

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM CERTIFICATE

Health Sciences Pathway – Program Code #111

Program Planner 2025-2026

PRE- AND CO-REQUISITE COURSEWORK					
Course Number	General Education Core	Term/Planning Notes	Credits Required	Pre- / Co-Requisites	
BIOL-107 or BIOL-200	Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> Microbiology	Completed within 10 years	4	Prerequisite	
BIOL-203	Anatomy and Physiology I	Completed within 5 years	4	Prerequisite	
**CHEM-103 <i>or</i> CHEM-101	Fundamentals of General Chemistry <i>or</i> Inorganic Chemistry I	Completed within 10 years	4	Prerequisite	
Math Core: MATH-132 or MATH-138 or MATH-141	Math Core: Topics in Mathematical Literacy or Statistics or College Algebra or higher		3-5	Prerequisite	
PSYC-101	General Psychology		3	*Co-requisite of NURS-142	
**BIOL-204	Anatomy and Physiology II	Completed within 5 years	4	*Co-requisite of NURS-142	
ENGL-121	College Composition		3	Co-requisite of NURS-143	
PSYC-200	Life Span Development		3	Co-requisite of NURS-143	

^{*}Although not required, it is recommended that co-requisites are completed prior to enrollment into clinical courses.

**CHEM or BIOL-204 can be used as a fourth science requirement.

CLINICAL COURSEWORK					
Course Number	Course	Credits	Planning		
NURS-142	Fundamental Nursing Concepts	7	Fall		
NURS-143	Concepts of Nursing I	8	Spring		
NURS-144	Practical Nursing Concepts	6	Summer		
Total Program Credits:		49-51			

^{**}As of Fall 2022, ALL students are required to show proof of health insurance. Howard Community College does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students.

Nursing Readmission Policy:

Students who are not successful in their nursing courses and who do not progress in accordance with both the sequence and the timeframe as designated in the course catalog, will not be able to progress through the Nurse Education Program. Readmission is based on seat availability, and it is highly unlikely that a seat will be available for readmission. Please note that a student may be readmitted only once to the Nurse Education Program.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- If not already an accepted student to Howard Community College (HCC), please submit HCC's online application for admission, <u>Apply for Credit Programs</u>. Select the Licensed Practical Nursing area of study, as well as the program code—111.
- Submit official college transcript(s) and <u>Transcript Evaluation Request Form</u>, if transferring courses from other academic institution/s.
- Submit the Licensed Practical Nursing Supplemental Application with one-time fee of \$25 and two documents verifying residency (*Howard County residents only*). The online application for Fall admission may be found at your application account between September 15 and February 15.
- All pre- and co-requisite courses must be completed with a 'C' or higher and one of the required science courses must be completed with a grade of 'A' or 'B' (an 'A' or 'B' in Anatomy and Physiology II may satisfy this requirement).
- The ATI TEAS must be passed with a score of 69% or higher in Reading, 69% or higher in Math and an overall composite score of 66.5% or higher. Scores are valid for two years.
- A cumulative HCC GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS:

- Qualified applicants from the previous year's waitlist have priority.
- Randomized digital lottery systems are held whenever the number of qualified new applicants exceeds the number of available seats.
- Priority is given to applicants who have completed all four science courses and PSYC-101.
- Within the lottery, students are selected in the following order:
 - 1. Howard County residents
 - 2. In-state, out-of-county residents
 - 3. Out-of-state residents
- Applicants' names are randomly selected, and each qualified applicant is offered a seat or assigned a waitlist number based upon order of selection.
- As seats become available, waitlisted students will be admitted into the program.
- Waitlist rolls over from year to year.

QUESTIONS:

Admissions email: admissions@howardcc.edu or visit the Office of Admissions located in the RCF Building.

PLEASE NOTE:

A Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check will be required prior to enrollment in any nursing/allied health clinical course in order to ensure the safety of patients in the clinical setting. Students who do not comply with the drug screening and criminal background check are ineligible for placement in clinical agencies and therefore are not able to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. Students with a criminal background may be unable to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. It is the students' responsibility to know whether they are eligible for licensure. If a student has a criminal background, it is the students' responsibility to explore whether the background will prohibit them from being licensed and employed in the health care industry. HCC faculty and staff are NOT able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about your existing criminal background, you may wish to discuss this with legal counsel. The college reserves the right to change unilaterally, without notification, any requirement, fee or program if it is deemed necessary.