



Associate Degree Nursing

Program Admission Information

The associate degree Nursing Program is a program designed to prepare highly educated, technically competent, and caring individuals who are prepared to practice professional nursing in a variety of healthcare settings. Students are required to make a minimum grade of (C) in all courses each quarter for progression.

In all States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, students must graduate from an approved nursing program and pass a national licensing examination, known as the National Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX-RN, in order to obtain a nursing license. Other eligibility requirements for licensure vary by State. Contact your state board of nursing for details

Program Accreditation

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The most recent accreditation decision made by ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate degree nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. Public information is disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at www.acenursing.org/search-programs .

Additionally, the Associate Degree Nursing program at Columbus Technical College has full approval of the Georgia Board of Nursing. Approved programs can be viewed at [Nursing Education Programs](#) .

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for Education in Nursing

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Program Admission Requirements: (The ADN Program is a Competitive Admissions Program)

- Applicants must present documentation of a high school diploma or official GED scores for admission.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- No provisional and/or special admission students are considered for the program.



- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 at the end of semester prior to the semester of submitting the application.
- Must complete all prerequisite courses prior to application submission.
- All transcripts for courses being transferred in from other colleges must be received in the Admissions Office before the application deadline.
- HESI A2 exam must be completed at Columbus Tech before the application deadline.
- Entrance into the ADN program is contingent upon completion/results of a criminal background check and drug screen which must be completed after being conditionally accepted into the program. Pertinent information regarding the Background Check/Drug Screen will be provided to students once accepted into the program. The student will be responsible for the cost of these items.
- Student must provide current medical/physical exam results on a ADN provided Medical Form, meet the Associate Degree Nursing Technical Standards, and provide immunization records and current CPR/BLS card after program acceptance. While Columbus Tech does not require vaccines for program admission, our clinical sites do and may require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, in addition to other vaccinations. If a student chooses not to be vaccinated, they may not be allowed to attend those sites, which could delay or prevent program completion.

Competitive ranking will be based on:

1. Grades from designated Prerequisite Courses (60% of ranking)

Designated course grades used for competitive ranking are indicated by an asterisk* on program sequence sheets on CTC web page. All prerequisites must be completed at the time of program application with a grade of C or higher.

- Applicants receiving a passing grade for any prerequisite course will be given one opportunity to improve their grade in that specific prerequisite course. The higher passing grade will be used for ranking. (Financial Aid may not cover additional attempts.)
- Science courses (BIOL 2113 & 2113L, BIOL 2114 & 2114L, BIO 2117 & 2117L) used for competitive admission cannot be more than seven (7) years old or the course must be re-taken.
- Any science courses more than 7 years old will not be used for competitive ranking.

2. HESI A2 exam scores (40% of ranking)

- Student must achieve a minimum score of 70 to be considered for admission into the ADN program.



- Call the CTC Testing Center at 706-649-1822 for times, dates, and questions regarding testing. The HESI exam must be completed before submitting an application to the program.
- CTC’s specific HESI A2 exam is required for all competitive programs and must be taken in the CTC testing center. Only scores from this exam will be used for ranking.
- The HESI A2 exam may be taken a total of two times per calendar year. The test results are only good for a two-year period.
- The HESI A2 exam is required for all competitive admission programs.
- There are several preparation options for the HESI A2 exam, including free test prep via the Columbus Technical College virtual library on Mometrix or HESI Admission Assessment Exam and Review book, 5th Edition ISBN: 9780323582261.

*The following courses will be used in the ranking process for competitive admission: ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114, BIOL 2114L, BIO 2117, BIO 2117L

(PSYC 1101, SPCH 1101 & HUMN XXXX are not used in the ranking process, but these courses must be completed prior to program application submission.)

Associate Degree Nursing –Prerequisite Courses	CREDIT HOURS
*ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	3
*MATH 1111 College Algebra	3
PSYC Introduction to Psychology	3
SPCH 1101 Public Speaking	3
HUMN XXXX Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
*BIOL 2113 Anatomy and Physiology I	3
*BIOL 2113L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
*BIOL 2114 Anatomy and Physiology II	3
*BIOL 2114L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
*BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology	3
*BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab	1

** Other recommended course: ALHS 1090 – Medical Terminology (This course is not required but may be helpful to the student during their time in the ADN program.)



Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted online at www.columbustech.edu between September 15th- October 1st for Spring semester admissions and May 15th – June 1st for Fall semester admissions. All prerequisite courses and HESI A2 exams must be completed by the time of application and all transcripts from courses being transferred in from other colleges must be received in the Columbus Tech Admissions Office before the application deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact the ADN Program Director, Tammy Shelley, at tshelley@columbustech.edu for more information.

Program Considerations

- ADN courses are generally scheduled from 8:00am–5:00pm, Monday–Friday, during each semester. Students will be in class, lab, and clinicals 40 hours/week (schedules can change for needs of the program).
- Attending the program is equivalent to working a full-time job, with additional study and homework time in the evening and weekends.
- ATI testing and Engage modules fees must be paid in increments throughout the program. These are included in your student fees.

Program Completion Rates

Graduation Year	Student Accepted	Academic Attrition	Non-Academic Attrition (Voluntary Withdrawal)	Graduates	Retention Rate
2024	90	10	6	74	82%
2023	98	10	5	83	85%
2022	89	26	3	60	67%
2021	66	13	6	47	71%

NCLEX Pass Rates (First Attempt) As reported by Georgia Board of Nursing

Graduation Year	Student number	Pass Rate	National Average
2024	77/85	90.59	91.16
2023	62/70	88.57	88.57
2022	49/61	80.33	79.91
2021	50/56	89.29	82.49



Estimated Cost of Program

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	<i>Expenses</i>
Background check	\$95.00
Medical Physical	\$100.00
Immunizations	\$120.00
Flu Shots	\$40.00
CPR/BLS card	\$65.00
Uniforms and Accessories	\$315.00
Graduation Fee	\$40.00
Book Bundle	\$125.00

Prerequisite Courses

Tuition/Fees per Semester

(In State- with approximate Textbook cost)

First Semester	\$2,406.00
Second Semester	\$2,356.00
HESI A2	\$75.00

ADN Tuition/Fees per Semester

In state

Third Semester	\$2,818.00
Forth Semester	\$2,521.00
Fifth Semester	\$2,721.00

<i>Total Estimated Cost</i>	<i>\$13,797.00</i>
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Associate Degree Nursing (Beginning Students)

First Semester	Prerequisites Courses	Credit Hours
	ENGL1101 Composition and Rhetoric *	3
	MATH1111 College Algebra *	3
	PSYC1101 Introduction to Psychology	3
	BIOL 2113 Anatomy and Physiology I *	3
	BIOL 2113L Anatomy and Physiology I *	1
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	13
Second Semester	Prerequisite Courses	Credit Hours
	BIOL 2114 Anatomy and Physiology II *	3
	BIOL 2114L Anatomy and Physiology II **	1
	SPOG1101 Public Speaking	3
	HUMN1101 Introduction to Humanities (or a Fine Arts course)	3
	BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology *	3
	BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab *	1
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	14
Third Semester	Program Courses (1 st semester of Nursing courses)	Credit Hours
	RNSG1111 Medical Surgical I: Foundation of Health Promotion, Maintenance, and Restoration Across the Lifespan	12
	RNSG1125 Psychiatric Nursing: Mental Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration Across the Lifespan	3
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	15
Fourth Semester	Program Courses (2 nd semester of Nursing courses)	Credit Hours
	RNSG 2205 Maternal Nursing Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration	3
	RNSG 2121 Medical Surgical II Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration Across the Lifespan	10
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	13
Fifth Semester	Program Courses (3 rd semester of Nursing courses)	Credit Hours
	RNSG 2131 Medical Surgical III: Complex Care, Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration Across the Lifespan	12
	RNSG 2145 Role Transition for Professional Nursing (class / clinical)	3
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	15
	Total General Education Course Hours	27
	Total Nursing Course Hours	43
	Total Program Hours	70



Associate Degree Nursing (LPN-RN Bridge Students)

First Semester	Prerequisites Courses	Credit Hours
	ENGL1101 Composition and Rhetoric *	3
	MATH1111 College Algebra *	3
	PSYC1101 Introduction to Psychology	3
	BIOL 2113 Anatomy and Physiology I *	3
	BIOL 2113L Anatomy and Physiology I *	1
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	13
Second Semester	Prerequisite Courses	Credit Hours
	BIOL 2114 Anatomy and Physiology II *	3
	BIOL 2114L Anatomy and Physiology II **	1
	SPOG1101 Public Speaking	3
	HUMN1101 Introduction to Humanities (or a Fine Arts course)	3
	BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology *	3
	BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab *	1
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	14
Third Semester	Program Courses (1 st semester of Nursing courses)	Credit Hours
	<i>LPN-RN Bridge option for applicants who have completed an PN program and have passed the LPN-NCLEX</i>	
	RNSG 1111 Validation of content and skills*** testing, for Medical Surgical I: Foundations of Health Promotion, maintenance and Restoration across the lifespan	12
	RNSG 1125 Psychiatric Nursing: Mental Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration Across the Lifespan	3
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	15
Fourth Semester	Program Courses (2 nd semester of Nursing courses)	Credit Hours
	RNSG 2205 Maternal Nursing Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration	3
	RNSG 2121 Medical Surgical II Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration Across the Lifespan	10
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	13
Fifth Semester	Program Courses (3 rd semester of Nursing courses)	Credit Hours
	RNSG 2131 Medical Surgical III: Complex Care, Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration Across the Lifespan	12
	RNSG 2145 Role Transition for Professional Nursing (class/ clinical)	3
	<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	15
	Total General Education Course Hours	27
	Total Nursing Course Hours	43
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