NICOLET COLLEGE

Nursing

Associate of Applied Science

Prepare to launch your career as an entry-level nurse, contributing effectively as part of a healthcare team. Graduates are expected to demonstrate critical thinking, clinical judgment, and clinical competence. The educational framework is grounded in the nursing process and is designed to provide care for individuals across the lifespan. The state aligned curriculum incorporates a range of educational methodologies, including lectures, skills training, and clinical experiences in various settings.

Students must successfully pass a background check and complete clinical requirements. For more information, please connect with a Success Coach. Additional program entrance information below.

*All nursing courses (10-543) are sequential, requiring successful completion, of a grade of "C" or better, of all nursing courses (10-543) in one term to progress to the next term.

Program Outline

TERM 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1054310100	Nursing Fundamentals This course focuses on basic nursing concepts to provide evidenced-based care to diverse patient populations across the lifespan. Current and historical issues impacting nursing will be explored within the scope of nursing practice. The nursing process will be introduced as a framework for organizing the care of patients.	2.00
1054310200	Nursing Skills This course focuses on development of evidence-based clinical skills and physical assessment across the lifespan. Content includes mathematical calculations and conversions related to clinical skills. In addition, the course includes techniques related to obtaining a health history and basic physical assessment skills using a body systems approach.	3.00
1054310300	Nursing Pharmacology Introduces the principles of pharmacology, including drug classifications and their effects on the body. Emphasis is on the use of the components of the nursing process when administering medications.	2.00
1054310400	Nsg Intro Clinical Practice This introductory clinical course emphasizes basic nursing skills and application of the nursing process in meeting the needs of diverse clients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on performing basic nursing skills, the formation of nurse-client relationships, communication, data collection, documentation, and medication administration. Prerequisites: 1054310100 Nursing Fundamentals (C or better) (concurrent enrollment allowed) and 1054310300 Nursing Pharmacology (C or better) (concurrent enrollment allowed) and 1054310200 Nursing Skills (C or better).	2.00
1080617700	General Anatomy and Physiology Examines basic concepts of human anatomy and physiology as they relate to health sciences. Using a body systems approach, the course emphasizes the interrelationships between structure and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization of the entire human body. It is intended to prepare health care professionals who need to apply basic concepts of whole body anatomy and physiology to informed decision-making and professional communication with colleagues and patients. Prerequisite: 1083613300 Prep for Basic Chemistry (C or better) or 2080624000 Survey of Chemistry (C or better) or 2080624100 Introductory Chemistry (C or better) or 2080624500 College Chemistry I (C or better).	4.00

Course #	Course Title	Credits
31501101	Medical Terminology Focuses on the component parts of medical terms: prefixes, suffixes and word roots. You will practice formation, analysis and reconstruction of terms. Emphasis on spelling, definition and pronunciation. Introduction to operative, diagnostic, therapeutic and symptomatic terminology of all body systems, as well as systemic and surgical terminology.	3.00
1080119500	Written Communication Develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments is designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents.	3.00

TERM 2

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1054310500	Nursing Health Alterations This course elaborates upon the basic concepts of health and illness as presented in Nursing Fundamentals. It applies theories of nursing in the care of patients through the lifespan, utilizing problem solving and critical thinking. This course will provide an opportunity to study conditions affecting different body systems and apply evidence-based nursing interventions. It will also introduce concepts of leadership and management.	3.00
1054310600	Nursing Health Promotion This course focuses on topics related to health promotion for individuals and families throughout the lifespan. Topics include reproductive issues, pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, the newborn, and the child, adaptive and maladaptive behaviors applying mental health principles. An emphasis is placed on teaching and supporting healthy lifestyles choices for individuals of all ages. Nutrition, exercise, stress management, empowerment, and risk reduction practices are highlighted. Study of the family will cover dynamics, functions, discipline styles, and stages of development.	3.00
1054310700	Nsg Clinical Care Across Lifespan This clinical experience applies nursing concepts and therapeutic interventions to patients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to concepts of teaching and learning. Extending care to include the family is emphasized.	2.00
1054310800	Nsg Intro Clinical Care Mgt This clinical experience applies nursing concepts and therapeutic nursing interventions to groups of patients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to leadership, management, and team building.	2.00
1080617900	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology Second semester in a two-semester sequence in which normal human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach with emphasis on the interrelationships between form and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization. Experimentation within a science lab will include analysis of cellular metabolism, the individual components of body systems such as the nervous, neuro-muscular, cardiovascular, and urinary. Continued examination of homeostatic mechanisms and their relationship to fluid, electrolyte, acid-base balance, and blood. Integration of genetics to human reproduction and development are also included. Prerequisite: 1080617700 General Anatomy and Physiology (C or better).	4.00
1080919800	Introduction to Psychology This science of psychology course is a survey of multiple aspects of behavior and mental processes. It provides an overview of topics such as research methods, theoretical perspectives, learning, cognition, memory, motivation, emotions, personality, abnormal psychology, physiological factors, social influences, and development.	3.00

TERM 3

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1054310900	Nsg Complex Health Alterations 1 Complex Health Alterations I prepares the learner to provide and evaluate care for patients across the lifespan with alterations in cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, and hematologic systems as well as patients with fluid/electrolyte and acid-base imbalance, and alterations in comfort.	3.00
1054311000	Nsg Mental Health Community Con This course will cover topics related to the delivery of community and mental health care. Specific health needs of individuals, families, and groups will be addressed across the lifespan. Attention will be given to diverse and at-risk populations. Mental health concepts will concentrate on adaptive/maladaptive behaviors and specific mental health disorders. Community resources will be examined in relation to specific types of support offered to racial, ethnic, economically diverse individuals and groups.	2.00
1054311100	Nsg Intermediate Clinical Practice This intermediate level clinical course develops the RN role when working with clients with complex health care needs. A focus of the course is developing skills needed for managing multiple clients across the lifespan and priorities. Using the nursing process, students will gain experience in adapting nursing practice to meet the needs of clients with diverse needs and backgrounds.	3.00
1054311200	Nursing Advanced Skills This course focuses on the development of advanced clinical skills across the lifespan. Content includes advanced intravenous skills, blood product administration, chest tube systems, basic electrocardiogram interpretation and nasogastric/feeding tube insertion.	1.00
1080619700	Microbiology Examines microbial structure, metabolism, genetics, growth, and the relationship between humans and microorganisms. Addresses disease production, epidemiology, host defense mechanisms, and the medical impact of microbes. Examines the role and microbes in the environment, industry, and biotechnology. Prerequisite: 1080617700 General Anatomy and Physiology (C or better).	4.00
1080918800	Developmental Psychology Study of human development throughout the lifespan. Explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Application activities and critical thinking skills will enable students to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others.	3.00

TERM 4

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1054311300	Nsg Complex Health Alterations 2 Complex Health Alterations II prepares the learner to provide and evaluate care for patients across the lifespan with alterations in the immune, neuro-sensory, musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, renal/urinary, reproductive systems and shock, burns and trauma. The learner will also focus on management of care for patients with high-risk perinatal conditions and high-risk newborns.	3.00
1054311400	Nsg Management Professional Concepts This course covers nursing management and professional issues related to the role of the registered nurse. Emphasis is placed on preparing for practice as a registered nurse.	2.00
1054311500	Nsg Advanced Clinical Practice This advanced clinical course requires the student to integrate concepts from all previous courses in the management of groups of clients facing complex health alterations. Students will have the opportunity to further develop critical thinking skills using the nursing process in making clinical decisions. Continuity of care through interdisciplinary collaboration is emphasized.	3.00

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1054311600	Nursing Clinical Transition Clinical experience which integrates all knowledge learned in the previous courses in transitioning to the role of the graduate nurse. Promotes relatively independent clinical decisions, delegation, and working collaboratively with others to achieve client and organizational outcomes. Continued professional development is fostered.	2.00
1080119600	Oral Interpersonal Communication Focuses upon developing speaking, verbal and nonverbal communications, and listening skills through individual presentations, groups activities, and other projects.	3.00

Total Credits: 65.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Flexible Learning Options

Full-time and part-time nursing pathways are offered for flexible learning.

Next Academic Start Dates

11
JAN

Spring 2027 Term Starts

15
MAR

Additional Spring 2027 Start for Select Courses

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Program Tuition*

Program Tuition

$10,729

Books & Supplies*

$1,482

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Financial Aid Eligible

▸ **Potential Indirect Costs**

What You'll Learn

- Integrate professional nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing standards
- Communicate comprehensive information using multiple sources in nursing practice
- Integrate theoretical knowledge to support decision making
- Integrate the nursing process into patient care across diverse populations
- Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care

Transfer Pathways

Are you planning to earn a bachelor's degree? Learn about the transfer pathways offered through Nicolet College.

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Your Potential Careers

- Registered Nurse

Median Annual Salary

Local	State	National
$76,252	$76,488	$77,397

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Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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