NURSING: FULL-TIME
Associate of Science Degree

Program Description

Quincy College offers the Associate Degree in Nursing as a two year full-time program and as a two and one-half year part-time program. Both the full-time and the part-time programs are offered on both the Quincy and the Plymouth campuses.

All nursing courses require students to have scheduled clinical nursing practice within a variety of health care settings under the supervision of qualified nursing faculty. Please note, acceptance to the program does not guarantee a clinical nursing placement. Clinical facilities require a satisfactory criminal offender record information (CORI) check on all students before he/she can be allowed in the clinical setting. A positive CORI check may mean that a student is not allowed within a clinical facility for his/her clinical nursing practice. A misdemeanor or a felony can result in a positive CORI. If this happens, then the student may not be able to complete the nursing program. Please note that some clinical settings may require drug screening. Any student with a positive drug screen for any drug that does not have a legitimate prescription will be dismissed from the program.

Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the NCLEX Registered Nurse examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). Applicants for licensure in Massachusetts must be of good moral character as determined by the Board of Registration in Nursing. Please note that a student who has been convicted of either a misdemeanor or a felony may be denied entrance to the licensure examination.

Quincy College Associate Degree in Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN). You may contact the ACEN for more information on the web at http://www.acenursing.org/ or at 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, by telephone at 404-975-5000 or 800-669-1656, or by faxing 404-975-5020. You may contact BORN for more information on the web at http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn or at 239 Causeway Street, Suite 200, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02114, or by phone at (617) 973-0800 or (800) 414-0168.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, the student should be able to:
- Demonstrate application of the nursing process in meeting health care needs of assigned clients within culturally diverse settings
- Communicate appropriately in verbal, non-verbal, and written modes
- Implement nursing practices of primary health care to foster health maintenance
- Manage nursing care in a safe manner for clients in primary, secondary, and tertiary care settings
- Collaborate with the health care team to provide for the biopsychosocial needs of clients
- Identify responsibilities for dynamic professional development

Prerequisites to entering the Nursing program
- TEAS V Exam – minimum required score of 68.7%
- CHE 141 Introduction to Chemistry w/lab or CHE 121 General Chemistry I w/lab
- BIO 111 General Biology w/lab or BIO 131 Anatomy & Physiology w/lab
- ENG 101 English Comp I
- PSY 101 General Psychology
- MAT 103 (College Algebra) or higher
- Prior work validation
- Attending a nursing information session and documentation of required immunizations.

Semester 1
- RNU 108 Fundamentals of Client Care 7 credits
- BIO 131 Anatomy and Physiology I 2 credits

Semester 2
- RNU 109 Advanced Concepts of Client Care I 10 credits
- BIO 132 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits

Semester 3
- RNU 206 Advanced Concepts of Client Care II 10 credits
- Computer Science Core (CSI101 recommended) 3 credits
- BIO 151 Microbiology 2 credits

Semester 4
- RNU 208 Advanced Concepts of Client Care III 10 credits
- History/Government Core 3 credits
- ENG 102 English Composition II 3 credits

Total credits required for graduation 67 credits

Additional Program Information
1. The passing grade for all courses is “C” (73%). Students may not continue in the program if they earn less than a “C” in a course.
2. Science courses must have been completed within the past five (5) years at the college level and a grade of C or better awarded.
3. Students may transfer courses up to 30 credits from an accredited college or university.