMENT POLICY**, **READMISSION POLICY**, **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**, and **ANTICIPATED EXPENSES** in the Registered Nursing section of the catalog.

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Skills Competency may be required for Healthcare Transition Option Track I and Track II and may include testing and/or skills validation. Upon successful completion of NUR 209, students are eligible to progress into NUR 211. Upon successful completion of the Healthcare Transition Option Track One, students will receive 15 non-traditional credit hours. Upon successful completion of the Healthcare Transition Option Track Two, students will receive 25 non-traditional credit hours.

\* All non-nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher before or during semesters noted below.

**Program:** [Nursing](#)

### Entrance Requirements

- Submit a completed application;
- High School diploma or equivalent required;
- Age Requirement:
- Submit official high school/high school equivalent transcripts, if applicable;
- Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
- Satisfy [Placement Testing](#) requirements.

### Prerequisites

\* All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. The math courses which satisfy the nursing math requirement are those which are MTH 100 or higher (Examples: MTH 100, MTH 110, MTH 112, MTH 265). **MTH 116 will not satisfy the requirement for nursing.**

\*\*Keyboarding skills are essential to the successful completion of ENG 101.

Item #	Title	Credits
	NUR Math	3
BIO 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3
SPH 107	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

### Semester I (Spring)

Item #	Title	Credits
NUR 209	Concepts for Healthcare Transition Students	10

## Semester II (Fall)

\* BIO 220 must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher before or during the semester noted above. All other general education courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher in order to graduate.

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 220	General Microbiology	4
NUR 211	Advanced Nursing Concepts	7

## Semester III (Spring)

\* Humanities Elective must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher before or during the semester noted above. All other general education courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher in order to graduate.

Item #	Title	Credits
	NUR Humanities Elective	3
NUR 221	Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	7
<b>Minimum Credit Hours for Graduation:</b>		<b>66</b>