Description:

CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Naugatuck Valley Community College offers an associate of science degree program in nursing that prepares graduates to sit for the Registered Nurse licensing exam (NCLEX-RN). The NVCC nursing program is one of six community college nursing programs in Connecticut that have formed a collaborative called the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) ([http://www.ct.edu/academics/nursing](http://www.ct.edu/academics/nursing)). This collaborative shares a common nursing curriculum. Courses in social and biological sciences, liberal arts and nursing provide the foundation for the practice of nursing. Graduates are prepared to work as entry-level practitioners in health care settings that provide acute care, extended care, rehabilitative care, outpatient care and more. Programs of the CT-CCNP are approved collaboratively by the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing with the consent of the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The associate degree nursing program at Naugatuck Valley Community College is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; telephone (404) 975-5000; email: info@acenursing.org; website: [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

Outcomes (What you will learn):

1. Integrate the principles of the natural, physical, social, biological, and behavioral sciences, and nursing theory to provide holistic care to individuals, families, and groups across the wellness-illness continuum.
2. Integrate the nursing process as a critical thinking skill for decision making in nursing practice.
3. Provide safe and competent care to individuals, families, and groups grounded in evidenced-based practice, quantitative competencies, and technological proficiency.
4. Integrate effective communication skills through professional interactions with individuals, families, groups and the health care team.
5. Create an environment where therapeutic interventions reflect a respect for human dignity.
6. Collaborate as a member of a multidisciplinary health team.
7. Integrate accountability and responsibility for practice within the legal and ethical standards of the nursing profession.
8. Function in the professional role utilizing current standards of nursing practice.

**Competency or Program Requirement** | **Course Number and Title** | **Required Credits**
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
Critical Analysis and Logical Thinking/Written Communication | ENG*H101 Composition | 3
Scientific Knowledge | BIO*H211 Anatomy and Physiology I | 4
Scientific Reasoning | BIO*H212 Anatomy and Physiology II | 4
**FIRST SEMESTER (fall)**
Program Requirement | NUR*H120 Nursing in Health & Illness | 9
Program Requirement | BIO*H235 Microbiology | 4
Program Requirement | PSY*H111 General Psychology | 3
**SECOND SEMESTER (spring)**
Social Phenomena | SOC*H101 Principles of Sociology | 3
Program Requirement | NUR*H125 Family in Health & Illness | 8
Program Requirement | PSY*H201 Life Span Development | 3
**THIRD SEMESTER (fall)**
Aesthetic Dimensions/Written Communication | ENG*H102 Literature and Composition or 200 level English per college specific requirement | 3
Program Requirement | NUR*H220 Nursing in Health & Illness III | 9
**FOURTH SEMESTER (spring)**
Directed Elective | Choose any NVCC oral communication competency course | 3
Program Requirement | NUR*H225 Nursing in Health & Illness IV | 8
Program Requirement | NUR*H226 Transition to Professional Nursing | 1

Total Credits: 65

Any given course may only be used to satisfy one of the competency areas even if it is listed under more than one.

1There may be a prerequisite course that must be successfully completed prior to taking the course.

*NVCC requires all students to complete a Continuing Learning & Information Literacy/Ethical Dimensions competency course prior to graduation. Nursing Credits:
Classroom - one contact hour = 1 credit

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Clinical - three contact hours = 1 credit
Non-Nursing courses may be taken in the semester indicated above or they may be taken earlier. All non-nursing courses listed above require a minimum grade of C with the exception of BIO*H211 and BIO*H212 for which a C+ is required.
Nursing courses must be taken in the stated sequence.
At least one Scientific Knowledge and Understanding OR Scientific Reasoning course must have a lab component. Admission and program requirements subject to change for subsequent academic years.