

Academic Programs

Nursing

The nursing program at Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools provides individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to individuals and groups of individuals throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings. Courses required for the diploma include content related to the physical and social sciences, the role of the nurse as provider and manager of care as well as member within the discipline of nursing. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long term care facilities, industry, community agencies and physicians offices.

As part of its mission, the nursing program is dedicated to providing those resources that create opportunities for success. Distance learning and use of the most current educational technologies are part of the mission of the Professional Schools. The nursing program offers the curriculum to students in a web based modality. For further information and class offerings, please contact the Director of Marketing and Recruitment at 804.765.5214 or Tonia_Talbott@chs.net.

Classes are admitted twice per year in August (Fall Semester) and January (Spring Semester). Application deadlines are noted in the Admissions section of the Catalog.

The Diploma in Nursing will be awarded to students who have successfully completed 93 credit hours of course work. This includes 31 hours of general education credits and 62 nursing credits.

Licensure

Following graduation from the Nursing program and verification by Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools Nursing Program that education requirements have been met, students are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Graduates who meet board requirements, and pass the exam will be conferred the legal title of Registered Nurse (RN) from the Virginia Board of Nursing. Should a graduate be unsuccessful on the exam, they will have the opportunity to repeat the exam at varying intervals.

There are several pre-requisite courses that must be taken prior to being accepted into the nursing program. These courses can be taken at any accredited institution and will be accepted as noted below.

Pre-Requisite Courses

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
BIO 205	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 206	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
HLTH 245	Understanding Nutrition	3
ENG 101	Writing & Research	3
ENG 102	Introduction to Literary Genres or Philosophy	3
BIO 252	Medical Terminology	2
TOTAL		19

Curriculum Plan for Fall Admission

FALL SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 301	Foundations of Nursing	10
NUR 310	Pharmacology	2
PSY 210	Survey of Psychology	3
TOTAL		15

SPRING SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 302	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	12
PSY 250	Development Psychology	3
TOTAL		15

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 401	Women's Health, Pediatric & Mental Health Nursing	12
SPCH 101	Public Speaking	3
TOTAL		15

FALL SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 402	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	12
SOC 201	General Sociology	3
TOTAL		15

SPRING SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 403	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing & Principles of Management	12
NUR 430	Professional Issues	2
TOTAL		14

Curriculum Plan for Spring Admission

SPRING SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 301	Foundations of Nursing	10
NUR 310	Pharmacology	2
PSY 210	Survey of Psychology	3
TOTAL		15

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 302	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	12
PSY 250	Developmental Psychology	3
TOTAL		15

FALL SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NUR 401	Women's Health, Pediatric & Mental Health Nursing	12
SPCH 101	Public Speaking	3
TOTAL		15

SPRING SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Admission

For admission to the Nursing programs applicants must meet the general admission requirements and also submit evidence of the following:

- Successful completion of high school or college developmental courses in: algebra, biology and chemistry with a "C" or better (Transcripts required)
- An additional math course (e.g. Algebra II or Geometry) (Transcripts required)
- A 2.5 GPA or greater on the pre-requisite courses
- High school level or greater on the reading and math sections of the Nurse Entrance Test (NET)