



DIVISION OF NURSING
PROSPECTIVE STUDENT PACKET

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the NLNAC:
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This packet presents information about the Nursing Program. The information provided is as accurate as possible, but the information may not remain current for the entire academic year. Changes in courses, course content, credit, fees, regulations, semester calendar, and other college matters may be changed in accordance with established college procedures.

Upon completion of the program, the graduate nurse must meet all requirements for licensure as determined by the State Education Department. In addition to meeting the educational requirements for the NCLEX-RN, applicants must also answer questions establishing “good moral character”. Anyone who has been convicted of/and or charged with a felony or misdemeanor-professional misconduct-unprofessional conduct and/or negligence, in any state or country, may experience problems or delays with the licensing process. Inquiries should be directed to the Division of Professional Licensing Services, Offices of the Professions, New York State Education Department (www.nysed.gov/htm).

Mission Statement and Philosophy
State University of New York
College of Agriculture and Technology at Morrisville

College Mission Statement

Morrisville State College is a public undergraduate institution which exists to offer a high quality educational experience for students leading to associate and baccalaureate degrees by utilizing cutting-edge technology, innovative methods of instruction and an entrepreneurial focus. The college is committed to providing students the knowledge and opportunity to grow intellectually and socially as citizens of the world community.

Division of Nursing Mission Statement

The Division of Nursing faculty accepts the mission of the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Morrisville and incorporates this vision into its academic program. Specifically, it is the mission of the Division of Nursing to develop a program that will prepare registered professional nurses at the associate degree level that can practice in an evolving health care environment influenced by social, political, economic and technical trends through life-long learning.

**Division of Nursing- Associate Degree
Philosophy**

Governance

The Nursing Division faculty accepts the mission of the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Morrisville and incorporates this vision in its academic program. We believe that in order to engage in the mission of the College the Division of Nursing must develop strategies to prepare entry level registered nurses that can practice in an evolving health care environment influenced by social, political, economic and technical trends. We believe that we can accomplish this goal through established plans of periodic curriculum evaluation and revision.

Individual

We believe that each individual has worth, and the right to optimal health throughout the life cycle. We believe that each individual has the right to receive nursing care that is holistic, effective, efficient, and based on ethical principles. We believe in the diversity of humankind and that each human person be treated with respect and without prejudice towards race, ethnicity, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, ability, national origin, or economic status. We believe that individuals should be active partners in health care and share responsibility for their own state of health.

Health

We believe that health is a dynamic state of equilibrium in which the individual is able to meet basic human needs that include safety, physical, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual aspects. The nursing faculty believes that individuals have the right to define and determine their ultimate state of physical health and well being. The nursing faculty believes it is appropriate to use nursing process to explore those conditions that have an impact on and can alter a person's ability throughout the life span to achieve physical health and well being. The nursing faculty

believes that the individual must have basic needs met before they can achieve an ultimate state of physical health and well being.

Environment

The nursing faculty believes that environment is the complex of living conditions of all human beings. Environment is defined by the individual's intrapersonal and interpersonal relationship with self, family, groups, community, and physical surroundings. We believe that human beings are in constant interaction with their environment. We believe that a person's ability to adapt, cope and meet the challenges and opportunities offered by the environment has a direct impact on the person's state of health and capacity to function in society.

Nursing

The Division of Nursing Faculty believes that nursing is a profession with knowledge rooted in its own theory as well as theory offered by the arts, sciences and humanities. We believe that it is actualized in a practice that seeks to assist individuals to interact positively with the environment to attain optimal health. We believe that professional nursing practice utilizes critical thinking to plan, implement and evaluate the care of individuals in the context of their environment. The faculty believes that the practice of nursing incorporates caring behaviors. We the faculty, believe that the professional nurse must achieve and maintain a level of competence through formal education. We acknowledge that formal education must meet the legal requirements that identify the duties and obligations of professional nursing practice. We believe that the curriculum should reflect competency standards for entry level nursing practice required not only by statute but also by standards generated by professional accreditation and practice organizations.

Nursing Education

The faculty believes in the general education principles expressed in the mission of the college. The framework for teaching/learning is grounded in the faculty's beliefs related to the individual, health, environment and nursing. We believe that learning is accomplished through an interactive process facilitated by the teacher. We believe that the student is a responsible partner in the learning process. We believe that the teacher uses self and expert knowledge to enhance learning. The faculty acknowledges that the discipline of nursing has cognitive, psychomotor and affective components and requires competency in all realms. We acknowledge that learning experiences should provide the students with real life situations and encounters consistent with academic theory. We believe that learning takes place along a continuum from simple to complex concepts. The faculty believes that the creative use of technology encourages the necessary skills to progress along this continuum and fosters the students' ability to analyze and synthesize information. The faculty believes that they must engage in a variety of teaching/learning evidence-based strategies that assure student competency in the areas of professional behavior, communication, assessment, clinical decision making, patient teaching, health care team collaboration and care management in a variety of clinical settings. We believe that experiences should be consistent with standards for nursing practice described by the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association. We believe that Associate Degree Nursing prepares students as novice practitioners that can work independently within in the scope of nursing practice in a variety of health care settings and all levels of care.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Morrisville State College offers a four semester Nursing program that leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS). The program has national accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta Georgia 30326(404-975-5000), www.nlnac.org. It is approved by the New York State Education Department. Graduates of this program are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for registered nurses.

Candidates for licensure must meet all requirements for licensure as determined by the State Education Department. In addition to meeting the educational requirements for the NCLEX, applicants must also answer questions establishing A good moral character. Anyone who has been convicted of/and or charged with a felony-misdemeanor-professional misconduct-unprofessional conduct and/or negligence, in any state or country, may experience problems or delays with the licensing process. Inquiries should be directed to the division of Professional Licensing Services, Offices of the Professions, New York State Education Department.

Associate Degree Nursing programs, in general, are structured in such a way that:

- 1) they are conducted by institutions of higher education
- 2) they require two years to complete
- 3) the course of study combines nursing theory and practice with college level general education courses in the arts and sciences
- 4) nursing students have the same rights, privileges and obligations as other college students
- 5) the associate degree program graduates are prepared to give client centered nursing care in beginning nurse positions in a variety of health care settings

The Nursing program is designed to educate the student to be a self-directing, problem-solving practitioner of nursing. The nursing faculty believes that learning is dynamic and occurs within the learner. The student must therefore share responsibility with the faculty for learning progress. Numerous learning opportunities are provided to the student and learning materials are available for study in the nursing skills laboratory. The student is expected to take full advantage of these opportunities and materials in studying and practicing nursing measures.

Program Outcomes:

- Graduates of the program will meet or exceed the national pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.
- Eighty percent of the graduates will be employed in nursing and/or will be

enrolled in a baccalaureate program.

- Employers will be consistently satisfied with the graduates' performance.
- Graduates will be consistently satisfied with their preparation to practice as entry-level registered nurses working independently within the scope of nursing practice in a variety of health care settings and all levels of care.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Graduates of the program will demonstrate the ability to:

- Synthesize nursing knowledge in managing the holistic care of individuals with complex common health problems in their environment
- Utilize the process of critical thinking to incorporate the arts, humanities and sciences with nursing knowledge to design and manage nursing care.
- Adhere to standards of professional nursing practice as defined by statute and professional nursing organizations.
- Incorporate effective communication techniques within professional relationships.
- Employ the use of technology in professional nursing practice.

Admission Requirements:

Admission requirements are located on the college website as well as the College Catalog.

In addition:

Students wishing to enter the nursing program are **required** to take the NLN Pre-Admission test and earn a composite score of 100 to be considered for admission. The test dates are available on the NLN website.

1. Go to <http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org>
2. Click on Testing Services
3. Go to On-Line PAX registration
4. Register Now- New users must create an account
5. Proceed with process and payment

Be advised-A specific test date is closed to registration, 2 weeks before the test date by 12pm(noon) so please plan accordingly.

Prospective students who have repeated two nursing courses or have repeated the same nursing course twice at another college/nursing program without success are not eligible for admission to the associate degree nursing program.

Clinical Sites:

Students perform direct client care activities during clinical laboratory experiences each week. These clinical experiences supplement and reflect the theoretical content of the classes. Clinical site assignments for students are determined by course outcomes. Students will be assigned to hospitals based on those outcomes. The program reserves the right to change a student's clinical assignment should conditions/situations at the site warrant a change. The program has agreements with:

Bassett Healthcare Center	Cooperstown
Crouse Community Center	Morrisville
Community Memorial Hospital	Hamilton
Chenango Memorial Hospital	Norwich
NYS Veterans Home	Oxford
Oneida Healthcare Center	Oneida
Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare	Utica
Hutchings Psychiatric Center	Syracuse
Veterans Administration Hospital	Syracuse
SUNY Upstate University Hospital	Syracuse
Upstate University Hospital at Community General	Syracuse
St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center	Syracuse
Rome Memorial Hospital	Rome

Bus transportation is available from campus to the clinical facilities. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites for the second half of Nursing IV (NURS 250).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CODE # 622

First Year

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NURS 105 Nursing IA	3	NURS 150 Nursing II	9
NURS 110 Nursing IB	4	PSYC 241 Child Development	3
BIOL 150 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 151 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	<u>4</u>
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		16
ENGL 101 Composition and Research	<u>3</u>		
	17		

Second Year

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NURS 210 Nursing III	9	NURS 250 Nursing IV	8
BIOL 235 Microbiology	4	NURS 251 Transition into Practice	2
NUTR 108 Basic Nutrition	<u>3</u>	_____ General Elective	3
	16	ENGL 102 Writing about Literature	<u>3</u>
			16

TOTAL CREDITS - 65

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Health and Other Requirements

Please pay particular attention to the health requirements. As a nursing student there are **additional health requirements**, in addition to those the College requires.

As you progress through the program, an annual physical is required to be on file. Your initial physical form will be the one sent to you by the Student Health Center once you have paid the deposit (with the green commitment card). Every year after that, a BLUE physical update form can be obtained from the School Office, Bailey Annex.

2 MMR's and a Rubella titer (blood draw) Titer only needs to be done once, but the information needs to be entered on each form submitted annually. Be aware that titer results could take 7-10 days to be return to the physician's office-so plan accordingly.

Mantoux tests X once a year or **more often as required by the various clinical agencies** or a chest x-ray with appropriate follow up, if necessary. Mantoux test results need to include: 1) date "planted" 2) date read 3) the results.

*****Please refer to the Checklist included in this packet for a complete list of health clearance requirements.**

Students are strongly advised to retain a copy of their health information to keep on file for themselves. Each student is responsible to maintain current health requirements for the clinical facilities according to the Nursing Student Handbook.

The deadline for submitting and receiving health clearance for clinical is three weeks prior to the first scheduled day of the semester. Any student who fails to comply will have nursing courses removed from their schedule. In this event, they may continue with other courses or wait to begin nursing the succeeding semester. Late health clearance information will not be accepted.

CPR Certification

You will need to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation - **CPR - Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers** (not Community CPR) by the **American Heart Association** attend clinical. CPR from any other source other than the AHA will not be accepted by the clinical agencies. Training for CPR is usually offered early in the Fall semester at the Morrisville campus. The schedule will be announced in your nursing lecture class. It is still recommended that you complete CPR for Healthcare Providers/Professionals over the summer if possible. Please mail a signed photocopy of the CPR card to the Division of Nursing, prior to the beginning of the semester.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended, but not required. Students who do not wish to

receive the vaccination will be required to sign a waiver form. Please return the waiver form to the Student Health Center with the physical form. If you have received all or a portion of the series of three shots, the dates are to be entered on the health form as well (not on the waiver form).

Health Insurance

All nursing students are **required** to have health insurance. This is a contractual agreement we have with the clinical sites and student compliance will be verified. In the event you sustain an injury in the clinical setting which requires follow-up, (Md. Office or the Emergency Department), you, and not the College or the hospital would be responsible for the expenses incurred.

If you are covered by a health insurance plan, either through work, a family policy or as an individual, you are already compliant. An insurance waiver is available online. The waiver form needs to be completed within the first week of classes with Student Accounts. However, if you currently are not enrolled in a health insurance plan, you can purchase coverage through the college.

If you are enrolled as a student, the health insurance coverage will appear on your bill. (Approximately \$169/semester).

Uniforms

Uniforms for the program must be ordered from Bayberry Uniform Shop. At the start of the students enrollment in ADNR 105, uniform representatives come to campus so uniforms can be ordered directly from Bayberry.. Any student being re-admitted who needs the most current version of the uniform, can call the Bailey Annex Office at 315-684-6016 –to obtain an order form. Students enrolled in NURS 105 are required to purchase the white lab coat which is to be worn in the nursing laboratory sessions. *In addition you will need to purchase a stethoscope, bandage scissors and have a watch with a second hand.*

Shoes

Any plain white sneaker is acceptable. Leather is recommended due to the ease of cleaning and polishing. Shoes are expected to be clean and white each clinical day.

Professional Appearance

Hair is to be worn off the collar, no artificial nails or visible tattoos are allowed. Earrings are limited to 2 post style earrings per ear.

Professional Dress

Occasionally there are events/activities and/or a clinical rotation designated by the faculty as requiring “ professional dress”. In these instances, students are required to wear casual slacks, shirt/blouse/sweater and males are required to wear a tie. Blue jeans or blue jean type material is not permitted. Students will be excused from the function/event/rotation if attire is not appropriate.

Student Identification for Clinical

All student ID’s for clinical are generated from your Morrisville State College photo ID. Please dress appropriately when having your student ID picture taken (usually at the time of registration). No tank tops, no T-shirts with writing on them-you are representing Morrisville State College and the profession of nursing. There is a charge of \$4 dollars for the ID card which can be obtained from the Campus Bookstore-College ID and an identification badge holder is also required and is available at the Campus Store.

Norwich Campus-Students may obtain the ID’s at the Norwich Campus Bookstore.

Communication

Campus offices and faculty will communicate with you via the Morrisville College e-mail system. Notices, deadlines, student events and personalized e-mail will be sent to your account. You are expected to utilize the Morrisville College e-mail system and will not be excused from any omission or failure to respond to an e-mail from the faculty in the event you neglect to read your e-mail.

Students also have “mail folders” located in carts outside the Bailey Annex office. You are expected to check your folder once a week.

Norwich Campus-Students mail folders are located in the hall outside of the nursing lab –Room 234

All nursing courses utilize the Blackboard course system. Information and announcements related to specifics of the course are posted by the faculty throughout the duration of the course.

Costs-Prices are approximate and subject to change

<u>Nursing Textbooks-</u>	Lab Kit
NURS 105/110 \$600	\$75
NURS 150 \$560	\$90
NURS 210 \$-300	

NURS 250	\$100
NURS 251	\$90

Laptop Computer-Laptops are required for each student beginning with the entering class(NURS 105/110) in the fall of 2012. The cost is \$550 per semester which is included in the campus billing process..

ATI tests---aproximately\$193/semester- The Assessment Technologies Inc. provides a total learning/testing package to the students and upon completion of the program and entitles the graduating student to a free review course prior to the graduate taking the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure.

<u>Uniform</u>	\$100
Shoes	Variable
Stethoscope	Variable
Wrist watch	Variable

Progression Policies:

In order to progress to the next nursing course a student must:

- earn a grade of “C” in both BIOL 150 and 151
- Earn a grade of “C+ in each nursing course
- In addition to the grade of C+ in each nursing course a student must:
 - pass the Med- Math test for each course with the required grade.
 - earn a Satisfactory grade in clinical on the Clinical Performance Measurement Tool.
 - complete any identified Lab skill competencies by the identified deadline date.
 - Complete the ATI examinations required for each nursing course.

Re-admission Policy:

For any student seeking re-admission to a nursing course, a cumulative average of a 2.45 is required. Effective with the fall 2012, a cumulative average of 2.75 will be required for re-admission to the nursing curriculum.

Repeat Policy

A student may only repeat any nursing course once. A total of two repeats throughout the curriculum plan is allowed. Once a student has repeated two nursing courses, they are not eligible for any further repeats.

Check List

To begin the Nursing courses, the following must be completed and on file in the appropriate office three weeks before the start of the semester:

REQUIRED BY:

- *1. Pre-Admission Physical Exam Form including:
(Form can be downloaded from www.morrisville.edu website under Student Services, Student Health Center forms)
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Original Physical (from your MD) | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of a negative mantoux or x-ray with appropriate follow up, if necessary | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hepatitis B
Proof of all doses of Hepatitis B vaccine or the signed waiver form (see attached) | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chicken Pox
Proof of disease or varicella titer or vaccine | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Measles
Proof of vaccination | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rubella
Proof of 2 MMRs and a rubella titer with appropriate follow up, if necessary. This is <u>required</u> for clinical clearance-please make sure your MD. is aware of this. | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tetanus/diphtheria | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Meningitis
Proof of vaccine or Meningitis Waiver and Information Sheet (Form can be downloaded from www.morrisville.edu website under Student Services, Student Health Center forms) | Student Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mumps-proof of 2 MMR's or a titer | Student Health Center |

2. CPR for Healthcare Professionals Division of Nursing Office
Bailey Annex
3. Health Insurance:
Proof of insurance or purchased
through the college Business Office
Whipple Admin Bldg.

Remember that an annual update for your physical is required for you to participate in clinical experiences. Also, the mantoux test is required every 6 to 12 months depending on the health clearance requirements of the facility you are assigned to. Failure to maintain the appropriate and current health information is the responsibility of the student. Nursing may be dropped from your schedule and you will have to wait a semester before being scheduled for nursing courses .

If you are an LPN or transfer student:

4. Xeroxed copy of current LPN registration Division of Nursing Office
Bailey Annex
5. Official transcripts (if applicable) Division of Nursing Office
Bailey Annex

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HEPATITIS B VACCINE POLICY STATEMENT

It is recommended that all nursing students entering the nursing program receive the Hepatitis B Vaccine.

Nurses are at risk for contracting Hepatitis B. Any member of the health care team who comes in contact with blood, body fluids or tissues has an increased chance of developing this type of viral hepatitis and should consider being immunized with Hepatitis B vaccine. The Hepatitis B Vaccine is a safe and effective method of preventing Hepatitis B infection.

Students may obtain the Hepatitis B Vaccine at the Student Health Center. There is no contraindication to the Hepatitis B vaccine EXCEPT a yeast allergy.

The vaccine is a series of three shots when administered at the Student Health Center. The second dose is due 30 days after the first and the third dose is due 6 months after the 1st vaccine. The cost is \$50/injection and the cost is subject to change.

The student must have a physical form on file and an updated brief health history will be taken prior to the vaccine.

I have read the Hepatitis B Policy Statement and:

- I refuse to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine and absolve this college from any liability as a result of this decision.
- I am currently receiving the vaccine.
- I have received the series of three injections. (dates must be included on physical form)

NAME _____

DATE _____

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