

TRADITIONAL NURSING PROGRAM ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA) DEGREE Health Sciences Pathway – Program Code #350A

Program Planner 2025-2026

PRE- AND CO-REQUISITE COURSEWORK

Course Number	General Education Core	Term/Planning Notes	Credits Required	Pre- / Co-Requisites
BIOL-107 or BIOL-200	Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> Microbiology	Completed within 10 years	4	Prerequisite
BIOL-203	Anatomy and Physiology I	Completed within 5 years	4	Prerequisite
**CHEM-103 <i>or</i> CHEM-101	Fundamentals of General Chemistry <i>or</i> Inorganic Chemistry I	Completed within 10 years	4	Prerequisite
Math Core: MATH-132 or MATH-138 or MATH-141	Math Core: Topics in Mathematical Literacy or Statistics or College Algebra or higher		3-5	Prerequisite
**BIOL-204	Anatomy and Physiology II	Completed within 5 years	4	*Co-requisite of NURS-142
PSYC-101	General Psychology		3	*Co-requisite of NURS-142
ENGL-121	College Composition		3	Co-requisite of NURS-143
PSYC-200	Life Span Development		3	Co-requisite of NURS-143
SOCI-101	Introduction to Sociology		3	Co-requisite of NURS-242
COMM-101* or COMM-105* or COMM-110*	Speech Requirement	*Or approved substitute; General Education Core requirements vary depending on student's catalog year (see an admissions coach for details)	3	Co-requisite of NURS-242
HUMN-101*	Introduction to Humanities	*Or approved substitute (see an admissions coach for details)	3	Co-requisite of NURS-244

^{*}Although not required, it is recommended that co-requisites are completed prior to enrollment into clinical courses.

**CHEM or BIOL-204 can be used as a fourth science requirement.

CLINICAL COURSEWORK

Course Number	Course		Term
NURS-142	Fundamental Nursing Concepts	7	1 st semester
NURS-143	Concepts of Nursing I	8	2 nd semester
NURS-242	Concepts of Nursing II	6	3 rd semester
NURS-243	Concepts of Nursing III	3	3 rd semester
NURS-244	Concepts of Nursing IV	8	4 th semester
NURS-245	Preparation for Professional Nursing Practice	1	4 th semester
Total Program Credits:		70	

^{**}As of Fall 2022, ALL students are required to show proof of health insurance. HCC does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students.

Nursing Readmission Policy:

Students who are not successful in their nursing courses and who do not progress in accordance with both the sequence and the timeframe as designated in the course catalog, will not be able to progress through the Nurse Education Program. Readmission is based on seat availability, and it is highly unlikely that a seat will be available for readmission. Please note that a student may be

readmitted only once to the Nurse Education Program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- If not already an accepted student to Howard Community College (HCC), please submit HCC's online application for admission, Apply for Credit Programs. Select the Traditional Nursing area of study, as well as the program code—08A.
- Submit official college transcript(s) and <u>Transcript Evaluation Request Form</u>, if transferring courses from other academic institution/s.
- Submit the Traditional Nursing Supplemental Application with one-time fee of \$25 and two documents verifying residency (*Howard County residents only*).
- The online application for Fall admission may be found at your application account between February 15 to May 15.
- The online application for <u>Spring admission</u> may be found at your application account between July 15 and October 15.
- All pre- and co-requisite courses must be completed with a 'C' or higher and one of the required science courses must be completed with a grade of 'A' or 'B' (an 'A' or 'B' in Anatomy and Physiology II may satisfy this requirement).
- The ATI TEAS must be passed with a score of 69% or higher in Reading, 69% or higher in Math and an overall composite score of 66.5% or higher. Scores are valid for two years.
- A cumulative HCC GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS:

- Qualified applicants from the previous year's waitlist have priority.
- Randomized digital lottery systems are held whenever the number of qualified new applicants exceeds the number of available seats.
- Fall applicants must have completed all requirements by February 15. (Official transcripts with final grades and ATI TEAS scores must be received by May 15.)
- Spring applicants must have completed all requirements **by July 15**. (Official transcripts with final grades and ATI TEAS scores must be received **by October 15**.)
- Priority is given to applicants who have completed all four science courses and PSYC-101.
- Within each lottery, students are selected in the following order:
 - 1. Howard County residents
 - 2. In-state, out-of-county residents
 - 3. Out-of-state residents
- Applicants' names are randomly selected, and each qualified applicant is offered a seat or assigned a waitlist number based upon order of selection.
- As seats become available, waitlisted students will be admitted into the program.
- Evening/weekend option begins during the Fall only. Applicants for Spring will have their program during the day.
- The waitlist rolls over from year to year.

QUESTIONS:

Admissions email: admissions@howardcc.edu or visit the Office of Admissions located in the RCF Building.

PLEASE NOTE:

A Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check will be required prior to enrollment in any nursing/allied health clinical course in order to ensure the safety of patients in the clinical setting. Students who do not comply with the drug screening and criminal background check are ineligible for placement in clinical agencies and therefore are not able to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. Students with a criminal background may be unable to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. It is the students' responsibility to know whether they are eligible for licensure. If a student has a criminal background, it is the students' responsibility to explore whether the background will prohibit them from being licensed and employed in the health care industry. HCC faculty and staff are NOT able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about your existing criminal background, you may wish to discuss this with legal counsel. The college reserves the right to change unilaterally, without notification, any requirement, fee or program if it is deemed necessary.