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Nursing Program

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The Associate in Science (A.S.) in Nursing at SUNY Ulster County Community College is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia 30326: (404) 975-5000. Fax: (404) 975-5020. www.acenursing.org/

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate in Science in Nursing Program is continuing accreditation.

SUNY Ulster Nursing Program is accredited by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), Office of Professions, Division of Professional Education, 89 Washington Ave., Albany, New York 12234. <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/>

SUNY Ulster Nursing Program is a member of the National League for Nursing (NLN) and the Council of Associate Degree Nursing in New York (CADN).

Program Description

This program leads to the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. The Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare students for entry into practice as well as provide opportunities for students seeking transfer into a baccalaureate of science degree through articulation/joint admission agreements. Upon award of the degree, graduates are qualified to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Professional Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

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Length of Program

The program can be completed in two academic years or extended and pursued on a part-time basis. Nursing (NUR) courses must be taken consecutively and it is recommended that they be taken without interruption. SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is not an evening program.

Admission Procedures and Requirements

Prospective nursing students are strongly advised to attend a Nursing Information Session. The session will provide information on the application process, admission

requirements, the curriculum, and the pre-entrance assessment exam. For dates and times offered contact the campus Enrollment & Success Center. (Prerecorded informational session: <http://blog.sunyulster.edu/ondemand>)

Prospective students must complete the application for admission by the application deadline. Applicants are required to take the HESI Admission Assessment in order to be considered for admission. The exam is offered in January and February for the year of applying. Applicants may only take the HESI Admission Assessment exam twice, within a five year period, and must register and pay all fees each time. Further information, including dates and locations contact nursing_admissions@sunyulster.edu. The Nursing program is highly competitive. Meeting minimum criteria for admission does not guarantee acceptance to the program. The College reserves the right to make final decisions based upon the applicant pool each year.

The Nursing Program does not accept transfer credit for nursing courses from other colleges. See “Nursing Program Admission Requirements” at https://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/credit_programs/nursing for additional details.

Current high school students applying for admission to the Associate Degree program are exempt from taking the HESI Admission Assessment exam. (See SUNY Ulster Enrollment & Success Center for details).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION	
Current High School Students Applying for Admission Consideration into the Nursing Program	<p>Contact SUNY Ulster, Enrollment and Success:</p> <p>Enrollment & Success Center 800-724-0833 x5022 or 845-687-5022 admissions@sunyulster.edu</p>
All Other Applicants Applying for Admission Consideration into the Nursing Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HESI Admission Assessment exam performance. • Performance in any General Education/Liberal Arts and Science* courses that are a part of the nursing curriculum with a minimum GPA of 2.75. Refer to admission rubric for list of courses. • The admissions rubric used to evaluate student performance can be found at: https://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/credit_programs/nursing • The more courses completed from the General Education/Liberal Arts and Sciences courses in the Nursing Program and the higher the grades in these courses, the greater the chance of admission.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission to the Nursing Program is not guaranteed to any applicant, regardless of courses completed or grades received.
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Please see “Nursing Program Admission Requirements” at https://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/credit_programs/nursing for additional application information

*Science courses must be completed with a C or better within the last five years. Additional information on science courses see: Nursing Program Admission Requirements” at https://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/credit_programs/nursing

General Education/Liberal Arts and Sciences courses may be taken in any sequence, as long as prerequisite and corequisite requirements are met.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE		
<i>Program</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Application Deadline</i>
Current High School Students and Applicants Previously or Currently Enrolled in College Applying for Admission	Fall Semester	March 1
All documentation is required by the application deadline, including but not limited to transcripts, HESI score, CLEP scores and SUNY Ulster Admission requirements, if applicable. Out of county residence may apply.		

Students Accepted into the Nursing Program

Students accepted into the Nursing Program are required to have the following in place prior to the fall semester in which the courses begin:

- Satisfactory physical examination, including immunizations, titers and TB testing are required of all students for each year in the program.
- Proof of hepatitis B vaccination or a signed declination with admissions credentials.
- Basic Life Support Certification for the healthcare professional: American Heart Association.
- Compliance with established dress code.
- Professional liability insurance offered through SUNY Ulster.
- Satisfactory certified background check and drug screening.

General notes about the Nursing program:

- Nursing courses must be taken in the required course sequence
- Nursing (NUR) clinical courses require that students travel for clinical experiences throughout Ulster and Dutchess County.

- All nursing students must maintain a minimum grade of C in each nursing course and a 2.75 GPA in general education/liberal arts and sciences courses, as well as satisfactorily pass the skills lab and clinical components of the nursing courses regardless of lecture average. Failure to achieve these measures will prevent the nursing student from continuing to the next sequential nursing course.
- Students who receive grades of C-, D+, D, F, or a W in any subsequent NUR course, may not proceed with the program unless the student applies for readmission and is approved to repeat the course. Nursing students requesting readmission due to interruption of the specified progression through the program of study, for any reason, are not guaranteed a seat in the course requested. Readmission is dependent on clinical space availability, and review of the student's academic eligibility. Students can be reinstated into a NUR course only one time. Readmission information and rubric used to determine academic eligibility are available in the current SUNY Ulster Nursing Program Student Handbook at https://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/credit_programs/nursing. Students are not guaranteed a seat in nursing courses if there is a disruption in their sequential completion of the program.
- Students who receive grades of C-, D+, D, F, or a W in NUR152 will be dismissed from the program and must reapply for admission as a new applicant. Students who reapply are not guaranteed a seat and must meet all admission requirements.
- A total of two unsuccessful attempts resulting in a grade of C-, D+, D, F, or a W in any NUR course will result in dismissal from the nursing program and the student is no longer eligible for the Nursing Program.
- Students who fail the clinical portion of a nursing (NUR) course will receive an F for the course.
- Students who fail the skills laboratory portion of a nursing (NUR) course will receive an F for the course.
- The maximum time to complete the program requirements upon enrollment is four years.
- Refer to the Nursing program website: https://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/credit_programs/nursing to view additional information regarding the program. The student policy manual and handbook located on the webpage contains information including, but not limited to, academic progression, additional expenses for nursing students beyond textbooks, tuition and fees, attendance (lecture, lab, and clinical), background check, CPR certification, classroom decorum, determination of safe clinical practice, dosage calculation competency, electronic communication, health requirements, safety and technical standards, methods of grading, examinations and student evaluation, student record file, and professional behavior.
Determination of "good moral character" is a requirement for registered professional nurse licensure. Eligibility to sit for the licensing examination to become a registered nurse is subject to New York State law regarding

professional misconduct. Applicants for the nursing program who have been charged or convicted of a crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any state or country, or whose practice of nursing may be impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical or mental disability, must contact the State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Service. Although these applicants may be determined eligible to take the licensing examination, they may or may not be issued a limited permit and/or registered nurse license, depending on the results of the investigation process. Students with prior criminal convictions who are interested in pursuing this program should contact the Nursing Department for additional information.

View our [Mandatory Professional Licensure Disclosure](#)

Federal and/or State Law concerning U.S. Citizenship may affect a student's ability to obtain a license to practice the Nursing Professions following successful completion of the program.

- Compliance with all licensing requirements remains the responsibility of the student.

Transfer Colleges/Articulation Agreements

Obtaining an Associate in Science Degree from SUNY Ulster is only the beginning. To keep pace in a rapidly changing healthcare field, professional development and continued education are an ongoing requirement. Advanced education enhances nursing care and promotes personal and professional development. SUNY Ulster collaborates through articulation agreements to help students achieve their goals.

Pathway to Your B.S.

<p>Chamberlain College of Nursing 3005 Highland Parkway, Downers Grove, IL 60515 Phone: (877)751-5783 Website: www.chamberlain.edu</p>	<p>Excelsior College 7 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203 Phone: (888) 647-2388 Website: www.excelsior.edu</p>	<p>Maria College 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY 12208 Phone: (518)438-3111 Website: www.mariacollege.edu</p>
<p>Mount Saint Mary College 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone: (845)561-0800 Website: www.msmc.edu</p>	<p>Russell Sage College 65 First Street, Troy, NY 12180 Phone: (518)244-2000 Website: www.sage.edu</p>	<p>SUNY Delhi 454 Delhi Drive, Delhi, NY 13753 Phone: (607)746-4000 or (800)-96-DELHI Website: www.delhi.edu</p>

<p>SUNY Empire State College</p> <p>2 Union Ave., Saratoga Spartans, NY 12866</p> <p>Phone: (518)587-2100</p> <p>Website: www.esc.edu</p>		
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End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the AS Nursing Degree program, a student will be able to:

- Perform safe, caring, patient-centered, evidence based nursing care to diverse populations throughout the lifespan.
- Apply critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and judgement strategies when providing patient centered care.
- Demonstrate teamwork and collaboration with members of the inter-professional team.
- Interpret informatics principles, techniques, and systems when providing nursing care.
- Analyze the role of leadership/management in a variety of healthcare settings for the purpose of providing safe, compassionate quality care in an ever evolving healthcare system.
- Practice within professional, ethical, and legal principles consistent with the role of the professional nurse.

Program Outcomes

- Annual licensure examination pass rate will be at least 80% for all first-time test-takers during the same 12-month period.
- 70% of the students will graduate within the time frame allotted for the program (150% of the 4 semester length (2 years) = 6 semesters (3 years)).
- 90% of graduates seeking employment will be employed in a RN position within one year of graduation.
- Program Evaluation demonstrates that students have achieved each End-of-Program Student Learning Outcome.

Graduate Success

2020	SUNY Ulster Graduates	NYS Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
NCLEX-RN Pass Rate	85.71%	83.17%	86.58%
Completion Rate	72%		
Employment Rate	72%		

For More Information

- [Nursing Admissions Requirements](#)
- [Nursing Program Application](#)
- [Nursing Curriculum Map](#)
- [Nursing Program Policy Manual and Student Handbook](#)
- [Nursing Admission Rubric](#)

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R.N. to B.S. Partnership-SUNY Empire

Dr. Lisa Schulte at schultel@sunyulster.edu

SUNY Ulster Enrollment & Success Center

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admissions@sunyulster.edu

Elsevier Education-HESI

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html>

800-222-9570