Offered at the Passaic Academic Center, the Nurse Education Program includes both general education and nursing courses for those who have chosen careers as registered nurses. General education courses from the sciences and liberal arts enhance the students’ understanding of clients.

Graduates are prepared for practice in hospitals and health-care agencies within the framework of the American Nurses Association’s Standards of Practice and the New Jersey Nurse Practice Act.

Note: New Jersey Board of Nursing requires all licensure applicants to complete a criminal history background check prior to licensure as a registered professional nurse. Information is provided to graduates by the Board of Nursing upon application to take NCLEX.

*This two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program is a member of the National League for Nursing. This program is accredited by:

New Jersey Board of Nursing
Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Consumer Affairs

New Jersey Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 45010
Newark, New Jersey 07101
973-504-6430

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
3433 Peachtree Road NE
Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
404-975-5000

Nurse Education Program
Graduates will be able to:

- Integrate into practice knowledge and skills from the sciences, liberal arts and nursing.

- Apply the nursing process when caring for clients with commonly occurring health problems to promote, restore, and maintain health.
• Individualize nursing care to accommodate cultural, ethnic, and economic differences in clients and families.

• Practice nursing based on ethical considerations and within legal parameters according to the New Jersey Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and Standards of Care.

• Communicate in an effective manner with clients, clients’ families, and the interdisciplinary health care team.

• Demonstrate accountability for personal and professional development.

• Integrate developmental principles when caring for clients of all ages.

• Function as an entry-level associate degree nurse as provider of care, manager of care, and member of the discipline of nursing.

• Contribute to continuity of care for clients and their families in the changing health-care system.

Graduates earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Successful performance on this examination results in licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

**Admission Requirements Day and Evening Option**

Applicants for admission to the Nursing Education Program must be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (GED). They also must meet admission criteria selected to ensure that accepted candidates have the potential to succeed in a rigorous academic program. Admission criteria are minimum standards and, in most cases, applicants accepted into the program exceed these requirements. The following requirements must be met prior to admission:

1. Meet Passaic County Community College admission criteria.

2. Achieve proficiency on the College Placement Test OR complete the required remediation.

3. Complete CH 103, Introduction to General and Organic Chemistry, with a grade of “C” or higher. If an applicant has not completed at least one high school laboratory science course within the past 5 years, it is recommended that they complete SC 004, General Science, with a grade of “C” or higher.

4. Applicants selecting the evening option must complete CH 103, BS 103, BS 104, EN 101, EN 102, PS 101, and PS 102 prior to admission.

5. Successfully pass the Test of Academic Skills (TEAS) (click here for test information)

6. A point system based on cumulative GPA and TEAS score is used to rank applicants and determine acceptance. A copy of the point system is included in the Program Information booklet available from the Nurse Education Office.
Requirements for Clinical Experience
Once accepted into the Nurse Education Program and prior to participation in courses with a clinical component, the following are required:

- Submit a completed health form signed by a physician or nurse practitioner.
- Provide evidence of current Professional Liability Insurance coverage for nursing students.
- Submit verification of current certification by an American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR.
- Submit evidence of health insurance coverage
- Successfully pass a criminal history background check.

(A second comprehensive criminal history background check, with fingerprints, is required at completion of the program by the New Jersey Board of Nursing in order to obtain your nursing license.)

Day Option
This Option is for students who choose to complete the program in two academic years during the day. CH 103 (4 credits, Introduction to Inorganic and Organic Chemistry) must be taken prior to acceptance in the Nurse Education Program and is good five years from course completion.

General Education (34 credits)
Communication 6
EN 101 Composition I 3
EN 102 Composition II 3
Science (16 credits)
CH 103 Introduction to Inorganic and Organic Chemistry 4
BS 103 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
BS 104 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
BS 203 Microbiology 4
Social Science (6 credits)
PS 101 Introduction to Psychology 3
PS 102 Human Growth and Development 3
Sociology Elective 3
Humanities or History 3 Credits in Humanities or History 3
Total General Education Credits 34
Major Requirements (34 credits)
NUR 101 Nursing I 7
NUR 102 Nursing II 8
NUR 195 Nursing Mobility 2
(LPN’s Only)
NUR 201 Nursing III 9
NUR 202 Nursing IV 9
NUR 203 Nursing Seminar 1
Total Degree Credits 68

Note: Students must complete all general education and nursing courses with a minimum grade of “C”.

Sample Program

First Semester (Fall)                  Credits
BS 103 Anatomy and Physiology I       4
EN 101 Composition I                  3
NUR 101 Nursing I                     7
PS 101 Introduction to Psychology     3
                                            17

Second Semester (Spring)
BS 104 Anatomy and Physiology II      4
EN 102 Composition II                 3
NUR 102 Nursing II                    8
PS 102 Human Growth and Development   3
                                            18

Third Semester (Fall)
BS 203 Microbiology                   4
NUR 201 Nursing III                   9
Humanities/History Elective           3
                                            16

Fourth Semester (Spring)
NUR 202 Nursing IV                    9
NUR 203 Nursing Seminar               1
Sociology Elective                    3
                                            13

Total Credits for Degree              68
(Includes CH 103)
Evening Option
For students who have completed all of the first year general education courses.

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First Semester (Spring)
NUR 101 Nursing I                                      7
Summer I Session
BS 203 Microbiology                                     4
                                                  **11**

Summer II Session
Humanities/History Elective                            3

Second Semester (Fall)
NUR 102 Nursing II                                     8
Sociology Elective                                      3
                                                **11**

Third Semester (Spring)
NUR 201 Nursing III                                     9

Fourth Semester (Fall)
NUR 203 Nursing IV                                      9
NUR 203 Nursing Seminar                                 1
                                                **10**

Total Credits for Degree                                **68**
Admission Requirements: Advanced Standing Transfers

The Nurse Education Program admits students to the program with advanced standing in nursing and general education courses.

1. All applicants requesting transfer to the Nurse Education Program are required to complete an application to Passaic County Community College.

2. Applicants should request an appointment to see the Assistant Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences to review the following documents (applicants must bring these to the meeting with the Assistant Dean):
   - Transcript(s)
   - Nursing course descriptions and objectives
   - Nursing program outcomes and requirements
   - Nursing program grading scale

3. Students who have earned nursing credits in an institution of higher learning (community college, four year college or university) may receive transfer credit for NUR 101, Nursing I, only when the content is comparable for the course required at Passaic County Community College, and has been taken within the last two (2) years.

4. Transfer applicants must take the NUR 101 final examination and pass with a score of 75% or higher and pass the clinical calculation examination with a score of 85% or higher. There is a fee for the NUR 101, Nursing I, final examination. This fee must be paid at the Bursar’s Office and a receipt presented prior to taking the exam. See the office staff for dates and fee amount.

5. Grades in science courses will be accepted within five years from the date of course completion to the start of the first nursing course at PCCC.

6. Students who exceed the five year requirement and have a “C” or better may take available standardized challenge examinations to validate their knowledge.

Nurse Education at Sussex County Community College

The Passaic County Community College Nurse Education Program is also housed at Sussex County Community College for Sussex County residents only. The program begins in the Spring semester each year, alternating between days and evenings with the day program beginning in even numbered years and the evening program in odd numbered years. For more information, call the office of the Assistant Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences.