

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is a cooperative program between [York Technical College](#) and the [University of South Carolina Lancaster](#) and is approved by the [South Carolina Board of Nursing](#)(Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Drive, Suite 202, Columbia, South Carolina, 29210, phone: (803)896-4550 or fax: (803)896-4525 and accredited by the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing](#) (3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326, phone (404)975-5000 or fax (404)975-5020).

The Associate Degree Nursing Program prepares men and women for the practice of registered nursing to provide direct client care across the life span. The practice of the associate degree nurse is primarily directed towards clients who have health care needs that require assistance to maintain or restore their optimum state of health. It is also directed towards clients who require transitional end-of-life care and support. The associate degree nurse is prepared to address acute and chronic health care needs and common well-defined health care problems in hospitals, long-term care facilities, and certain community health agencies.

The graduate of an associate degree nursing program functions in three basic roles within the health care delivery system: provider of care, manager of care, and member within the discipline of nursing. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the Computer Adaptive Testing of the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses. Graduates who successfully pass the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses are eligible to apply for licensure to practice as a registered nurse in any of the 50 states or U.S. territories.

There are legal limitations for state licensure in South Carolina for graduates with prior convictions and/or disciplinary action. The policy from the Board of Nursing for South Carolina will be distributed to all applicants by Student Services/Office of Admissions. The policy is also in the [Nursing Student Manual](#). Clinical facilities may require drug screens and/or background checks before allowing students to participate in clinical rotations. Students participating in clinicals may be required to have a drug screen at any time during their rotation. Students will be required to attend multiple clinical facilities throughout the curriculum. Students accepted to the program must be eligible to attend clinical at all facilities.

Admissions Criteria

Applicants for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must meet the entrance requirements of the parent institution.* Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program requires the student to be a high-school graduate or equivalent. Students must complete one course of high-school, college-preparatory general chemistry with a minimum grade of **C** or complete one college chemistry course with a minimum grade of **C** prior to acceptance into the nursing program.

Students must also pass the "Test for Essential Academic Skills" (TEAS) exam with a composite score of "Proficient" or better. TEAS scores must be no more than 3 years old at the time a student seeks admission into the ADN program.

Applicants must also meet one of the following:

1. SAT scores of 480 critical reading and 540 math) or ACT scores of (21 reading and 23 math). Students must have a minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher. SAT/ACT scores must be no more than 5 years old at the time a student seeks admission to the ADN program.

OR

2. Completion of all approved general education courses (below) with a program GPA of 2.50 or higher.

BIOL 243 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 243L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory
BIOL 244 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIOL 244L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory
PSYC 101 General Psychology
BIOL 250 Microbiology
BIOL 250L Microbiology Laboratory
MATH 111 College Algebra
ENGL 101 Composition
ENGL 102 Composition and Literature
Minimum of 2 approved electives (one elective must be chosen from humanities)

Note: Students must achieve a grade of “C” or better on the 1st or 2nd attempt of Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology I Lab, Anatomy and Physiology II, Anatomy and Physiology II Lab, Microbiology and Microbiology Lab (or the equivalent courses from other institutions) to meet the admission and curriculum requirement for the ADN program. Grades of “W”, “D”, “F”, or “WF” are considered unsuccessful attempts.

*Students are expected to graduate from the school where the initial nursing course is taken.

To enhance potential for success in the program, the faculty recommends completion of a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program and work experience as a CNA.

Admission by Transfer

Transfer credit may be granted for courses taken in another associate or baccalaureate degree nursing program to a student meeting the following criteria:

1. The student must meet present admission criteria to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
2. The student must submit a letter from the previous school attended stating that he/she left in good standing and is eligible for readmission.
3. The student may be required to provide the nursing department chair with a detailed course syllabus showing course and unit objectives and a clinical evaluation tool indicating criteria met in the clinical component of the courses. Courses for which transfer credit is given must meet the objectives of the comparable York Technical College/University of South Carolina Lancaster courses.
4. The student must demonstrate competencies in the course to be transferred either by exam, by previous grade and documentation, or both.
5. The Nursing Evaluation Committee will review requests for transfer credit and will make a recommendation for official action to the Registrar/Admissions Officer.
6. The York Technical College/University of South Carolina Lancaster Cooperative Nursing Program is considered by the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina to be one nursing program administered jointly by York Technical College and the University of South Carolina Lancaster. Transfers will only be considered from nursing students who are currently in good standing in the nursing program at the college in which they were previously enrolled.
7. Admission by transfer is on a space-available basis.

LPN to ADN Transition

Students will be admitted based on the South Carolina Statewide Articulation Model.

A minimum of 23 semester hours of nursing credits will be awarded upon completion of validation if the applicant meets the following criteria:

- Has a current, active LPN license
- Meets admission requirements of University of South Carolina Lancaster
- Meets admission requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, which includes a score of “Proficient” or better on the TEAS test
- A score of 74 or better on the ATI Practical Nursing Predictor test (one attempt only)
- Successful demonstration of course specific skills (one attempt only)

Deadline for application for the LPN to ADN Transition program is May 15th of each year.

Program of Study

In order to receive an Associate in Science degree in Technical Nursing, students must complete 68 semester hours of study. Below is a suggested sequence of required courses.

([Nursing Course Descriptions](#))

Freshman Year

FALL

Engl 101 (3)

Biol 243 (3)

Biol 243L (1)

LANU 206 (2)

LANU 106 (2)

LANU 104 (4)

SPRING

Psyc 101 (3)

Biol 244 (3)

Biol 244L (1)

LANU 159 (6)

LANU 211 (4)

SUMMER

Engl 102 (3)

LANU 209 (5)

Sophomore Year

FALL

Biol 250 (3)

Biol 250L (1)

Elective (3)

LANU 229 (6)

SPRING

Math 111 (3)

Elective (4)

LANU 214 (4)

LANU 219 (4)

See also the
[Associate in Science \(Nursing\) Degree Worksheet](#)

Nursing classes include campus and clinical laboratory hours. Students are required to drive to a variety of clinical agencies to complete the clinical component of the nursing courses. Students are expected to drive to either campus for classes according to the class schedule.

A student must have a "C" or better in each nursing course to progress in the program. Required science courses that are more than seven years old must be repeated. Required nursing courses more than three years old must be repeated.

Students may be assigned to a morning, afternoon, or evening clinical anywhere in the tri-county area. Clinical experience may range from four to twelve hours per clinical day.

Students must have a completed health form and criminal background check. Current CPR certification for children, infants and adults is required. Students must have proof of health insurance. Liability insurance is also required (through York Technical College). Students successfully completing all semesters are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) and for NCLEX-RN.

Retention and Promotion Policy

For retention and promotion policy, please refer to the [Nursing Student Manual](#).