

LPN, Paramedic, Veterans to RN Advanced Placement



DEGREE PROGRAM



**ANNE ARUNDEL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

School of Health Sciences



Anne Arundel Community College

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Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Congratulations on considering nursing as a career possibility! It is both a worthwhile and challenging choice and we welcome you. Nurses are highly educated professionals who use their knowledge, skill and insight to assist people in achieving an optimal state of health.

The Anne Arundel Community College Registered Nursing (RN) Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), and is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON). Graduates who complete the 70-credit RN program are eligible for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Our graduates have exceeded national and state pass rate averages during the past nine years. Our RN graduates may transfer up to 66 credits toward a four-year bachelor of science in nursing at state institutions in Maryland without taking any challenge exams for nursing course work.

A career in nursing offers the opportunity for personal enrichment and satisfaction as well as competitive financial return. Entry-level salaries for newly licensed RNs average \$57,000 per year.

The Registered Nursing program will admit students in the fall and spring of each year. The first step in the admission process is attendance at an information session. At the session, we will review the academic requirements, admission requirements, the sequence of nursing courses and the projected time commitment. We recommend new students review the enclosed academic requirements and begin meeting the proficiency requirements for English, arithmetic, mathematics and chemistry.

Following attendance at an information session, we recommend you see an adviser to plan the sequencing of courses.

Sincerely,

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ADMISSION INFORMATION

College Admission

Students who wish to apply for the Nursing program at Anne Arundel Community College should indicate the Nursing (RN) Field of Study on the **College Admission Application** or **Student Academic Program/Curriculum Change Form** available online and in Academic and Transfer Advising. To facilitate enrollment bring a copy of ACT, SAT, or advanced placement scores and unofficial high school/college transcripts to Advising. Application to the nursing course sequence is a separate process. Admission to the nursing curriculum does not assure students of selection into the nursing course sequence.

Students can apply to Anne Arundel Community College online at www.aacc.edu. Paper copies of the college application are available in the college's Admissions office upon request.

Advising

After you apply to AACC and submit any prior transcripts, you can find your advisor and schedule an advising appointment on MyAACC.

- Login to MyAACC at <https://portal.aacc.edu>
- Click on MENU
- Select SELF SERVICES
- Locate and click on Academic & Transfer Advising
- Enroll in the Virtual Advising Center on Canvas
- Follow the directions to schedule an appointment with your assigned Health and Human Services advisor

Email advising@aacc.edu if you have any problems accessing the Virtual Advising Center.

In order to take prerequisite courses for this program, students must be eligible for ENG 101/101A and eligible for MAT 137. This will be explained at an advising session.

Students who are transferring general education requirements should have **official** transcripts sent directly to the college Records office. In order to facilitate evaluation of transfer credits to meet academic requirements, official transcripts from **all** previously attended institutions of higher education must be submitted in a timely manner.

ADMISSION/ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Application

- Students will be admitted to the registered nursing course sequence in fall and spring terms. Students will apply for the program only after meeting all academic and admission criteria. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant and must be resubmitted prior to the deadline.
- Applications for the LPN, Paramedic, Veterans to RN Advanced Placement will be accepted on a rolling admissions basis and applications will continue to be available. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant and must be resubmitted.

Information Session

- Attendance at an information session is required prior to submitting the application, or view the online information session. Please call 410-777-7310 for dates and times or view the schedule by visiting <http://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/health-science-applicants/>.
- There is no cost to attend.
- We will be hosting virtual information sessions. Virtual real-time information sessions will be considered face-to-face.

Satisfactory Academic Standing

Students must have a minimum adjusted grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 at this college to be considered for selection to the Registered Nursing Program.

English

Students must demonstrate eligibility for ENG 101/ENG 101A. (Completing ENG 101/ENG101A with a grade of C or better is a prerequisite to applying to the Registered Nursing Program.)

There are a number of ways that can be used to determine English eligibility:

- Qualifying SAT/ACT scores
- Appropriate score on the English placement test
- Unweighted high school GPA (if you graduated in the last 5 years)
- Successful completion of developmental courses, if applicable
- Transfer of credits for ENG 101
- Appropriate score on an AP exam
- Appropriate score a CLEP test
- Appropriate score on GED test

Please see an academic advisor for details and more information.

Visit: <https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/determine-placement/>.

Mathematics

Students must demonstrate eligibility for MAT 137 (College Algebra). (Completing MAT 137 with a grade of C or better is a prerequisite to applying to the Registered Nursing Program.)

There are a number of ways that can be used to determine MAT 137 eligibility:

- Qualifying SAT/ACT scores
- Appropriate score on the Mathematics Placement test
- Unweighted high school GPA plus course work (if you graduated in the last 5 years)
- Successful completion of developmental courses, if applicable
- Transfer of credits for a MAT 137 course
- Appropriate score on an AP exam
- Appropriate score on a CLEP test

NOTE: MAT 145, MAT 151, MAT 191 or MAT 230 satisfies the MAT 137 requirement. (Former MAT courses MAT 121, MAT 131, MAT 141, or MAT 142 will also satisfy the MAT 137 requirement.)

Please see an academic advisor for details and more information.

Visit: <https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/determine-placement/>.

Arithmetic Placement Test

- Students must demonstrate proficiency in arithmetic by achieving a score of 27 or higher on the **Arithmetic Placement Test** by the date the application is submitted.
- **All students must take this test.** Only one retake of the test is allowed.
- Students receiving a score of less than 27 on the retake must enroll in **MAT 005** and complete it with a grade of C or better by the date the application is submitted.
- A grade of C or higher in MAT 005 will meet the requirement for the Arithmetic Placement Test.
- The Arithmetic Placement test must be taken within 7 years from the date the application is submitted. Retake is allowed if test is past this time frame. Only one retake is allowed after that if needed. There is no time limit on MAT 005.
- General Education Mathematics courses do **NOT** satisfy this requirement.
- Email testing-arnold@aacc.edu for an appointment for remote testing.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)

- Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading, mathematics, science, and

English and language usage by scoring a total score of Proficient (58.7%) or higher on this test.

- Must take test and achieve proficient score by the date the application is submitted.
- ATI TEAS must be taken within 2 years of the date of application submission. There is no limit on the number of attempts to score proficient or better.
- Applicants who previously achieved acceptable scores on TEAS V version of this test within 2 years of date of application submission will still be accepted.
- A copy of your TEAS Individual Performance Profile (not transcript) needs to be submitted with the LPN, Paramedic, Veterans to RN Advanced Placement Program application.
- Email testing-arnold@acc.edu for an appointment for remote testing.

Chemistry

Students must present evidence of successful completion with a grade of C or better of a chemistry course by the date the application is submitted as demonstrated by one of the following:

- U.S. high school general chemistry (1 credit) **OR**
- Noncredit (CHE 011) or credit chemistry (CHE 111 or CHE 103)* **OR**
- Transfer of credits for a credit chemistry course from regionally accredited institutions.

**CHE 011, CHE 111, or CHE 103 courses are eligible for the Health Manpower Shortage Tuition Waiver. See College Catalog for more information.*

- If home schooled the high school curriculum must be under a recognized umbrella organization with the supervision of a state-approved curriculum. AACC may require a course syllabus so that our chemistry department chair can review and approve the curriculum.

High School Graduate/Equivalency or College Degree

- Official high school transcripts or official GED equivalency transcript must be submitted electronically to the Records and Registration office prior to application submission.

OR

- Official college transcript verifying completion of 27 credits or more with a grade of C or better from a nationally recognized institution.
- A transcript/equivalency certificate is considered official when enclosed in a sealed envelope from the institution; it must also include a graduation/completion date and a school official's signature. A copy of a high school or GED diploma does not constitute an official document and will not be accepted.
- Your application will not be considered complete if required document is not

submitted with the application or has not been previously submitted to and received by Anne Arundel Community College.

- Visit the Records and Registration website for instructions:
<https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/apply/transfer-credit-to-aacc/>.

College Credit Transfer

- Applicants who have program prerequisite courses or other equivalent general education required courses completed from a nationally recognized institution must submit official transcripts to the Records and Registration office for review.
- A transcript is considered official when it is enclosed in a sealed envelope from the institution or sent electronically by the sending institution; the transcript also includes a graduation date (if applicable) and a school official's signature.
- The program application will not be considered complete if required transcript(s) are not submitted with our application or have not been previously submitted to and received by Anne Arundel Community College.
- All official transcripts are to be sent to the Records and Registration office. Visit the Records and Registration website for instructions:
<https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/apply/transfer-credit-to-aacc/>.

International Students

- Foreign educated students must have their college and high school transcripts evaluated by one of the following credential evaluators:
 - ◆ ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) at www.ece.org
 - ◆ WES (World Education Services) at www.wes.org
 - ◆ SpanTran: The Evaluation Company at www.spantran.com

This evaluation must be done prior to evaluation by the Records office at Anne Arundel Community College. Please be advised that this process may take several weeks.

- **ALL** international students whose native language is not English must successfully pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 550 (213 is the equivalent computer score and 79 is the equivalent Internet-based score) **OR** must have completed the ENG 101/101A and ENG 102 course sequence with grades of C or better prior to applying to the program. Anne Arundel Community College's code for TOEFL is 5019.
- **Non**-U.S. Citizen applicants who have valid immigration status must submit valid immigration documentation to the AACC Admissions and Enrollment

Development Office in order to complete the required College Application. For assistance regarding immigration documentation needed, please call 410-777-2152. Incomplete college applications may result in non-selection of a Health Sciences program.

- Please note: Students without a Social Security number may not be permitted at some clinical rotation sites; site availability may delay or inhibit progression in the program. An International Student Admission Specialist in the AACC Admissions and Enrollment Development Office may be able to assist international Students with F-1 visa status to obtain a Social Security number through Practical Training; please contact them at 410-777-2677. For detailed information please refer to the college catalog (available on campus or online at <http://catalog.aacc.edu/>).
- For more information visit: <https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/international-students/toefl-score-requirement/>.

Additional Information

Technology Requirement

Successful completion of NUR 220, NUR 221, and NUR 230 meets the college's technology requirement for graduation.

Diversity Requirement

Successful completion of SOC 111 meets the college's diversity requirement for graduation.

Wellness Requirement

Successful completion of NUR 230 and NUR 231 meets the college's wellness requirement for graduation.

Accreditation Statement

Students who complete the Nursing (RN) Program will be awarded an Associate of Science degree. The Nursing (RN) Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404-975-5000). The Nursing (RN) Program is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON).

Nursing Program Instructional Method

The AACC Nursing program courses are primarily taught as hybrid sync courses that require both in-person and online class attendance at specific dates and times. Most nursing courses comprise lecture, laboratory, and clinical components. Clinical rotations are held at healthcare facilities, and the scheduling of these rotations is based on clinical site availability. This may necessitate evening and weekend attendance. While the majority of the nursing courses are taught as hybrid sync, there are some courses that are taught completely online with assignment deadlines set by instructors. For these online courses, students are not required to meet online at scheduled dates or times.

Licensure

Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of this exam, graduates will be licensed as a registered nurse by the Maryland Board of Nursing.

Readmission

Students who leave or are dismissed from the nursing course sequence may address a written petition for readmission to the director of nursing. Readmission cannot be assured and is based on the criteria described in the **Readmission Requirements** available through the director.

Transfer From Other Nursing Programs

Students who have successfully completed Nursing (RN) course work in an accredited nursing program within the last two years, are in good standing in that program, are Anne Arundel County Residents and meet all AACC requirements may be eligible to transfer.

Tutoring

Remedial and tutorial services are available to students; call 410-777-2642. More tutoring information can be found on the website <https://www.aacc.edu/resources/academic-services/tutoring/>.

LPN, Paramedic, Veterans to RN Advanced Placement

AACC and the American Public University System (APUS) have created an accelerated, dual enrollment program that combines credential assessment, credit transfer and online education to enable qualified LPNs, Paramedics or Veterans admission into the second year of the nursing program at AACC.

REQUIRED COURSES

PREREQUISITE COURSES

All prerequisite courses listed below must be completed **prior** to submitting program application. All science courses must be taken within 7 years of the date the application is submitted. The prerequisite course BIO 231 or BIO 233 must be completed with a minimum grade of B. All other prerequisite courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C in each course.

Due to the selection process, the Registered Nursing program cannot accept Pass/Fail as a replacement for letter grades in the required courses.

A prerequisite cumulative GPA of 2.5 (no rounding).

Course	Title	Credits
+ENG101/ 101A	Academic Writing and Research 1	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 211	Developmental Psychology	3
◆ MATH 137	College Algebra or higher	3
# BIO 223	General Microbiology	4
	-and-	
# BIO 231	Human Biology 1	4
# BIO 232	Human Biology 2	4
	-or-	
# * BIO 233	Anatomy & Physiology 1	4
# BIO 234	Anatomy & Physiology 2	4

- + Students who have previously completed the English Composition ENG 111, 115 or 121 with a grade of C or better have fulfilled the ENG 101/ENG 101A requirement.
- ◆ MAT 145, 151, 191 or 230 satisfies the MAT 137 requirement. (Former MAT courses 121, 131, 141, 142 will also satisfy the MAT 137 requirement.) (See admission requirements for more information.) Students who previously took MAT 135 (Statistics) prior to June 1, 2018, do not need MAT 137.
- # Must be taken within 7 years of the date the application is submitted.
- * Fundamentals of Biology (BIO 101) is a college prerequisite for BIO 233. Therefore, it will take three terms to complete this science sequence. BIO 101 must be successfully completed prior to submitting program application, if choosing to take BIO 233 and 234.

Additional Admission Requirements

LPNs

Official transcript from LPN training must be submitted to verify successful completion of LPN training from a state-approved licensed practical nursing program.

Clinical Experience

The following material **must** be submitted to continue the application process:

- Official transcript from a state-approved licensed practical nursing program.
- Copy of current active Maryland LPN license. LPNs must have an active unencumbered Maryland license, in agreement with the Maryland Board of Nursing and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
- Verification of current employment as an LPN for a minimum full-time equivalent (2080 hours) of one year within the last three calendar years.
- Submission of Clinical Experience Form.
- Submission of Work Performance Evaluation.

Paramedics

Official transcript from Paramedic training must be submitted to verify successful completion of Paramedic training from a state-approved licensed paramedic program.

Clinical Experience

The following material **must** be submitted to continue the application process:

- Official transcript from a state-approved licensed paramedic program.
- Copy of an active Maryland Paramedic license. Paramedics must have an active unencumbered Maryland license from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.
- Verification of current employment as a Paramedic for a minimum full-time equivalent (2080 hours) of one year within the last three calendar years.
- Submission of Clinical Experience Form.
- Submission of Work Performance Evaluation.

Veterans

Clinical Experience

- Applicants must be a Medic/Corpsman to qualify for this program with at least one year of experience within the last three calendar years.
- Submit a copy of your DD-214 (Certification of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) as verification of your required medical service.

Recommended Course Sequence: LPN, Paramedic, Veterans to RN Advanced Placement

A grade of C or better is required in NURS 159 and each Registered Nursing course to progress in the program. NURS 159 must be taken concurrently with NUR 180.

	Course	Title	Credits
Term 1+			
	*NURS 159 (APUS Course)	Fundamentals, Adult and Childbearing Family Nursing Transition Course	6
	NUR 180	LPN, Paramedic or Veteran to RN Transition	2
	SOC 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
Term 2+			
	NUR 220	Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 2	5
	NUR 221	Nursing Care of Children and Families	4
	**Arts and Humanities	General Education Requirement	0-3
Term 3			
	**Arts and Humanities	General Education Requirement	3
	NUR 230	Nursing Management of Clients with Complex Health Problems and Transition	9
	NUR 231	Nursing Perspectives 2	1

*NURS 159 is a 6-credit online 16-week course through American Public University System (APUS). AACC will notify APUS of selected students. APUS will then contact student to set up registration. Once student's registration is confirmed the student will receive information regarding the required books that will be needed for the course. Tuition for NURS 159 is \$270 per credit hour plus a \$50 technology fee. Veterans education benefits are accepted. Once the course is successfully completed the student will request an official transcript be sent to AACC to continue in the nursing course sequence.

+Terms 1 & 2 may not be considered full-time by the VA so benefits will be pro-rated.

** ENG 112 or 116 taken prior to fall 2019 will meet one of the required Arts and Humanities course requirements for this program. ENG 121 will not meet this requirement.

Students who have previously completed the English Composition general education requirement sequence ENG 111/ENG 112 or ENG 115/ENG 116 or ENG121 and an elective Arts & Humanities general education course with a grade of C or better have fulfilled the English Composition general education requirement and one of the two Arts & Humanities general education requirements for the Registered Nursing program.

APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS

- LPN, Paramedic, Veterans to RN Advanced Placement applications are available on the college website at <https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/health-science-applicants/#d.en.3989>.
- Eligible students desiring entry **must** email the completed application to tdneall@aacc.edu or mail to

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- Applications are on a rolling admissions basis.
- Students eligible to submit applications for selection are those who have completed all the admission and academic requirements by the date the application is submitted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant.
- Initial selection will be made according to the criteria listed in the section “Selection Criteria” of this booklet.
- Selection is determined after the program application has been verified as complete and qualified. Conditional acceptance packets will be mailed to applicants in April for the fall class and September for the spring class.
- Selected applicants will receive an email assigning them to one of the following categories:
Conditional Acceptance or **Wait List status**:
 - **Conditional Acceptance:** Applicants who have met the academic and admission requirements and have been selected into the program are given conditional acceptance. Applicants who are granted conditional acceptance must submit a completed health examination record, urine drug screen and criminal background check. They must also submit verification of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR certification by a designated deadline. Instructions on how to complete these items will be enclosed in the email and are not to be done until instructed to do so. Applicants who do not meet this deadline will not be further considered for admission and the next person on the waitlist will be contacted.
 - **Waitlist:** Qualified applicants not initially selected for conditional acceptance will be placed on a waitlist in order received and notified of selection when a seat becomes available. Waitlist applicants not given a seat for the semester in which they applied must reapply for future consideration.
- Conditionally accepted and waitlist candidates must attend a mandatory meeting on a designated date. Candidates not attending this meeting will lose their seat in the class.
- Applicants who are offered a seat and wish to decline will have to reapply if interested in a future seat as seats will not be held.
- Final acceptance into the program shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion and submission of a health examination record, urine drug screen, criminal background check and current CPR certification card and attendance at the mandatory meeting.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria used to select the **Conditional Acceptance** candidates will be applied in the following order:

1. Satisfactory completion of all academic and admission requirements by the date the application is submitted.
2. Seats will be granted based on space availability at the time of selection.

Technical Standards

1. Students conditionally accepted to the program will be required to complete the **health examination record**. Once a physician certifies that the candidate meets the technical standard requirement (defined in #2 below) as established by the department within the scope of practice of the profession, and the department receives and concurs with the physician's certification, the candidate will be considered as having met the technical standard requirement.
2. Qualification: Good physical and mental health.

Admission Criteria (Technical Standards): Student must be free of contagion and possess sufficient stamina with or without reasonable accommodations, as may be required by law, and mental stability to fulfill the requirements of the program and the customary requirements of the profession.

- Work for 8-12 hours performing physical tasks requiring sufficient strength and motor coordination without jeopardy to patient and student safety as, for example, bending, lifting, turning and ambulating patients.
- Perform fine movements and be able to manipulate instruments and wide variety of equipment according to established procedure and standards of speed and accuracy.
- Establish and work toward goals in a consistently responsible, realistic manner.
- Have auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs (for example: communicate verbally, in an effective manner, with patients and other personnel).
- Have visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for patient care (for example: read and process patient-related information like patient charts and requisitions).

Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening

All Health Sciences students who are offered admission and/or clinical placement will be required to submit to a complete criminal background check and urine drug screen. All student applicants' final acceptance in the program shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal background check and of a urine drug screen.

All letters of acceptance shall state that the acceptance is conditional and contingent on submission to a criminal background check and urine drug screen—as may be required by the program—that results in satisfactory reports. If an accepted student tests positive

for an illegal or un-prescribed drug, the student shall be denied admission or terminated from any Health Sciences program.

Separate, additional criminal background checks and urine drug screens may be required by clinical sites prior to placements. Students with an unsuccessful background check or urine screening who are denied by a clinical site that is required to meet program competencies shall be dismissed from the program and their registrations shall be withdrawn from courses related to the program of study. If the student tests positive for an illegal or un-prescribed drug, the student shall be denied admission or terminated from any health sciences program even if a denied placement was not required to meet program competencies. Successful reports of criminal background checks and urine drug screens do not assure eligibility for specific clinical site placement, program completion, and/or eligibility to sit for professional licensure/board examinations.

Students are reminded that licensing boards for certain health care occupations and professions may deny, suspend, or revoke a license or may deny the individual the opportunity to sit for an examination even if the individual has completed all program course work if it is determined that an applicant has a criminal history or has been convicted of, or pleads guilty, or pleads nolo contendere or the like to a felony or other serious crime.

Successful completion of a Health Sciences program of study at Anne Arundel Community College does not guarantee licensure, the opportunity to sit for a licensure examination, certification or employment in the relevant health care occupation.

Students may be automatically denied admission or, if enrolled, dismissed from the program if they have not been truthful or have provided inaccurate information on the application or on any other form or submission. Students who have questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Health Sciences Admissions Office at healthsciencesadmissions@aacc.edu.

NOTE: Licensing boards for certain health care occupations, including Nursing, may deny, suspend, or revoke a license or may deny the individual the opportunity to sit for an examination even if the individual has completed all program course work, if it is determined that an applicant has a criminal history or is convicted or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or other serious crime. If applicable, it is recommended to contact the Maryland Board of Nursing for clarification at 410-585-1900.

PLEASE NOTE: AACC will only accept drug screen and criminal background checks performed by a college approved vendor. Criminal background checks are completed online and must be paid for by student. Instructions will be given to applicants once accepted into the program.

Additional Information:

The School of Health Sciences' Health Examination Requirements are aligned with our clinical site requirements. The Clinical sites allow our students to fulfill their program required clinical rotations pursuant to an Affiliation Agreement with the College. Therefore, the College and its students are required to abide by and follow the clinical site requirements. Most of our clinical sites require proof of the influenza vaccine and will not permit students on site without evidence

of the vaccine. If you do not show proof of an annual influenza vaccine, you may not attend clinical and will therefore be at risk of not completing your program requirements. Waivers are considered by some clinical sites. If a student is unwilling to have an influenza vaccination, they have the right and sole obligation to file for said waiver with the clinical site. If they obtain the waiver, they may fulfill their clinical rotation at the clinical site in lieu of being immunized for influenza.

Pertaining to prescribed medications

Upon admission to the Registered Nursing Program, students must disclose all medications on their health form and if during their matriculation they have a change in health (physical, mental, or emotional) and/or medication status, they are required to submit a Health Status Update form to the Manager of Admissions and Advising.

Medical Marijuana/Cannabis Policy

Any student testing positive for cannabis may not be accepted into a clinical rotation by Maryland hospitals or health care facilities (including veterinary facilities), regardless of a legally obtained identification card. Inability to complete the clinical/practicum components of the programs results in students being unable to complete course requirements and thus successfully complete the program.

CPR Certification

Conditionally accepted students **must successfully complete** the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR course. **CPR certification must be valid through graduation.**

Anne Arundel Community College and/or the School of Health Sciences reserves the right to revise requirements for admission into the Health Sciences programs, the selection criteria and procedures, and the required courses for programs of study as deemed necessary without prior notification.

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Notice of Nondiscrimination: AACC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, Title IX, ADA Title 504 compliant institution. Call Disability Support Services, 410-777-2306 or Maryland Relay 711, 72 hours in advance to request most accommodations. Requests for sign language interpreters, alternative format books or assistive technology require 30 days' notice. For information on AACC's compliance and complaints concerning sexual assault, sexual misconduct, discrimination or harassment, contact the federal compliance officer and Title IX coordinator at 410-777-1239, complianceofficer@aacc.edu or Maryland Relay 711.

Registered Nursing Course Descriptions

American Public University System

School of Health Sciences – Nursing Program

NURS 159 Fundamentals, Adult, and Childbearing Family Nursing Tradition Course

Credit Hours: 6 Length of Course: 16 weeks

Prerequisite: None

Course Description (Catalog)

This course prepares the Licensed Practical Nurse, Paramedic, Army Medic, Air Force Medical Technician, and Navy Corpsman to enter a community college associate degree nursing program with advanced standing. The role of the nurse in delivery of safe and effective care to individuals across the life span is addressed with an emphasis on adults and childbearing families. The nursing process and critical thinking guide the provision of patient-centered care. Advocacy through effective verbal and written communication with patients, families, and other members of the healthcare team facilitates the achievement of desired patient outcomes. Emphasis is placed on the role of evidence-based practice in the delivery of optimal health care. **THIS IS A RESTRICTED COURSE THAT REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM OUR NURSING PROGRAM.**

Course Scope

This course will review foundational aspects of nursing and will continue on to study medical-surgical topics relating to the care of adults, as well as a focus section on obstetrics. Students will perform didactical study in preparation for the NCLEX exam as well as clinical study at the community college.

Course Learning Objectives

- Explain the roles of the nurse in promoting nursing as a profession and as a collaborative member of the healthcare team.
- Describe the professional, ethical, and legal principles relevant to the practice of a registered nurse.
- Apply evidence-based practice for clinical decision making in the delivery of holistic nursing care.
- Plan individualized patient-centered care, considering the patient's values, and cultural background.
- Use critical thinking skills within the framework of the nursing process to plan the delivery of safe and effective patient-centered care.
- Describe a holistic and systematic health assessment of individuals across the lifespan and the wellness-illness continuum.
- Identify effective verbal and written therapeutic communication techniques to promote positive patient outcomes.
- Develop a teaching plan based on individualized learning needs to promote achievement of health goals.
- Plan patient-centered care which promotes a culture of safety.
- Recognize the unique physiological and psychosocial needs of the childbearing family.
- Describe principles of pharmacology used to provide safe patient-centered care.
- Identify the role of informatics in the provision of healthcare.

Course Delivery Method

This course delivered via distance learning will enable students to complete academic work in a flexible manner, completely online. Course materials and access to an online learning management system will be made available to each student. Online assignments are due weekly on Sunday at 11:55 pm as noted on the course outline and can include forum questions, written assignments, quizzes, and exams. Assigned faculty will support the students throughout this sixteen-week course.

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVANCED RN COURSE SEQUENCE

NUR 180

LPN, Paramedic or Veteran to RN Transition

2 credit hours - 90 hours of directed lab; one term

Gain supervised and directed laboratory experiences to prepare the Licensed Practical Nurse, Paramedic, Navy Corpsman and/or Army Medic to transition into the role of the Registered Nurse. Lab fee \$50. Clinical fee: \$100.

NUR 220

Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 2

5 credit hours – 45 hours of lecture and 90 hours of directed laboratory per term.

Develop nursing concepts, principles and skills to provide care that optimizes the health and wellness of 2 adult clients and 1 mental health client with alterations in functioning of biopsychosocial systems in mental health and medical-surgical settings that have predictable outcomes. Lab fee \$150. Clinical fee \$200.

NUR 221

Nursing Care of Children and Families

4 credit hours – 30 hours of lecture and 90 hours of directed laboratory per term.

Develop nursing concepts, principles and skills to provide care that optimizes the health and wellness of 1-2 pediatric clients and their families. This includes both healthy children and those with alterations in functioning of one or more biopsychosocial systems with predictable outcomes. Lab fee \$150. Clinical fee \$200.

NUR 230

Nursing Management of Clients with Complex Health Problems and Transition into Nursing

9 credit hours – 60 hours of lecture and 225 hours of directed laboratory per term.

Learn to integrate nursing concepts, principles, and skills to provide care that optimizes the health and wellness of 3 adult clients with alterations in functioning of biopsychosocial systems in medical-surgical settings that may have unpredictable outcomes. Lab fee \$400. Clinical fee \$400.

NUR 231

Nursing Perspectives 2

1 credit hour – 15 hours of lecture per term.

Learn to integrate the dimensions of wellness, ethical and legal concepts, trends in nursing practice and integrate health concepts in preparation to transition from nursing student to graduate professional nurse.

ACCUPLACER PREPARATION

The placement test at AACC is used to assess-college level skills in mathematics, English and reading. The computerized placement test (ACCUPLACER) is offered to new students to assist AACC staff in determining course placement. This is not a college admissions test.

After the test has been completed and scored, an advisor will review the results with the student and offer suggestions for appropriate courses.

There are three types of placement tests described below:

- ACCUPLACER Placement (native English speakers).
- ESL Placement (non-native English speakers).
- Arithmetic Placement (Health Professions and biology students only).

For additional information visit:

<https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/determine-placement/accuplacer-preparation/>

AACC PLACEMENT PREP GUIDE

This free resource offers general information on college admission, testing and retake options. The guide provides sample questions for the ACCUPLACER English, reading, math and ESL placement tests. You also will find sample questions for the Arithmetic Placement test.

For additional resources and to download the AACC Prep Guide visit; <https://www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register/credit-application/determine-placement/accuplacer-preparation/>

ACCOMMODATION TESTING

All students requiring accommodations need to apply each semester through [Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#). DSS can provide detailed information on how to receive services and additional support provided at Anne Arundel Community College. You must contact DSS before any accommodations can be provided.

All AACC testing proctors have been trained to work with students needing accommodations while taking their exams. Proctors are able to offer accommodations for extra time, minimal distraction rooms, reading and scribing to those eligible.

Students needing accommodations other than extra time must contact the testing office 48 hours in advance to schedule an appointment.

Students that are taking a certification exam through a specific vendor like Certiport, Pearson Vue, GED, or Castle Worldwide are required to contact the vendor. Each vendor has their own accommodation approval process.

For additional information visit: <https://www.aacc.edu/resources/academic-services/testing/testing-accommodations/>

PRACTICE PROBLEMS FOR THE ARITHMETIC PLACEMENT TEST

The **Arithmetic Placement Test** is designed to determine whether a student has sufficient arithmetic skills.

The following problems are similar to those given on the screening test. If you take some time to practice, your score will surely be higher. The answers to the problems appear at the end of this material.

The screening test is timed (1 hour) so your practice should be for accuracy and speed. There are thirty-six problems on the test and a **score of 27 or better** is passing. **Only one retake of the test is allowed. Students who are not successful in the retake must enroll in MAT 005.**

Arithmetic Placement Test scores must be within 7 years from the date a Health Sciences program application is submitted. Retake is allowed if test is past this time frame. One retake is allowed after that if needed. There is no time limit on MAT 005.

Whole Number Arithmetic:

1.
$$\begin{array}{r} 4875 \\ + 1928 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 2.
$$\begin{array}{r} 8073 \\ - 1584 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 3.
$$\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 4.
$$\begin{array}{r} \\ 15 \overline{) 3105} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Arithmetic of Fractions:

3. Write the lowest terms: $\frac{30}{45}$
4. Circle the largest fraction: $\frac{4}{5}$ or $\frac{7}{10}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$
7. Add: $3\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{8}$
8. Multiply: $2\frac{1}{8} \times 16$
9. Divide: $6 \div \frac{1}{2}$
10. Mary used $\frac{2}{3}$ of her savings to make a down payment on a new car. If her savings were \$2,400, how much did she put down?

Decimal / Exponent Arithmetic:

11. Write in decimal form: $\frac{5}{8}$
12. Add: $3.2705 + 4.02 + 13.315$
13. Multiply: 360×1.2

14. Which number is the largest?
0.0054, 0.001, 0.07, 1.0

15. 7.5×10^{-3} is equal to?

16. 7.62×4.7

Percents:

17. Divide: $360 \div 1.2$

18. Express: 37% as a decimal

19. Express: 0.03 as a percent

20. Express: 13% as a fraction

21. If 40% of the thirty patients in a certain clinic have headaches, how many have headaches?

Ratio and Proportion:

22. What should "r" be in order to have $\frac{r}{5} = \frac{18}{30}$?

23. If it takes 4 cups of water to fill three glasses, how many cups will be needed to fill nine of the same glasses?

24. In a rural county 350 residents signed up for the armed forces. The breakdown of numbers for each branch is found in the table below. What percent of residents signed up for the Air Force? (Round your answer to two decimal places.)

ARMY	NAVY	AIR FORCE	MARINES
70	56	64	160

25. A farmer tries to save space by putting cows and sheep altogether in a ratio 3:4 respectively. If the farmer gets 15 cows how many sheep must have to keep the same ratio?

Determine the value of "X/Y" in the following:

26. $3:2 = X:6$

29. $\frac{6}{100} = \frac{X}{100}$

27. $\frac{X}{27} = \frac{3}{5}$

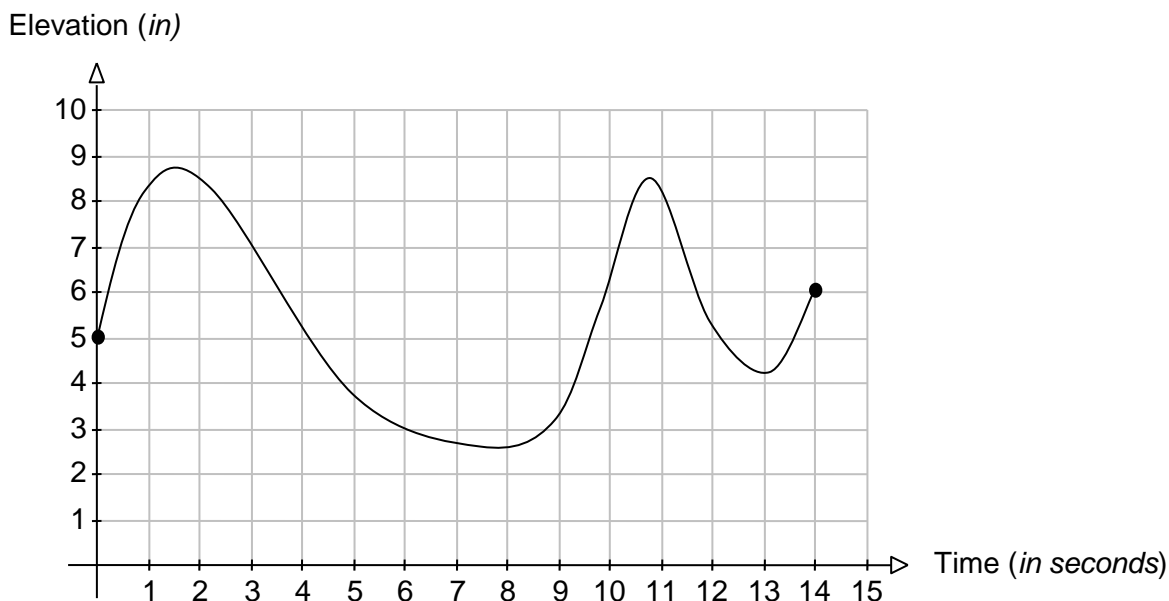
30. $\frac{1.2}{3.5} = \frac{10}{X}$

28. $\frac{5}{7} = \frac{25}{X}$

31. Evaluate: $10x - 6y$, if $x = 0.9$ and $y = 2.5$
(Round your answer to two decimal places.)

Graph Interpretation:

A buoy is bouncing up and down on the waves. The following graph depicts its elevation over a certain period of time.



- 32. What is the buoy elevation at 3 seconds?
- 33. Referring to the graph above, what is the independent variable?

Resources:

- 1. Math Center: Lower level of Truxal Library. Math professors or tutors available (free) Monday-Thursday 9-8:30 p.m., Friday 9-4:00 p.m., Saturday 9-3:00 p.m. (limited summer hours).
- 2. Peer Math Tutors: Fill out application in Testing & Tutoring Center. Service is free and available throughout the year.

Academic Support Center Information:

Call for specific days and times:

- Arnold Campus (410) 777-2495
- Arundel Center North, Glen Burnie Town Center (410) 777-2945
- Arundel Mills Center, Room 112 (410) 777-1915
- Army Education Center, Fort Meade (410) 672-2117

ANSWERS:

1.) 6803 2.) 6489 3.) 1026 4.) 207 5.) 2/3 6.) 4/5 7.) 4-1/8
 8.) 34 9.) 12 10.) \$1600 11.) 0.625 12.) 20.6055 13.) 432
 14.) 1.0 15.) 0.0075 16.) 35.814 17.) 300 18.) 0.37
 19.) 3% 20.) 13/100 21.) 12 patients 22.) 3 23.) 12 cups
 24.) 18.29% 25.) 20 26.) 9 27.) 16.2 28.) 35 29.) 6
 30.) 29.17 31.) -6 32.) 7 in. 33.) time

There is **no fee** to take the placement test. Students must bring a valid photo ID and know their social security number.

ATI Testing

As the nation's preeminent e-learning provider, ATI offers programs that are instrumental in improving faculty, student and program outcomes. ATI programs provide educators the power to augment curriculum, revamp courses and faculty development, and improve student tests outcomes and lower attrition rates.

Registration

1. Create an account with ATI, but DO NOT register for an exam on the ATI website.
2. Once you have created the account, to ensure an available seat contact the testing center to schedule your exam at:

Arnold - 410-777-2375 or testing-arnold@aacc.edu

Arundel Mills - 410-777-1915 or testing-amil@aacc.edu

All candidates must pay a \$30 administration fee and \$58 ATI exam fee. These fees need to be made by credit card at the time of your testing appointment.

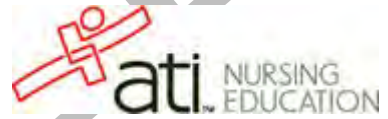
This exam cannot be scheduled during midterm or final exams.

To access this report, log onto your ATI account

SAMPLE

Individual Performance Profile

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Individual Name:	JOHN D STUDENT	Test Date	9/5/2016
Institution:	Your Institution	Attempt	1 of 1
Program Type:	ADN	Days Since Last Attempt:	0

Scores

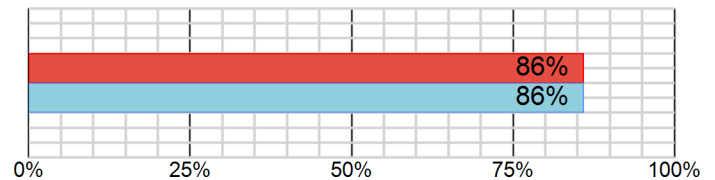
Total Score:

79.3%

Academic Preparedness Level: **Advanced**

National Mean: 65.6% All ADN Programs Mean: 66.1%

Percent of students who scored at or below your score



Reading Score:

87.2%

Math Score:

90.6%

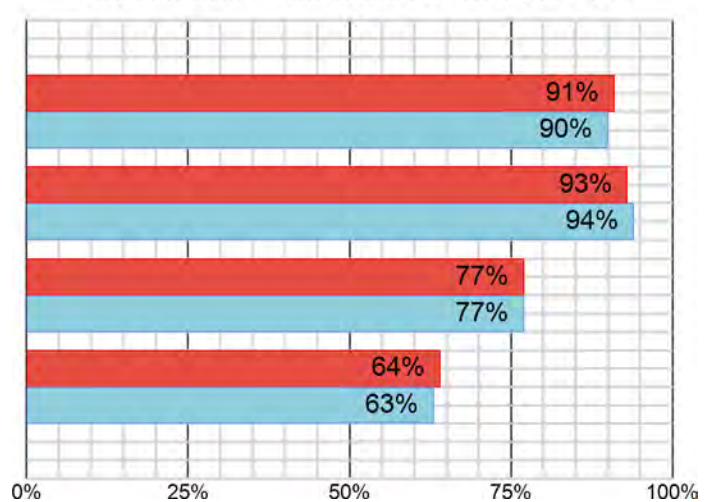
Science Score:

68.1%

English and Language Usage Score:

70.8%

Percent of students who scored at or below your score



National

All ADN Programs

Content areas do not add up to the total score

Maryland Board of Nursing Scholarship Internet Resources

Note: All sites are active as of November 2020.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

The U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid web site. This site has a number of helpful links for the student interested in financial aid. It also has a direct link to FAFSA: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid worksheet.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources>

This site links to the U.S. Department of Education's Guide for Federal Student Aid, with free publications and information on Federal resources.

<https://www.irs.gov/>

An IRS web site with links to tax forms that need to be filled out and submitted to the IRS to qualify for income tax credits for higher education expenses. The Hope Credit, is a tax credit available to first- and second-year students enrolled at least half time. The Lifetime Learning Credit is a tax credit for virtually any postsecondary education and training, including subsequent undergraduate years, graduate and professional schools, and even less-than-half-time study. For more information on the Hope Credit, the Lifetime Learning Credit, and other tax benefits for postsecondary students, see the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 970. You can get a copy of Publication 970 by calling 1-800-829-3676.

<http://www.nursingdegrees.com/nursing-articles/nursing-school/financial-aid>

Financial Aid & Scholarships web site with numerous links to scholarships for nurses and students entering healthcare.

<https://www.sigmanursing.org/>

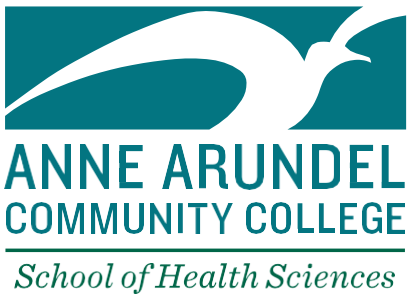
Sigma: The Honor Society of Nursing. This web site provides links to regional chapters that offer nursing scholarships. When you navigate to this site, click on search and type in "nursing scholarships."

www.free-4u.com/nursing/

The Nursing Schools Guide contains numerous links to scholarships for nursing.

<http://minoritynurse.com/>

Minority Nurse is a web site that offers many nursing articles and additional information.



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