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Associate of Science in Nursing Degree (NF73)

Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses

Entrance Date for Clarkesville	Fall
Entrance Date for Blairsville	Spring
Length of Program.....	5 Terms
Credit Hours Required for Graduation	72

Purpose: The two-year associate level nursing program prepares students for positions in the nursing profession. The curriculum is designed to produce highly educated, technically advanced, competent, and caring individuals who are prepared to practice professional nursing in a variety of healthcare settings. The purpose of the program is to provide the learner with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to practice competently and safely as a beginning nurse generalist, in a variety of acute and long-term care settings. The nurse is viewed as a caring, holistic person who possesses critical-thinking/problem-solving skills, integrity, accountability, a theoretical knowledge base, refined psychomotor skills, and a commitment to life-long learning. Program graduates receive an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree. Graduates are then eligible to apply and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN and licensure by the Georgia Board of Nursing, graduates are employable as registered nurses in a variety of settings.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores
- If you are an out-of-state student: North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) adheres to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) procedure 6.6.1p. Student Tuition and Fees, Item VI – Out of State Students shall be enrolled in the college on a space available basis and shall not displace any Georgia student desiring to enroll in the college. If there are remaining seats unfilled, out-of-state students will be added as indicated in the competitive admissions process

Note: The number of students accepted into the ASN program is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Consequently, the ASN program incorporates a competitive admission process.

Program Admission Requirements:

- Entry into the Interdisciplinary Studies Degree with Nursing Specialization.
- A minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA must be achieved for required core courses (=average of final grades for required core).
- Submit nursing entrance test scores by application deadline.
- Completion of Intent Form: <https://northgatech.edu/students/programs-of-study/medical/associate-of-science-in-nursing>, must be completed by application deadline.

ASN Program Requirements:

- Students must meet the ASN program technical competencies listed below.
- A final course score of 75% or better must be achieved in each RNSG course in order to progress to the next semester.
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to clinical activities; student’s participation in clinical is dependent upon the results of these requirements. Denial of any clinical facility may result in the student being dropped from the ASN program.
- Students must carry professional liability insurance and maintain the American Heart Association (AHA) BLS certification while enrolled in the program.
- Clinical sites are located throughout the eight-county service area and will require the students to travel and

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provide their own transportation to and from the clinical sites. Clinical rotations may occur during the day, night, or weekend hours.

- Physical health exams and immunization records are required before assignment to clinical affiliates for training including appropriate titers.
- Must maintain annual health requirements to include PPD and flu vaccines.

Additional Information:

- Any individual applying for licensure as a Registered Nurse who has ever been arrested must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application to the Georgia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses. However, this does not guarantee issuance of the Registered Nurses license.
- Graduates must pass the NCLEX-RN State Board Exam in order to work as a Registered Nurse in Georgia.

Contact program advisor for program-specific courses and see General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees for course options.

Program Courses

Credits

General Core Courses

Total 15 credit hours

Area I	Language Arts/Communication	6
	ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric (required)	
	ENGL 1102 Literature and Composition (program specific requirement)	
Area II	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
	PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology (required)	
Area III	Natural Sciences/Mathematics	3
	<i>(one of the following required)</i>	
	MATH 1101 Mathematical Modeling	
	MATH 1111 College Algebra	
	MATH 1127 Introduction to Statistics	
Area IV	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
	<i>(one of the following required)</i>	
	ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation	
	MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation	
	ENGL 2130 American Literature	

Occupational Courses

Total 57 credit hours

BIOL	2113	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL	2113L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIOL	2114	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL	2114L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
BIOL	2117	Introduction to Microbiology	3
BIOL	2117L	Introduction Microbiology Lab	1
COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
PSYC	2103	Human Development	3
RNSG	2602	Foundational Concepts of Nursing	6
RNSG	2604	Pharmacology for Nursing	4
RNSG	2606	Concepts of Mental Health	3
RNSG	2610	Concepts of Nursing I	6
RNSG	2612	Concepts of Pediatric Nursing	4
RNSG	2614	Concepts of Obstetrical Nursing	4
RNSG	2620	Concepts of Nursing II	6
RNSG	2630	Transition to Nursing Practice	6

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Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$4,500. There are additional costs associated with this program. For a complete list of fees and costs, please see an ASN faculty member or advisor. These are approximate costs and subject to change.

Technical Competencies:

Working Environment – Works inside well-lighted, ventilated patient care areas; spends 50% of time in patient care areas. Potential risks may include possibly receiving cuts and infections from sharp instruments and infections from contaminated equipment and personnel; possibly being exposed to communicable diseases; and possibly incurring strains due to handling heavy equipment.

OSHA Risk Factor - Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The course exposes the student to noxious smells, either toxic or non-toxic; to toxic fumes, gases, vapors, mists, and liquids; or to latex which could, depending on the chemical, cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical.

Essential Abilities – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. Stooping, kneeling, reaching, and dexterity are required. This career requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking without limitations. Ability to identify, assess, and comprehend conditions surrounding patient situations for the purpose of problem-solving around patient conditions and coming to appropriate conclusions and/or course of action. Ability to use the senses of seeing, hearing, touching, and smelling to make correct judgments regarding patient conditions for the purpose of demonstrating competence to safely engage in the practice of nursing. Behaviors that demonstrate essential neurological functions include, but are not limited to, observation, listening, understanding relationships, writing, and psychomotor abilities. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and the ability to identify and distinguish color. The ability to hear is essential along with the ability to communicate effectively with fellow students, faculty, patients, and all members of the health care team. Skills include verbal, written, and nonverbal abilities consistent with effective communication. Expressing or exchanging ideas by the spoken word is required. Ability to measure, calculate, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate to engage competently in the safe practice of nursing. Demonstrate the mental health necessary to safely engage in the practice of nursing as determined by professional standards of practice. Ability to work under mental and physical stress regularly is required.

Other Essential Behavioral Attitudes – Ability to engage in activities consistent with safe nursing practice without demonstrated behaviors of addiction to, abuse of, or dependence on alcohol or other accountability for actions as a student in the Registered Nursing program and as a developing professional Registered Nurse.

*The Associate of Science in Nursing program at North Georgia Technical College at the Clarkesville and Blairsville campuses located in Clarkesville, Georgia and Blairsville, Georgia is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate of Science in Nursing program is Initial Accreditation.

*View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at
<http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>*