

# **Gogebic Community College**

## **Associate Degree Nursing Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is a GCC Associate Degree Nursing Program?**

- An Associate Degree Nursing Program is a two year Applied Science degree that will give students the ability to take their state board exams and become Registered Nurses (RN's).

#### **What applications do I need to fill out for the GCC Associate Degree Nursing program?**

- To be admitted into Gogebic Community College, a student will need to complete the Gogebic Community College application for admissions.
- To be admitted into the GCC Associate Degree Nursing Program, a student will need to fill out a SEPARATE application through the Allied Health Department. Please contact the Allied Health Office at 906-307-1345 or email [dawnp@gogebic.edu](mailto:dawnp@gogebic.edu) if you are interested in applying to the Gogebic Community College ADN program.

#### **What do I need to get into the GCC ADN Program?**

- Students must obtain a GPA of a 3.0 or higher in the following pre-requisite courses:
  - ORI 100 Freshman Orientation – 1 Credit
  - BIO 250 Human Anatomy – 4 Credits
  - ENG 101 English Composition – 3 Credits
  - PSY 101 General Psychology – 4 Credits
  - Valid Nurse Aide Certification
  - Math Requirements
    - Students must test in at Math 104 or complete Math 103 with a “C” or higher prior to entry into the Core Nursing Classes
- Students applying to the ADN program MUST fill out an Allied Health Associate Degree Nursing Application. These can be located either in the Allied Health Office (A304) or with the Allied Health Coordinator (In admissions).
- Once students have applied to the program, they will be notified of upcoming entrance exam dates. This exam is called the HESI A2 Entrance Exam. It is designed to gauge which level a student is at in certain topics. TO pass this exam an individual MUST receive a 75% in both the English Composite and Math category, as well as a 70% cumulative score overall.

#### **How will I know I was accepted?**

- The Allied Health Office will send acceptance letters to every student once we start the acceptance process.

#### **What/when are the mandatory workshops?**

- If you are accepted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program, you will be invited to attend a workshop. These workshops are mandatory, as they build a foundation of what is expected throughout the program.
- There will be many dates available to attend and those dates will be provided to you upon acceptance into the program.

#### **For more information about the HESI A2 Entrance Exam, please follow the following link**

- <https://www.gogebic.edu/programs/hesi-a2-faq.pdf>
- To schedule your HESI A2 Entrance Exam, either call 906-307-1345 or email [dawnp@gogebic.edu](mailto:dawnp@gogebic.edu).

- It is recommended that students take the HESI A2 Entrance Exam once pre-requisite classes have been completed. Students should work with their advisor to determine the best time to take the exam.

#### **What classes should I be taking in High School?**

- Biology classes
- Chemistry classes
- Health related classes

#### **What other General Education classes are required throughout the GCC Associate Degree Nursing Program?**

- BIO 251 - Human Physiology – 4 credits
- One Humanities course
- One Communications Course (Any one of the following)
  - ENG 102
  - ENG 250
  - SPE 101
  - SPE 105

#### **What do I need to do if I have an LPN Degree?**

- If you currently hold an LPN Degree, Gogebic Community College has an LPN to RN advanced standing track.
- You would need to meet the admissions requirements below:
  - An applicant **MUST** place into Math 104 or have successfully completed Math 103 with a grade of C or Higher
  - An applicant **MUST** have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the following pre-requisites:
    - English Composition (ENG 101) or Technical English (ENG 105)
    - General Psychology (PSY 101)
    - Human Anatomy (BIO 250)
    - Human Physiology (BIO 251)
  - LPN Licensure
- The length of the advanced standing track is 1.5 Years. The first semester is designated to catching up on the prerequisites listed below:
  - ORI 100 – College Experience (1 Credit)
  - BIO 250 – Human Anatomy (4 Credits)
  - ENG 101 – English Composition (3 Credits)
  - PSY 101 – General Psychology (4 Credits)
  - BIO 251 – Human Physiology (4 Credits)
- Once all of the admission requirements and pre-requisites are met, students can apply for the ADN program. With the advanced standing track, students will be entering on the second year of the program. At the end of that year, Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become an RN.

#### **What is the difference between a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and an Associate Degree in Nursing?**

- An Associate's degree in nursing (ADN) is a 2 year degree in Applied Science.
  - Graduates qualify to take the NCLEX RN and work as a Registered Nurse.
  - 64 credit program
  - Ability to start working as an RN in as little as 2.5 years.
- A Bachelor's degree in nursing is a 4 year degree in nursing.
  - Graduates qualify to take the NCLEX RN Exam and work as an RN.

- 120 credit program. Includes up to 30 credits of higher level nursing classes often focusing on research and leadership and up to 30 additional credits of General Education.
- Having your Bachelor's will typically increase your pay scale.
- If you hold an ADN degree and enroll in an RN to BSN program, you WILL NOT have to re-take the NCLEX-RN exam if you hold a RN license.

**What is my job outlook with an ADN degree from Gogebic Community College?**

- The number of jobs for RN's in 2016 was 2,955,200 with a 15% projected growth between 2016-2026 as quoted in the Occupational Outlook Handbook done by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>)
- If you are interested in pursuing a career in the military, you should contact the branch you are interested in to determine requirements.

**Does my Nurse Aide certification need to be from Michigan?**

- Your Nurse Aide Certification does not need to be from Michigan. As long as you have a valid Nurse Aide Certificate, we can accept it from any state within the United States of America.

**Can I work as an RN in other states besides Michigan with a Degree from GCC?**

- Once you pass the NCLEX exam, your license can be transferred to other states allowing you to work in those states.
- Our program is approved by the Michigan State Board of Nursing, and is designed for testing in Michigan. You can test in other states, but should check with that State Board of Nursing to determine there are any additional testing requirements. (Examples include but are not limited to – Wisconsin requires that office transcripts are submitted to the State Board).

**Can I start on RN to BSN classes while at GCC?**

- Absolutely! You can take the additional General Education Classes at GCC tuition rates!
- The requirements for BSN programs at 4 year universities will vary from school to school. If you are interested in entering into an RN to BSN program, please contact the Allied Health Coordinator, Claire Grzenia, at 906-307-1224 or by emailing [claireg@gogebic.edu](mailto:claireg@gogebic.edu). She will walk you through your desired program and help design the right course outline for your needs.

**Are there other requirements for the program?**

- Students must meet immunization requirements and pass a criminal background check.