



DEGREE

Associate of Science in Practical Nursing

Total Credit Hours: 76-77

About Associate of Science in Practical Nursing

The mission of the Nursing and Allied Health Department is to generate locally educated and licensed nurses to work in the various health care provider agencies on Guam and the Pacific region. The Guam Community College Nursing Program is committed to providing career guidance and education in nursing to those students from Guam and the Pacific region who desire to become Practical Nurses. Upon completion of program requirements, students will earn an Associate's Degree in Practical Nursing and will be eligible to apply and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Licensure is granted through the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners.

Academic Advising

To ensure success, an academic advisor is available to guide students in our programs. Meeting with our counselors or an academic advisor is the first step in starting an educational plan for any of our programs. The counselors are located in the Student Services & Administration Building 2000. The Nursing Department is located on the second floor of the Anthony A. Leon Guerrero Allied Health Building 3000.

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We are now accepting applications for the 2025 LPN Cohort. If you have met all general education requirements, you may click [here](#) [1] to apply.

The deadline to submit applications is January 3, 2025.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

Students can declare in the A.S. in Practical Nursing Program, but to enter into the Nursing Cohort (NU Level Courses) you must complete the following:

- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Must take the NLN PAX Exam (Pre-admission Assessment Exam)
- One Page Essay “Why I Want to Be a Nurse”
- General Education Requirements are highly recommended to complete before applying into the Nursing Cohort.

[REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE](#)

Below are the required courses for the A.S. in Practical Nursing.
Please see the Nursing & Allied Health Department for more information.

General Education Requirements		
Course	Course Name	Credits
English (Choose 1)		
EN110A	Freshman Composition with Instructional Lab	4
EN110	Freshman Composition	3
Course Course Name Credits		
MA____	Mathematics Requirement	3-4
SI131/131L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I (3) and Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (1)	4
CS151	Windows Applications	3
CO125	Introduction to Human Communication and Speech	3
PY120	General Psychology	3
Major Requirements		
Course	Course Name	Credits
ED220	Human Growth and Development	3
HL120	Medical Terminology	2
HL131	Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers	1
HL202	Nutrition	3
NU110	Nursing Foundations	8
NU160	Pharmacology for Practical Nurses	5
NU220	Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing	8
NU230	Maternal and Newborn Concepts & Skills	3
NU240	Pediatric Nursing Concepts & Skills	3
NU250	Mental Health Nursing	3
NU280	Nursing Trends	1
NU281	NCLEX-PN Review and Transition	2
NU292	Practical Nursing Practicum	6
SI106	Drug Calculations for Practical Nursing	1
SI132/132L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II: Theory (3)/Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (1)	4
SI150/150L	Introduction to Microbiology: Theory (3)/Introduction to Microbiology Lab (1)	4
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[GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE](#)

Recognizing the necessity for students to succeed in the complex and rapidly changing workplace, Guam Community College offers a general education curriculum that introduces students to major areas of knowledge and methods of inquiry. All degree programs require an interdisciplinary general education component that

promotes the development of intellectual skills that enable students to become effective learners and informed citizens. Critical thinking, the use of language and computation, appropriate social skills, global awareness and respect for diverse opinions are among the learning outcomes provided in the general education requirements of each program.

Guam Community College believes that general education provides the academic foundation necessary for students to achieve their life goals. General education is intended to offer students a breadth of quality student learning experiences, encourage their respect for cultural heritage, promote their ethical and responsible social behavior and facilitate their lifelong learning.

The General Education program strives to foster student learning and skill development in civic engagement, critical thinking, understanding of the relationship between the individual and society, information literacy, oral communication, quantitative reasoning, and written communication.

Guam Community College believes that high quality general education opportunities for all citizens are necessary for democratic principles and practices to exist and for a sound economy to flourish. The College continually scrutinizes the general education curriculum in order to assure that all degrees and certificates granted by the College support this vision of general education and that it serves as a means to inspire hope, opportunity and responsibility in all its constituencies.

Requirements for General Education follow the options described below. Students declared prior to fall 2010 will follow the requirements indicated in the applicable catalog in which they first declared their major program at the College.

Notes on General Education requirements

Students are advised to check the requirements for their specific programs before taking General Education courses.

Courses chosen to meet the general education requirements may not be used to meet the Major Requirements of a student's specific degree program.

The list contains courses with pre-requisites, so students should make their choices carefully and thoughtfully. Students may consult a counselor or an academic advisor for guidance in choosing any of the course options listed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some programs require different levels of coursework to meet General Education requirements, please review the individual programs for more information.

GENERAL EDUCATION		
Scope 1: Skills for and Application of Lifelong Learning		
Freshman Composition (Choose one course from the following to meet the required 3-4 credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
EN 110	Freshman Composition	3
EN110A	Freshman Composition with Instructional Lab	4
EN 111	Writing for Research	3
Mathematics (Choose one course from the following to meet the required 3-4 credits)*		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
MA 110A	Finite Mathematics	3
MA 115	Fundamentals of College Algebra	3
MA 161A	College Algebra & Trigonometry I	3
*Any college level math will be considered for the completion of this category		
Literacy for Life Skills (Choose one course from the following to meet the required 3 credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
CO 110	Critical Thinking for Civic Engagement	3
CS 151	Windows Applications	
CS 152	Macintosh Applications	

Scope 2: Broad Comprehension of the Development of Knowledge, Practice and Interpretation Humanities & Fine Arts (Choose one course from the following to meet the required 3-4 credits)*

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ASL 100	American Sign Language I	4
CH 110	Chamorro I	4
ED 265	Culture & Education in Guam	3
CO 125	Introduction to Human Communication and Speech	3
EN 210	Introduction to Literature	3
HI 121	World Civilization (Pre-historic Time to 1500)	3
HI 122	World Civilization (1500 to Present Time)	3
HI 176	Guam History	3
HM 110	Introduction to Community Services	3
HM 201	Social Welfare & Development: Global Challenges	3
HU 120	Pacific Cultures	3
HU 220	Guam Cultures & Legends	3
JA 110	Japanese I	4
KE 110	Korean I	4
PI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
TH 101	Introduction to the Theater	3
VC 101	Introduction to Visual Communications	3

*Any foreign language, humanities, or fine arts course will be considered for the completion of this category

Natural & Physical Sciences (Choose one course and the corresponding lab from the following to meet the required 4 credits)**

Course #	Course Name	Credits
SI 101/101L	Introduction to Chemistry: Theory (3) & Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory (1)	4
SI 103/103L	Introduction to Marine Biology: Theory (3) & Introduction to Marine Biology Laboratory (1)	
SI 105/105L	Introduction to Physical Geology (3) & Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory (1)	
SI 110/110L	Environmental Biology: Theory (3) & Environmental Biology Laboratory (1)	
SI 141	Applied Physics I	
SI 150/150L	Introduction to Microbiology: Theory (3) & Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory (1)	
SI131/131L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I: Theory (3) & Human Anatomy & Physiology I Laboratory (1)	
SI132/132L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II: Theory (3) & Human Anatomy & Physiology II Laboratory (1)	

**The exception to this would be SI141 which does not include a laboratory requirement

Scope 3: Preparation for and Acceptance of Responsible Participation in Civil Society

Social & Behavioral Sciences (Choose one course from the following to meet the required 3 credits)

Course #	Course Name	Credits
EC 110	Principles of Economics	3
PS140	American Government	3
PY 100	Personal Adjustment	3
PY 120	General Psychology	3

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PY 125	Interpersonal Relations	3
SO 130	Introduction to Sociology	3
CJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
WG 101	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	3

*Any social and behavioral science course will be considered for the completion of this category

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[SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES](#)

This suggested sequence of courses is based on the 2024-2025 College Catalog.

Year 1					
Semester 1			Semester 2		
Course	Credits		Course	Credits	
EN 101	3-4	English Requirement	SI1 50/150 L	4	Introduction to Microbiology: Theory (3)/Introduction to Microbiology Lab (1)
MA 110 A	3	Finite Mathematics	HL 131	1	Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers
SI1 31/131	4	Humanities A	SI1 32/132	4	Humanities A

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HL 120	Me dic al T erm inol ogy	2	PY 120	Ge ner al P syc hol ogy	3
HL 202	Nut ritio n	3	ED 220	Hu ma n G row th and Dev elo pm ent	3
Total		15- 16		Tot al	15
Year 2					
Semester 3			Semester 4		
Co urs e	Co urs e N ame	Cre dits	Co urs e	Co urs e N ame	Cre dits
NU 110	Nur sin g F oun dati ons	8	NU 220	Adu lt M edi cal- Sur gic al N ursi ng	8
NU 160	Pat hop	5	NU 230	Mat ern	3

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SI1 06	Dru g C alc ulat ion s for Pra ctic al N ursi ng	1	NU 240	Ped iatri c N ursi ng Co nce pts & S kills	3					
CO 125	Intr odu ctio n to Hu ma n C om mu nic atio n and Spe ech	3								
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Year 3										
Semester 4			Semester 5							
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NU 292	Pra ctic	6								

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Career Opportunities...

Opportunities for employment in the healthcare industry are increasing on Guam and nationwide. Whether you want to work in a hospital or nursing setting, an ambulance, a clinic, or any healthcare related area, GCC's Nursing & Allied Health Department is here to help you succeed. We employ qualified faculty who are experts in their area of instruction and work together to provide students with the best education available. Successful completion of our programs provide the opportunity for both local and national certifications.

[Student Learning Outcomes](#)

Upon successful completion of the AS in Practical Nursing program, students will be able to:

1. Utilize established standards and practice guidelines to help client restore, promote and maintain physical and mental health throughout their lifespan.
2. Apply therapeutic communication with patients, patient support-persons and members of the health-care team.
3. Employ evidence-based decision making to deliver safe and effective client care and to evaluate client outcomes.

