

# Nursing – Associate Degree

AAS Degree in Nursing

Somerset Community College  
Program Overview

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## LOCATION

Program offered at the Somerset and Laurel campuses.



## ACCREDITATION

The Somerset Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; Phone: (404) 975-5000; Fax: (404) 975-5020.

## CAREERS

Graduates are prepared to practice as a Registered Nurse in entry level staff nurse positions upon passing the licensure exam.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Coursework in this program is presented in a daytime format; however, there may be occasional evening clinical experiences. The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares graduates to use their skill and knowledge to fulfill the role of the nurse: enhance human flourishing, demonstrate sound nursing judgment, continually develop professional identity, and possess a spirit of inquiry to improve

the quality of patient care. Encompassed within these roles are the core components of context and environment, knowledge and science, personal/professional development, quality and safety, relationship-centered care, and teamwork. These core components are introduced, developed and built upon through the curriculum. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure

Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum is organized around a clearly defined conceptual framework and combines general education and nursing courses. The nursing courses correlate classroom and clinical instruction in a variety of community agencies.

Program admits one time per year for the fall semester (Somerset) and the spring semester (Laurel).

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS

- Sufficient visual acuity
- Sufficient auditory preception
- Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination
- Sufficient communication skills (speech, reading, writing)
- Sufficient intellectual and emotional functions

## NURSING CREDENTIALS:

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE -  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
(62-66 credit hours)

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

The following materials must be submitted to the Admissions/Records office by March 1 for the Somerset program and by July 1 for the Laurel program:

- Application for admission to a KCTCS college.
- Official high school transcript indicating that the applicant has or will complete a high school course of study or a passing GED official score report.
- Transcripts of all post-secondary work completed at other institutions.
- Results of the ACT or PAX-RN (National League for Nursing Pre-Entrance Exam).
- Read the online pre-admission conference presentation and print, complete, and submit the Program Application and the Statement of Program Requirements by the appropriate deadline. The conference presentation can be found at: [http://somerset.kctcs.edu/Academics/Programs\\_of\\_Study/Health\\_Care\\_-\\_Nursing\\_-\\_Associate\\_Degree.aspx](http://somerset.kctcs.edu/Academics/Programs_of_Study/Health_Care_-_Nursing_-_Associate_Degree.aspx).
- Completion of a minimum 75 clock hour nursing assistant course or its equivalent and proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry in Kentucky.

Upon admission to the program, the student must submit the following:

- Evidence of receiving the Hepatitis B vaccine series or a vaccine declination form
- TB skin test or chest x-ray
- Immunization records
- Other vaccinations may be required depending upon clinical facility
- Current CPR certification (American Heart Association BLS Health Care Providers)
- Criminal background check and drug screen once a year

## HOW TO GET STARTED

See "Application Process" above for more details. Contact the nursing program office if you have questions.



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## REQUIRED COURSES

Before enrolling, a student must:

- Complete 75 clock hours of nursing assistant courses or equivalent
- Complete CPR 100 or equivalent (AHA BLS for the Health Care Worker)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED (24 HOURS)		Credit
BIO 137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I . . . . .	4
BIO 139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II . . . . .	4
BIO 225	Medical Microbiology. . . . .	4
PSY 110	General Psychology. . . . .	3
ENG 101	Writing I . . . . .	3
	Heritage/Humanities . . . . .	3
	Quantitative Reasoning Course (math) that meets AA or AS Degree . . . . .	3
<b>TECHNICAL COURSES (38 HOURS)</b>		
NSG 101	Nursing Practice I . . . . .	9
NSG 219	Medical/Surgical Nursing I . . . . .	7
NSG 212	Behavioral Health Nursing . . . . .	3
NSG 229	Medical/Surgical Nursing II. . . . .	7
NSG 211	Maternal Newborn Nursing . . . . .	3
NSG 239	Medical/Surgical Nursing III . . . . .	6
NSG 213	Pediatric Nursing . . . . .	3

TOTAL HOURS FOR PROGRAM – 62 - 66

**Prior to enrollment in NSG 101, students must complete the following:**

- 75 clock hour nursing assistant course or equivalent
- CPR 100 or equivalent
- BIO 137
- PSY 110
- Quantitative Reasoning course (math) that meets AA or AS Degree

## SEMESTER COURSE LISTING

### SEMESTER ONE (13 HOURS)

NSG 101  
BIO 139

### SEMESTER TWO (13 HOURS)

NSG 219  
NSG 212  
ENG 101

### SEMESTER THREE (13 HOURS)

NSG 229  
NSG 211  
BIO 225

### SEMESTER FOUR (12 HOURS)

NSG 239  
NSG 213  
Heritage/Humanities

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Notes: