



BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING APPLICATION COVER PAGE

AUGUST 2018

Thank you for your interest in the BC3 Nursing (R.N.) Program! To be considered for admission into the 2018 Nursing Program class, a complete application packet must be submitted no later than **October 31, 2017.**

A complete application packet will consist of:

- 1. BC3 Application for Admission - even if you have applied previously.**
- 2. \$25.00 application fee – only if you have not applied previously to BC3.**
- 3. Nursing Program Application Document - Pages 2-5**
- 4. Early Acceptance Applicant Document – Page 6 (if applicable)**
- 5. Official transcripts in a sealed envelope - even if previously sent:**
 - High school**
 - High school equivalency diploma (formerly GED) test scores (if applicable). A high school transcript must still be submitted.**
 - Colleges/universities attended other than BC3**

Only complete application packets will be considered in the review process. It is the student's responsibility to submit all required documentation by the deadline of **October 31, 2017. Complete application packets may be dropped off in person to the Admissions Office during business hours or mailed to:**

Butler County Community College
Attn: Admissions Office
P.O. Box 1203
Butler, PA 16003-1203

Fall 2018: NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION DOCUMENT

We are pleased that you are interested in the Butler County Community College (BC3) Nursing Program. Enclosed is the information you need to complete your application. Applications for the Fall 2018 class will be accepted from **July 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017**. Prospective students who meet the proposed criteria on Page 6 at the time of application may be considered for early acceptance.

Only complete application packets will be considered in the review process. We highly encourage you to make a copy of this information for your personal records prior to submission.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Applicants must submit to the BC3 Admissions Office as part of their Nursing application packet, official transcripts from their high school, and from EVERY college/university attended at the time their application is submitted aside from BC3 transcripts.** Official transcripts are to be in a sealed envelope from the institution or sent electronically on the student's behalf to admissions@bc3.edu. Students who completed the high school equivalency diploma (formerly GED) are required to submit a copy of their test scores as well as the high school transcript.
- Students enrolled in high school or another college/university during the Fall 2017 semester must submit official transcripts to reflect their courses in progress. **Official college/university transcripts with final Fall 2017 grades must be received by the BC3 Admissions Office no later than **January 8, 2018**.**
- It is the student's responsibility to request all official transcripts and to verify with the BC3 Admissions Office they have been received on their behalf. **Missing transcripts or official transcripts received after the above-stated deadlines will result in an incomplete application, and as such, applicants will not be considered for admission into the Fall 2018 Nursing Program.**
- **If you previously sent transcripts to BC3, it is still necessary for you to include an additional, official copy of all transcripts with your application for inclusion in your nursing folder.**
- Please call the Admissions Office at 724-284-8501 if any questions or concerns arise regarding the transcript submission process.

Student Name (Printed)

Date

Student Name (Signed)

Phone Number

PLACEMENT TESTS: IF REQUIRED CALL 724-287-8711 Ext. 8346 to schedule.

- An applicant who **has not** completed a college level English and/or math class with a “C” or better **must** complete placement exams in Sentence Skills, Reading Comprehension, and Arithmetic or submit SAT/ACT scores that are within the last 5 years and meet the following cut-offs to be exempt. **If placement testing is required, it must be completed no later than December 15, 2017.**
 - **SAT Math:** 570 or better (*Old SAT prior to March 1, 2016: 550 or better*)
 - **SAT Evidence-Based Reading/Writing:** 500 or better (*Old SAT Critical Reading prior to March 1, 2016: 500 or better*)
 - **ACT Math:** 23 or better
 - **ACT English:** 21 or better
- An applicant who tests into a developmental or a preparatory class is permitted to re-test once in each subject area. **All re-tests must also be completed by December 15, 2017.**
- An applicant who tests into developmental or preparatory courses will not be considered for admission into the Fall 2018 Nursing Program **unless** those courses are completed with a “C” or better by the end of the Fall 2017 semester. Grades in developmental and preparatory coursework **are not** calculated when determining GPA.

LABORATORY SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- It is required that applicants have a high school or college-level Biology with a laboratory component and Chemistry with a laboratory component within the past five years both passed with a “C” or better.
- **Biology and Chemistry courses completed prior to August 2012 will not be considered. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.**
- It is the student’s responsibility to confirm that their high school Biology and Chemistry courses included the laboratory component.
- Nursing ABC Biology and Chemistry are **NOT** options for meeting these requirements.
- College-level Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2 must be completed at the same institution.
- College-level Anatomy & Physiology 1, 2 and General Microbiology, completed at the college level, must have been taken within the past five years.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS:

- Completed application packets will be reviewed by the Nursing Admissions Committee beginning in January 2018 (*unless eligible for early acceptance; see Page 6 for more info*).
- Grade point average (GPA) and additional academic criteria are considered in the review process. **Successful completion of Pre-Nursing support courses are strongly considered for those with current or previous college/university experience. Seats available to high school seniors applying for both the Three Year Curriculum and Two Year Program are limited.**

The GPA used will consist of the following:

- High school GPA will be used for applicants with less than 12 earned college-level credits.
 - Applicants with 12+ BC3 credits (excluding any developmental or preparatory classes) will have their BC3 GPA used.
 - Applicants with 12+ college level credits from the same institution (excluding any developmental or preparatory classes) will have that college's GPA used if that institution was most recently attended by the student.
 - Applicants with combined college credits (12+ college credits completed, fewer than 12 at college of most recent attendance) will have their combined college GPA used.
- All applicants must have a 2.80 cumulative GPA minimum for Nursing Program consideration.
 - All applicants will be notified by the Admissions Selection Committee in writing by **February 16, 2018**.

ADDITIONAL NOTES/REQUIREMENTS:

- **Students must be at least 18 years of age by September 1, 2018 to be eligible for admission to the Nursing Program.**
- Applicants must have completed 4 units of English, 3 units of Social Studies, 2 units of Math (one must be Algebra) as part of their high school graduation requirements.
- A student with a high school equivalency diploma (formerly GED) must take 12+ college-level credits to establish a GPA.
- Individuals with less than a cumulative 2.80 GPA in high school or from previous college/ university experience may be considered for admission following completion of 12+ college-level credits to establish a new GPA. *Nursing Program support courses are strongly encouraged.*
- A grade of "C" or better is required in all Nursing Program support courses for acceptance and continuation in the program.
- Any student utilizing the Academic Forgiveness Policy at BC3 must complete the entire process through the Records and Registration Office prior to application review in January 2018.
- All college-level classes taken to meet program requirements must be completed no later than the Fall 2017 semester and be reflected on official transcripts.

Student Name (Printed)

Date

Student Name (Signed)

Phone Number

BC3 Nursing Program: Official Transcript Requirement Reference

ALL official transcripts must be turned in with your Nursing Application other than those from BC3

Name of High School	Dates Attended	Currently Enrolled (yes/no)
1.		
2.		

Name of Colleges Attended (Please list all colleges/universities currently or previously attended)	Dates Attended	Currently Enrolled (yes/no)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

BC3 Nursing Program: Biology/Chemistry Requirement Reference

Biology Course Number/Name	Institution where course was taken	Date course completed	Laboratory component (yes/no)	Grade earned in course

Chemistry Course Number/Name	Institution where course was taken	Date course completed	Laboratory component (yes/no)	Grade earned in course

Program Format (Must Choose One):

- Two Year Program
- Three Year Curriculum Plan (High school seniors or students with less than 6 college-level credits are eligible to apply for the Three Year Curriculum Plan.)

Are you a graduate of a Licensed Practical Nurse Program (LPN)? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any physical disabilities or problems which might interfere with your ability to perform the skills and tasks involved in Nursing? Yes _____ No _____

Student Name (Printed)

Date

Student Name (Signed)

Phone Number

NURSING EARLY ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM

BC3 is pleased to offer early acceptance into the Nursing (R.N.) Program for students who meet academic eligibility criteria. **ALL** of the criteria listed below must be met at the time of application submission along with providing official transcripts from high school and all college/universities attended aside from BC3. ****Note: High School seniors are not eligible for early acceptance.**

1. A cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better
2. A Biology with a laboratory component passed with a “C” or better within the past 5 years *(August 2012 to present)*
3. A Chemistry with a laboratory component passed with a “C” or better within the past 5 years *(August 2012 to present)*
4. Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 passed with a grade of “B” or better in both classes.
Please note: Both Human Anatomy & Physiology courses must be within the past 5 years (August 2012 to present) and taken at the same institution.
5. A minimum of **SIX** additional Pre-Nursing support credits (approx. 2 classes) at the college-level with a grade of “C” or better.
 - General Microbiology, 4 credits
 - College Writing, 3 credits
 - Speech, 3 credits
 - Intermediate Algebra, 3 credits
 - Physical Wellness, 2 credits
 - General Psychology, 3 credits
 - Human Growth and Development, 3 credits
6. A grade of “C” or better in any completed Pre-Nursing support courses.

Other Notes:

- Students who wish to be considered for early acceptance, must declare their intentions by checking the box at the bottom of this page at the time the application is submitted.
- Early Acceptance students are only eligible to apply for the Two Year Program option.
- Once the Admissions Office has verified that all criteria are met, the application will be forwarded to the Dean of Nursing & Allied Health for consideration.
- Students will be notified via USPS letter from the Dean of Nursing & Allied Health of their acceptance. Students will then have **30 days** from the date of the letter to accept or deny their seat in the BC3 Nursing Program.
- Students who are not granted early acceptance, will still be considered as part of the normal review process, outlined previously in this application packet.

_____ **Yes, please consider me for early acceptance in to the BC3 Nursing Program. I meet the above academic criteria and understand the outlined admission process.**

Student Name (Printed)

Date

Student Name (Signed)

Phone Number

Application for Admission

BC3 USE ONLY

ID _____

TEST SESSION _____

Please complete the following information as accurately as possible. This information is required for admission.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER : _____

Your Social Security number is required for financial aid eligibility, scholarships, veterans benefits, and IRS tax reporting purposes. To protect your privacy, it will not be used as your student identification number. You will be given a BC3 student ID number for identification.

NAME : _____
Last First Middle

PERMANENT LEGAL ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ STATE : _____ ZIP CODE : _____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE : _____

I acknowledge that I have lived in the state of Pennsylvania for the past 12 months

HOME PHONE NUMBER : () _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER : () _____

GENDER : _____ DATE OF BIRTH : _____ / _____ / _____

In order to gather information required by state and federal agencies, we are requesting that you provide the following information. Your answer to these questions will in no way affect your admission status. Further, this information will be held confidential and used only for statistical purposes.

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE HISPANIC / LATINO? YES / NO
Circle One

IN ADDITION, SELECT ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RACIAL CATEGORIES TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF:

- AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE ASIAN BLACK / AFRICAN AMERICAN
- NATIVE AMERICAN / OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER WHITE

PERSONAL E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Be sure to activate your MyBC3 e-mail account. Once accepted as a BC3 student, the College will communicate with you through your student e-mail address.

APPLICATION YEAR : 2018 TERM : 2-Fall / 3-Spring / 4-Summer
Circle One

PROGRAM CODE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: 208 (See codes on page 4) PROGRAM OF STUDY: Nursing

- IF YOU SELECTED GENERAL STUDIES (100A), DESIGNATE YOUR SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST:
- GENERAL PRE-MASSAGE THERAPY
 - UNDECIDED PRE-MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 - NATURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRE-NURSING
 - PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE:

- NEW, NEVER ATTENDED COLLEGE BEFORE
- TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER COLLEGE TO BC3
- GUEST STUDENT VISITING FROM ANOTHER COLLEGE
- PREVIOUSLY APPLIED TO BC3
- I HAVE A COLLEGE LEVEL MATH CLASS PASSED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR HIGHER*
- I HAVE A COLLEGE LEVEL WRITING CLASS PASSED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR HIGHER*

* Must submit an official transcript

BC3 EDUCATIONAL GOAL: (Select only one)

- COMPLETE ASSOCIATE DEGREE WITH THE INTENT TO TRANSFER
- COMPLETE ASSOCIATE DEGREE WITH THE INTENT TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT
- COMPLETE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE
- ATTEND BC3 AS A GUEST STUDENT WHILE ENROLLED CONCURRENTLY AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION
- TAKE COURSES AT BC3 WITH THE INTENT TO TRANSFER TO A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION
- UNCERTAIN

I INTEND TO TAKE THE MAJORITY OF MY CLASSES AT:

- BC3 MAIN CAMPUS (BUTLER)
- BC3 @ ARMSTRONG (FORD CITY)
- BC3 @ BROCKWAY (BROCKWAY)
- BC3 @ CRANBERRY (CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP)
- BC3 @ LAWRENCE CROSSING (NEW CASTLE)
- BC3 @ LINDENPOINTE (HERMITAGE)
- ONLINE

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? _____ IF NO, PLEASE COMPLETE : I AM A PERMANENT RESIDENT
 PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD #: _____
 OTHER TYPE OF VISA: _____
 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____
 *Must produce documents for photocopy

ARE YOU OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A SERVICE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY? _____ YES / NO
 Circle One

INTENDED STUDENT TYPE: _____ Full-Time / Part-Time
 Circle One

GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL: _____ YES / NO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: _____ HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA: _____ YES / NO
 Circle One Circle One

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____ City: _____ State: _____

LIST ALL COLLEGES, BUSINESS OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

Name of School	
1.	3.
2.	4.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BC3? _____ Pick One CLOSE TO HOME UNDECIDED MAJOR AFFORDABILITY
 CONVENIENT SCHEDULE PROGRAMMING DAY CARE

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAM? _____ YES / NO
 Circle One

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BC3'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM? _____ YES / NO
 Circle One

I understand that BC3 reserves the right to use photographs and video taken in the classroom and/or on campus for educational and promotional purposes of BC3 and its programs.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

YOUR SIGNATURE : _____ DATE : _____ / _____ / _____

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Butler County Community College is committed to providing equal opportunity in admissions and treatment of students, in educational programs for students, in employment opportunities and in governance of the College, without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law.

The College shall take affirmative action to ensure (1) that it does not discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment or another person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law; (2) that it does not subject students to unlawful discrimination in the admission process, take any action, direct or indirect, to segregate students in a classroom or course, or subject students to different or separate treatment in, nor restrict the enjoyment by a student of, a service, facility, activity or program at the College on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law; and (3) that it does not discriminate in the employment of administrators on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law and that its governance structure includes diverse membership broadly representative of the public interest as may be required by law or regulation.

There shall be no retaliation against any applicant, employee, or student for filing a harassment or discrimination complaint, or assisting, testifying, or participating in the investigation of such a complaint. Any applicant, employee, or student reporting sexual or other harassment or discrimination will also be protected from reprisals or retaliation by the College, any supervisors, and/or coworkers as a result of such complaint(s).

The College is committed to be in compliance with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (43 P. S. §§ 951-962.2) and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational opportunities Act (24 P.S. § 5001-5009). Employment and educational opportunities at Butler County Community College are available to all as required by Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Pennsylvania Fair Educational opportunities Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and all applicable laws and regulations.

For information regarding equal education and employment opportunity including services, activities and facilities that are usable and accessible to disabled persons, contact the Executive Director of Human Resources/Equal opportunity Compliance officer, Butler County Community College by telephone at (724) 287-8711, Ext. 8353, or in writing at 107 College Drive, Butler, PA 16002. If an applicant, employee, or student is physically or mentally disabled, he/she may request accommodations, academic adjustments, or auxiliary aids or services. Information on the College's services for disabled students may be obtained from the Academic Counselor and Disabilities Coordinator at Ext. 8327. Employees or applicants should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources/Equal opportunity Compliance officer at Ext. 8353 for more information.

For information regarding the College's Grievance Procedure, visit our website at www.bc3.edu/humanresources/grievanceprocedure.asp or contact the Executive Director of Human Resources/Equal opportunity Compliance officer, Butler County Community College by telephone at Ext. 8353 or in writing at the above address.

BC3 USE ONLY

RE-ADMIT : _____

NEW : _____ \$25 APP. FEE : _____

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NURSING PROGRAM
REQUIRED ABILITIES FOR NURSING COURSES

Nursing courses require that students possess the following abilities:

1. Sufficient mobility to transfer and mobilize the non-ambulatory client, to assist an ambulatory client and to perform emergency client care. Must be able to lift and/or support at least 50 pounds. Must be capable of full manual dexterity of upper extremities and unrestricted movement of both lower extremities, neck, shoulders, back and hips to safely carry a newborn and perform activities of daily living for the client unable to do so for himself.
2. Sufficient musculo-skeletal control to perform gross and fine motor tasks inherent in required skills; e.g. administration of medications and urinary catheterization.
3. Sufficient visual ability to read records, labels on medication containers, and calibrations on devices used to make physiological measurements; to observe changes in client status; and to observe unsafe environmental conditions.
4. Sufficient hearing ability to interpret messages not solely based on visual cues, to interpret conversation, and to detect sounds that indicate changing client status such as heart tones, breath sounds and blood pressure.
5. Sufficient speech ability to convey oral messages to assigned clients and to other health team members.
6. Sufficient emotional stability to accurately perceive situations influencing the care of assigned clients and to make unimpaired observations and judgments regarding care of assigned clients.

Requests for reasonable accommodations (such as prescribed medications, assistive devices, etc.) which may enable the student to perform the abilities required in the program with accommodation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Appropriate documentation from a qualified professional or physician substantiating the need for such accommodation must be submitted to the Dean of Nursing & Allied Health for consideration. Any such information submitted shall be considered confidential and may be shared only with those who have a need to know. A request for accommodation does not necessarily guarantee the student will be able to enter and/or continue in the program. The Dean will consult with the Disability Support Services Coordinator and/or Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer if necessary and will notify the student of any action that must be taken in regard to the request.

Revised: 4/95, 3/01, 4/04, 1/08, 5/13, 7/13, 6/16, 6/17
2/06, 5/15, 6/16, 6/17 Reviewed by Disabilities Coordinator
7/13, 6/16, 6/17 Approved by BC3 Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Nursing (R.N.) Program
INFORMATION FOR GENERAL APPLICANT STUDENTS

Admission to the Nursing Program is both competitive and selective. A special application packet, available from the Admissions Office or on the BC3 website (<http://bc3.edu/admission/nursing.html>), is required of all prospective students. Applications are accepted beginning July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 for August 2018 enrollment in the Nursing Program.

All applicants are considered equally without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran's status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law.

****However, please note that Nursing students must be 18 years of age prior to the start of their first clinical experience.**

The PA State Board of Nursing may refuse, suspend, or revoke any license in any case where the Board shall find that the applicant:

- Has been convicted or has pleaded guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere or has been found guilty by a judge or jury of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, or has received probation without verdict, disposition in lieu of trial or an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition in the disposition of felony charges, in the courts of this Commonwealth, the United States, or any other state, territory, or county;
- Has committed fraud or deceit in securing his or her admission to the practice of nursing or to nursing school;
- Is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination, so long as such dependence shall continue.

The Nursing Admissions Committee assumes the responsibility to review the data of all applicants and has the right to select the best qualified individuals.

Special enrollment requirements UPON ACCEPTANCE include the following:

1. Complete required:
 - Act 34/151 Criminal Record Check through PA State Police
 - Child Abuse History Clearance through the PA Department of Welfare
 - FBI Background Check prior to beginning NURS 101 and again if re-admitted to the program

Clearance results must be in compliance with PA State Board of Nursing regulations, Act 169 Older Adult Protective Services Act, and Act 34/151. A student who fails to obtain the requisite Act 169 and Act 34/151 clearances will be unable to attend the required clinical experiences and meet course objectives.

2. Have a satisfactory annual physical examination, tuberculin skin test, immunizations, and negative urine drug screen. Students must have the physical and emotional ability to provide all aspects of safe nursing care. A list of required nursing abilities is available with the admission packet.
3. Provide evidence of successful completion of the American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the healthcare provider course.
4. Provide proof of health insurance coverage.
5. Malpractice liability insurance is paid as part of the BC3 tuition/fee structure of all Nursing students.
6. Purchase required uniforms.
7. Assume all responsibilities for transportation to and from clinical agencies to which they are assigned for clinical practice.
8. Be available for variations in clinical hours and locations.

The Dean of Nursing & Allied Health will meet with accepted Nursing students at a mandatory information session to further explain the process for obtaining the necessary health and clearance requirements indicated above.

LPNs and other individuals with prior nursing education and/or experience may be eligible for advanced standing. A separate application packet is available March 1, 2018 with priority consideration given to those who apply on or before May 15, 2018 in the BC3 Admissions Office or on the BC3 website (<http://bc3.edu/admission/nursing.html>). Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office at 724-284-8501 or the Nursing & Allied Health Division, 724-287-8711 Ext. 8364.

The most current information is listed above. The College reserves the right to amend requirements at any time.

Reviewed: 05/09, 6/10, 8/10, 6/11, 6/13, 6/14, 5/15, 6/16, 6/17

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Nursing Program
General Studies Pre-Nursing Support Courses

The following courses may be taken prior to acceptance in to the Nursing Program. If you are accepted into the A.A.S in Nursing (208) program, these classes will count toward the 70 credits required for the degree. **You must achieve a grade of “C” or better in these classes for acceptance and continuation in the Nursing Program. A cumulative 2.80 GPA minimum is required for a student’s application to be considered for review.**

Course Name	Course #	Credits
*College Writing	ENGL-101	3 credits
Speech	COMM-201	3 credits
*Intermediate Algebra	MATH-100	3 credits
Physical Wellness	PHED-125	2 credits
General Psychology	PSYC-201	3 credits
*Human Growth & Development	PSYC-203	3 credits
*Anatomy & Physiology I	BIOL-131	4 credits
*Anatomy & Physiology II	BIOL-132	4 credits
*General Microbiology	BIOL-201	4 credits

As a Reminder...

- To be considered for admission, students must complete a high school or college-level Biology course with a laboratory component and a Chemistry course with a laboratory component no more than five years before applying to the Nursing Program. Both courses must be passed with a “C” or better. Please see application timeframes.
- Students who need a Biology course with a laboratory component may take the BIOL 131, A&P I class which is required in the Nursing program, or they may choose to take BIOL 101, Biology I. **However, BIOL 101, Biology I does not count toward the Nursing Program requirements.**
- Students who need a Chemistry course with a laboratory component should take CHEM 112, Descriptive Chemistry, to meet this requirement.

Revised: 6/17

Butler County Community College
Curriculum Planner
NURSING No. 208
Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Nursing Program at Butler County Community College is a two-year academically-based program that prepares the graduate to provide and manage direct care to individual clients and their families; and to function as an effective member of the health care team. The graduate is also educated to be a contributing member of the discipline of nursing, committed to professional growth, continuous learning, and self-development. Graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN). The program prepares the graduate for employment as a registered professional nurse in a variety of community-based health care settings including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other comparable agencies.

Program - Minimum 70 Credits

First Semester

	Nursing I: Introduction to Nursing Care	NURS 101	8
	Pharmacology for Nurses I	NURS 141	1
+a	Physical Wellness	PHED 125	2
+a	General Psychology	PSYC 201	3
+a	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL 131	<u>4</u>
			18

Second Semester

*	Nursing II: Nursing Care of Patients Throughout the Lifespan	NURS 102	9
*	Pharmacology for Nurses II	NURS 142	1
+*b	Human Growth and Development	PSYC 203	3
+*b	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL 132	<u>4</u>
			17

Third Semester

*	Nursing III: Nursing Care of Patients with Acute Health Problems	NURS 103	9
*	Pharmacology for Nurses III	NURS 143	1
+*c	College Writing	ENGL 101	3
+*c	General Microbiology	BIOL 201	<u>4</u>
			17

Fourth Semester

*f	Nursing IV: Nursing Care of Patients with Complex Health Problems	NURS 104	8
*f	Pharmacology for Nurses IV	NURS 144	1
*	Nursing V: Transition to Practice	NURS 105	3
+*d, e	Intermediate Algebra	MATH 100	3
+d	Speech	COMM 201	<u>3</u>
			18

The student is encouraged to use the curriculum planner to keep track of courses taken and those still needed. In some cases one or more courses will be taken in a different order than indicated on the planner, but prerequisites must be observed.

- * Indicates course has a prerequisite.
- a Must be taken before or with NURS 101 (Nursing I)
- b Must be taken before or with NURS 102 (Nursing II)
- c Must be taken before or with NURS 103 (Nursing III)
- d Must be taken before or with NURS 104 (Nursing IV)
- e College Algebra (Math 101) or higher may be substituted.
- f Must be taken before NURS 105 (Nursing V)
- + Courses that can be taken in advance of acceptance into the Nursing Program.

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ESTIMATED NURSING PROGRAM COSTS

The following costs for the BC3 Nursing Program are only estimates. **These may be changed at any time without prior notice.** Additions may also be made to this list without prior notice. The BC3 Nursing and Allied Health Division has no direct control over these costs. See www.bc3.edu for information on full time tuition rate.

Butler County Residents Tuition	\$108.00 per credit
All other Pennsylvania Residents College Tuition	\$208.00 per credit
All Non-Pennsylvania Residents College Tuition	\$308.00 per credit
Comprehensive Fee (All Students)	\$52.00 per credit
Distance Education Fee	\$25.00 per credit
Lab Fee	\$35.00 per course
Malpractice Liability Insurance (per semester)	\$10.00

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS

Pre-Entrance & Annual Physical Assessment	\$800.00--\$1,000.00 + immunizations
Urine Drug Screen (Annually)	\$50.00/per year
Clearances	
• PA State Police (PATCH) Criminal Record Check	\$10.00
• PA Child Abuse History Clearance	\$10.00
• PA Department of Public Welfare (FBI Background Clearance (Fingerprints)	\$33.00
Castle Branch Electronic Document Tracking System	\$128.75 (1 st year) \$85.75 (2 nd year)
American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Providers	\$50.00
Student Uniforms (approximately)	
Women's Skirt	\$18.00 - \$20.00
Women's top and pants	\$43.00 - \$51.00
Men's top and pants	\$50.00 - \$58.00
Warm-Up Jacket	\$25.00 - \$31.00
Stethoscope	\$79.00
Bandage Scissors	\$5.00 – \$6.00
Watch with second hand, white shoes, and white stockings (Variable prices - to be purchased by student off campus)	
Textbooks (approximate and variable)	\$1,473.00 (7 Pc.Textbooks) \$328.25 2 nd year
HESI Computerized CURRICULUM SUPPORT PACKAGE	\$155.00/per semester
Fundamentals/Medical/Surgical Nursing administered at the end of NURS 101	
Customized: Medical Surgical, Maternity, Pediatric Exam at the end of NURS 102	
Customized: Medical Surgical, Psychiatric Nursing Exam at the end of NURS 103	
Pre-Licensure Readiness Test – HESI E ² at the end of Nursing 105	
Computerized Nursing Case Studies for Classroom/Clinical Enhancement	
Remediation Support and NCLEX-RN Review Course (included)	
Graduation Fee	\$40.00
NCLEX Exam Fee	\$200.00
State Board Initial Licensure Fee	\$35.00
Temporary Practice Permit Fee	\$35.00
Graduate Pin	
Gold-filled (can be purchased with or without guard)	\$57.60 - \$75.20
10K gold	\$168.00

A variety of loans, grants, scholarships, and/or other forms of financial aid are available to nursing students who qualify. Please inquire at the Financial Aid Office in the Student Success Center (724) 287-8711 Ext. 8329.	02/16/07, 1/25/08, 5/27/09, 1/31/11, 6/22/11, 1/26/12, 6/13, 6/14, 5/15, 6/15, 2/16, 2/17, 6/17
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