



***DEPARTMENT OF NURSING***  
***PROSPECTIVE STUDENT PACKET***

Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the ACEN and The State Education Department. Information about the program is available from:

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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 academic requirements, 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 (518) 474-3817.*

## Letter from the Director of Nursing

Welcome! I am very pleased to welcome you to SUNY Morrisville's nursing program. Morrisville's nursing program is well respected in the community and region. Well known for the quality education provided, SUNY Morrisville has consistently prepared the Associate Degree level graduate for successful licensure and entry into professional practice. Our innovative and progressive faculty is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills. Multiple educational learning strategies are embraced, recognizing that the greatest form of learning comes from the student becoming motivated and engaged within the learning environment.

Our teaching, learning, and simulation laboratories are regularly updated, and provide an incredible environment for your learning. The clinical simulation laboratory provides a wide range of experiences for you, providing a realistic bridge between nursing content and nursing practice. Off-campus clinical rotations occur throughout the program, and provide you with opportunities apply your knowledge and skills in a variety of healthcare settings.

The world of nursing is rapidly changing, and the level of expertise and expectations for the professional nurse continue to increase. SUNY Morrisville's nursing program consistently responds to the changes occurring in the practice setting, and promptly implements them into our curriculum.

The future of nursing holds exciting opportunities, and the possibilities are as diverse as the practice settings that are available for professional nursing. The privilege to make a difference in a patient's life is amazing and humbling. I welcome you to the SUNY Morrisville nursing community as we work to improve the health of the patients, families and communities we serve.



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## **I. MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY STATEMENTS – Standard 1**

SUNY Morrisville Department of Nursing

### ***College Vision Statement***

SUNY Morrisville aspires to be a recognized leader in innovative applied education.

### ***College Mission Statement***

SUNY Morrisville works to offer diverse learning experiences so that graduates may pursue rewarding lives and careers, become engaged citizens, and contribute to our collective future.

#### ***Morrisville Works To:***

##### ***INSPIRE LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE***

Goal 1: To offer career-focused, experiential learning

Goal 2: To promote inquiry and scholarship at all levels

Goal 3: To enhance cultural competency and promote equity and inclusion

##### ***BUILD COMMUNITY***

Goal 4: To create a vibrant campus community for personal interaction and growth

Goal 5: To engage the local community in civic and cultural affairs

Goal 6: To promote regional, state-wide and international partnerships

##### ***ACHIEVE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE***

Goal 7: To develop campus resources and operations with minimum resource footprint

Goal 8: To achieve effective and sustainable levels of required resources

Goal 9: To assess and document success in achieving the College's mission

### ***Department of Nursing Mission Statement***

The mission of the SUNY Morrisville Department of Nursing is to foster the development of the intentional learner who is prepared to transition to practice as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team. The nursing program will provide educational opportunities that promote student learning across the lifespan, cultures, and the health/wellness continuum. The nursing faculty are committed, collaborative partners with students and healthcare agencies supporting nursing workforce needs and interests in our communities while striving to meet its continual and changing health care needs. The focus of the program is mastery of graduate level competencies reflecting the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for the delivery of safe, quality care.

## *Department of Nursing - Associate Degree Philosophy*

The Nursing Department faculty believes that:

- each student is a unique individual, shaped by culture, ethnicity, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, and environment. Faculty respect and support this diverse student population, enabling students to flourish as they work within our communities and beyond to achieve their academic and professional goals.
- all nurses are life-long learners, continuously developing their professional knowledge, skills, and attitudes with a spirit of inquiry. Employing student-centered learning strategies holds students responsible and accountable for their learning. Students take an active role in their own learning in partnership with faculty facilitating the assimilation of concepts and knowledge of professional nursing.
- the National League for Nurses (NLN) outcomes, supported by the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies, capture the essence of nursing we wish to instill in our students. We will prepare generalist nurses to enter the workforce with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, professionalism, and confidence necessary to continuously improve the quality and safety of the healthcare system.

**Framework:** The SUNY Morrisville Department of Nursing has integrated the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Competencies, which are supported by the NLN competencies into the framework of its curriculum. The intent of these principles is to arm the graduate nurse with the knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSAs) necessary to provide optimal patient care. The faculty is responsible for incorporating competency based KSAs both in the classroom and in clinical setting and provide diverse educational experiences, which incorporate a variety of teaching methodologies, and clinical experiences. Faculty recognize that students have their own unique learning needs and will integrate knowledge best when they are actively involved in the learning process. Diverse experiences enable students to develop the clinical judgment required to perform safe patient care.

## ***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION***

SUNY Morrisville offers a four-semester Nursing program that leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS). The program has national accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (<http://www.acenursing.org/>)

Our program 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 New York State Education Department. In addition to meeting the educational requirements for the NCLEX-RN, 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 SUNY Morrisville 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:**

1. Eighty percent (80%) of the graduates for the first time test takers will meet or exceed the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX RN)
2. Ninety percent (90%) of the program graduates will be employed in nursing within six (6) months of graduation.

3. Sixty percent (60 %) of graduates will complete the program with in three (3) years of matriculation into the nursing programs.

### **End of Program Student Learning Outcomes:**

The curriculum is compatible with the philosophy and conceptual framework of the Department of Nursing and provides educational experiences that prepare a graduate to:

1. Advocate for the patient and their families to promote a partnership in providing compassionate and coordinated care based on respect for patient's preferences, values and needs.
2. Use their clinical reasoning ability to integrate nursing science in the provision of safe and quality care necessary to minimize risk of harm to patients, family, and providers.
3. Integrate best current evidence with clinical expertise based on the patient and family's values and preferences for delivery of optimal healthcare.
4. Examine the evidence that supports clinical practice and question underlying assumptions necessary to improve the quality and safety of health care systems.
5. Make judgments in practice based on information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
6. Conduct self in a way that reflects integrity, responsibility, and ethical practices necessary to function effectively within nursing and interdisciplinary teams, fostering open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making to achieve safe and quality patient care.

### **Admission Requirements:**

Admission requirements are located on the college website [www.morrisville.edu](http://www.morrisville.edu) under the areas of study tab, click health and human development, and scroll down to Nursing AAS. For additional assistance, please contact our admissions office at (315) 684-6046.

### **In addition:**

Students wishing to enter the nursing program are **required** to take the TEAS test and earn a composite score of **58.7** to be considered for admission. To create an account:

1. Go to <http://www.atitesting.com>
2. Click on "Create an Account"
3. Follow the screen prompts
4. You will only need to register once and use the same account throughout the program
5. Proceed with process and payment

The following items are available for purchase at [atitesting.com](http://atitesting.com):

- TEAS Study Package

- TEAS Pre-Test Study Manual
- TEAS Online Practice Assessments
- TEAS Transcripts
- Learning Strategies: Your Guide to Classroom and Test-Taking Success

#### Taking TEAS

- Time limit is 209 minutes
- 170 four-option, multiple choice questions
- Calculators may not be used; only the computer based calculator on the ATI site
- Results available upon completion of the test

\*\* Students enrolled at SUNY Morrisville during the semester they are completing the TEAS Test requirement are **NOT** to register to take the test at a time they have a class. Missing a class does not progress a student to the course outcomes or assist in any way, in obtaining the required cumulative average. There are sufficient opportunities scheduled throughout the semester to select a test date and time that does not conflict with a scheduled class. Be advised, that seating is limited at each session- if you do not plan appropriately to schedule this examination early in the semester, you may find that you will be unable to sit for the examination or start nursing courses. All students enrolled at the college are required to have the examination completed prior to the end of the semester before they plan to enroll in nursing courses. Currently enrolled students who have not completed this requirement will not be considered and nursing courses will be removed from their schedule. They will be eligible for consideration for enrollment at a later date, after the TEAS test is passed and all other requirements are met.

If you find there really is a conflict with your class schedule, please notify the office- we will try to assist you, but this does not mean we can over-enroll a testing session.

**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 our 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:

A.O.Fox Hospital	Oneonta
Bassett Healthcare	Cooperstown
Community Memorial Hospital	Hamilton
UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital	Norwich
Crouse Community Center	Morrisville
Crouse Hospital	Syracuse
The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing	Chittenango
NYS Veterans Home	Oxford
Oneida Healthcare Center	Oneida
Masonic Care Community	Utica
Mohawk Valley Health System (St. Luke's Campus)	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
UHS Wilson Medical Center	Johnson City

Bus transportation is available from campus to the clinical facilities, for students who attend the Morrisville campus. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites for the second half of the fourth semester (NURS 250).

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
CODE #0622**

<b>First Year</b>			
<b><u>First Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>	<b><u>Second Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
NURS 120    Fundamentals of Nursing*	7	NURS 150    Nursing II	9
BIOL 150    Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	NURS 152    Pharmacology I	1
PSYC 101    Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 241    Child Development	3
COMP 101    Composition and Research	3	BIOL 151    Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	17		17
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b><u>Third Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>	<b><u>Fourth Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
NURS 210    Nursing III	9	NURS 250    Nursing IV	8
NURS 212    Pharmacology II	1	NURS 251    Transition into Practice	1
BIOL 285    Microbiology	4	NURS 252    Pharmacology III	1
NUTR 108    Basic Nutrition	3	COMP 102    Writing about Literature	3
	17		13
<b>*Please be advised that as of Fall 2019, NURS 110 will no longer be an active course. Students not successful in NURS 110 Spring 2019 will be required to enroll in the entire fall semester under NURS 120 to progress in the nursing program</b>			

## **Health and Other Requirements**

### **Clinical Clearance:**

Students must meet all aspects of the clinical clearance policy in order to attend clinical rotations. Complete documentation of clinical clearance, per the requirements listed in this policy, is required to attend any off-campus clinical experience. The deadline for submitting and receiving clearance for clinical is **three weeks prior to the first scheduled day of each clinical rotation**. Any student who fails to comply will have their clinical rotation dropped from their schedule until complete documentation of clinical clearance is submitted. At this time, re-enrollment in the nursing clinical is subject to space available and the discretion of the clinical facilities.

**Health Clearance Documentation:** All of the following health clearance requirements must be on file at the Matthias Student Health Center **three weeks prior** to the start of the clinical rotation. The **only** exception is the influenza vaccine for the fall semester. The deadline for this vaccination is September 30. Proof of current season Influenza vaccine and CPR certification must be on file in the Nursing Office, Bailey Hall. If any item expires during a clinical rotation, updated documentation must be on file before the student will be allowed at the clinical site. Please note that it is solely the student's responsibility to ensure that all health documentation is current and on file throughout their time in the program.

- Current physical examination completed within the last 12 months (updated within 30 days of expiration)
- Current season Influenza vaccination
- Two (2) MMR's
- Positive Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Titers
- Chicken Pox (documented history of disease, vaccination and or a varicella titer)
- Hepatitis B Vaccine or signed waiver. It is recommended that nursing students become immunized with the Hepatitis B Vaccine prior to enrolling in the nursing program. Bassett Healthcare Center requires all students to be immunized with the Hepatitis B vaccine series. Students need documentation that all 3 doses have been administered or that they are in the process of receiving them.
- Meningitis Vaccine or signed waiver
- Tetanus/diphtheria within 10 years
- Mantoux (PPD)/Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) updated annually -or- follow up X-Ray updated every 2 years –or- Quantiferon gold test updated annually

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):** In addition to documentation of health clearance, students must also present evidence of current American Heart Association CPR certification (**BLS-Basic Life Support for Professional Rescuers**). Students must maintain CPR certification throughout all academic semesters. Documentation of current CPR certification must be on file in the Bailey Hall Nursing Office with the **secretary three weeks prior to the first scheduled day of each clinical rotation** and **whenever recertification is required**. Please note that **ONLY** certification through the **American Heart Association** is accepted at SUNY Morrisville.

**Essential Abilities:** Nursing students are to adhere to the same public health laws and facility regulations as employees at the assigned clinical site. Students must meet the facility health requirements and have the ability to meet clinical objectives with or without reasonable accommodations per the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students must demonstrate the following essential abilities:

1. The strength and manual dexterity to perform in all laboratory and clinical settings and to maintain the safety of clients without posing a threat to himself/herself.
2. The visual, hearing, and speech skills requisite to client assessment and professional performance including reading, recording client information, performing auscultatory exams, and performing any and all other diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

**Latex Allergy/Sensitivity:** Students with a suspected or documented latex hypersensitivity are responsible for being tested (Latex IgE) prior to entering the program or at the first signs of a reaction. The test results and a written plan of accommodation/treatment signed by a physician must accompany the annual physical examination.

Any student developing, having, or describing symptoms consistent with a latex allergy/sensitivity is required to have Latex IgE blood work completed prior to enrolling in nursing courses. Results are to be submitted to the Student Health Center. Medical care and diagnostic tests are at the student's expense. It is the responsibility of the student found to have a latex sensitivity to understand and acknowledge:

1. The risks associated with continued clinical education and a healthcare career, even when reasonable accommodations are made, and
2. The recommendations of their personal healthcare provider.

Students with concerns should contact the Program Director, the Student Health Center, and their own healthcare provider to discuss the implications of a latex sensitivity/allergy. If a student with such a sensitivity/allergy decides to continue in the nursing education program, the student is assuming any responsibility for the risks posed by allergic reactions, which can range from mild symptoms to anaphylaxis and death.

If a qualified practitioner determines a student is latex sensitive/allergic, the only accommodation available is the use of latex-free gloves. The nursing program cannot guarantee a latex-free environment.

Latex sensitive students are responsible for notifying course faculty /clinical faculty or preceptors in writing of the need to use latex free gloves in laboratory/clinical experiences where latex exposure is possible.

**Standard Precautions:** Students are to follow their assigned agency's policy regarding necessary precautions when coming in contact with blood and/or body fluids. Students must report any potential exposure to their clinical instructor immediately.

It is the student's responsibility to meet and maintain the health requirements of the clinical facility to which they are next assigned. It is the student's responsibility to maintain and update their health files at the Matthias Student Health Center. Influenza Vaccination and CPR documentation must be submitted to the Nursing Office, Bailey Hall, Office 110 (in person or by fax at 315-684-6592). Additionally, each student will be required to read and sign a Release of Information Form in order for health clearance information to be released to the clinical sites.

### **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.

The Health Insurance fee as well as Student Health fee will automatically appear on your bill.

If you are covered by a health insurance plan, either through work, a family policy or as an individual, you can remove the Health Insurance fee by going to the Web for Students and completing the Health Insurance Waiver Form. The form can be found by:

- clicking on the "Student Information and Financial Aid" menu,
- then clicking on the "Student Account" menu,
- then on to "Health Insurance Waiver".
- This needs to be completed before classes start every semester.

For nursing students (not pre-nursing) who are enrolled on a part-time basis, the Health Insurance Fee will automatically appear on your billing statement. If you have current coverage from another source, the fee may be waived by following the directions above.

### **Uniforms**

- Students are required to purchase a white lab coat which is to be worn in the nursing laboratory for all laboratory experiences.
- Students are expected to bring and wear the "lab coat/jacket" to the very first laboratory session and all laboratory experiences. The coat/jacket can be purchased at any uniform shop. It is expected that this lab coat will be kept clean and pressed.
- Uniforms for the clinical experiences must be ordered from Dr. Uniform. At the start of the student's enrollment in the program, uniform representatives come to campus so uniforms can be ordered directly from Dr. Uniform.
- Any student being re-admitted to nursing must have the most current version of the uniform. Please contact the School Office in Bailey Hall at 315-684-6016 – to obtain information regarding ordering.
- In addition you will need to purchase a stethoscope, bandage scissors and have a watch with a second hand.

### **Shoes**

Shoes must be close toed, clean, black or white, and of non-porous material. No clogs are allowed.

### **Professional Appearance**

Hair is to be worn off the collar, no artificial nails or visible tattoos are allowed. Clear, natural, unchipped nail color will only be 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 SUNY Morrisville 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 SUNY Morrisville and the profession of nursing. There is a charge of \$4 dollars for the ID card which can be obtained from the Technology Center in Hamilton Hall - College ID and an identification badge holder is also required and are 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.

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**

<b><u>Nursing Textbooks-</u></b>		<b><u>Lab Kit</u></b>	
NURS 105/110	\$500	1-A	\$ 60
NURS 150	\$575	1-B	\$ 100
NURS 210	\$50	II	\$ 125
NURS 250	\$50		
NURS 251	\$135		

**Laptop Computer**-Nursing is a ThinkPad Program. Laptops are required for each student beginning with the entering class (NURS 120). The cost is \$550 per semester which is included in the campus billing process. **A privacy screen/filter/shield is required for all computerized testing.** The faculty encourages you to take advantage of the computer services and purchase a new or used laptop computer from the college. Please note that the SUNY MORRISVILLE standard is the Lenovo ThinkPad. **The Help Desk offers limited support for non-campus laptops.**

The nursing faculty does not use MACs, nor can they help students troubleshoot technical issues using MAC computers. All documents must be submitted to faculty in MS Office 2013 format. You will receive computer training on your new machine during the Welcome Weekend orientation. All students will automatically be issued a new laptop. If you would like to opt for a used computer, please go to the Web for Students at:

<http://www.morrisville.edu/webforstudents>

Log on using your M number and PIN

Click on Student Information and Financial Aid

Click on Laptop Option selection near the bottom of the list.

Information about new or used university laptops is available at:

<http://helpdesk.morrisville.edu/laptopspecs.aspx>

The contact information for purchasing a laptop at the Technology Center is available at:

<http://mac.morrisville.edu/tech.aspx>

Students currently with laptops of their own should call (315)-684-6422 to discuss their options, however, you are strongly encouraged to purchase through the college.

**HESI Testing-approximately \$190/semester** The Health Education Systems 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 prior to the graduate taking the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure.

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

### **Progression Policies:**

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

1. Earn a grade of "C" in both BIOL 150 and 151
2. Earn a grade of "C+" in each nursing course
3. 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 identified Lab skill competencies by the identified deadline date.
  - Complete the examinations required for each nursing course.

Any student who does not meet the progression requirements either into nursing or from one course to the next sequential course will have nursing courses dropped from their schedule. At the time they complete the requirement(s) they should contact the School Office in Bailey Hall. At that time enrollment in a nursing course will be dependent on space availability. If the course is fully enrolled the student will have to wait until such time as a seat becomes available. The student is required to meet the progression requirements at that time.

## **PROGRESSION and RE-ADMISSION POLICY FOR NURSING**

Progression refers to the sequential enrollment and continuation in required courses in the nursing program.

Re-admission refers to students who have withdrawn from the nursing program and/or college and are requesting to re-enroll in the nursing program.

Core Nursing courses include: NURS 120, NURS 150, NURS 152, NURS 210, NURS 212, NURS 250, NURS 251, and NURS 252.

### **Progression:**

A final course grade of a C+ (74.45) is required to progress to the next sequential nursing course. If a student drops or receives an unsuccessful grade in a required course, the following will apply (in



addition to campus admission policies):

- Students enrolled in the nursing program may repeat a required core nursing course once (1 time) only. A maximum of two (2) repeated core courses is allowed. A subsequent unsuccessful grade of a core nursing course will result in program dismissal and prevent future re-admission to the nursing program.
- If a student is unsuccessful in the same course twice, they are dismissed from the program.
- The most recent grade for nursing coursework will stand. For example if the student is successful in NURS 120, has to re-take the course after a leave of absence and does not pass, they are considered to not have passed NURS 120.
- Students may attend the nursing program at either the Morrisville or Norwich campus, dependent upon course and space availability.

### **Re-Admission to the Nursing Program:**

TEAS/ NLN:

Effective in the Spring 2018 semester, only the TEAS pre-admission test will be used for admission criteria. A student who is seeking re-admission and who has never taken the TEAS Pre-Admission test is required to earn a composite score of **58.7** to be considered for re-admission.

- Effective in the Spring 2018 semester, the NLN pre-admission test will no longer be accepted, and students seeking readmission are required to earn a minimum composite score of **58.7** on the TEAS pre-admission test.
- For any student seeking re-admission to a nursing program, a cumulative average of a 2.75 is required.
- Upon re-admittance, the student is subject to any new curriculum and policy changes.
- If ONE semester is missed, the student will be allowed to progress to the next scheduled Nursing course, given the student successfully has passed all requirements. For example, if a student is successful in a course such as NURS 120 in the Spring, and misses the fall, he/she will be allowed to progress to the next consecutive course such as NURS 150 the following Spring.
- If TWO semesters are missed, the student will need to repeat the last successfully completed course. For example, if a student is successful in NURS 120 and takes the following two (2) semesters off, he/she will need to repeat NURS 120 instead of proceeding to NURS 150.
- If THREE or more semesters are missed, the student will need to start the program over. Readmission to the program is dependent upon meeting all college and program admission criteria.

### **Time Management**

This section is included on the advice of students based on their experiences:

- Time management-planning your daily/weekly schedule -while taking into account your work or home obligations is crucial to meeting your educational and career goals. Be advised that in addition to classes and scheduled laboratories and clinical experiences (including the time spent traveling to and from clinical sites) there is time you will need to devote to practice in the labs.
- In addition, you need to plan study time into your schedule-about three (3) hours for every

credit hour on your schedule is the “general rule”.

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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.

There is no contraindication to the Hepatitis B vaccine EXCEPT a yeast allergy.

The vaccine is a series of three shots. The second dose is due 30 days after the first and the third dose is due 6 months after the 1st vaccine.

The student must have a physical form on file.

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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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**Meningococcal Vaccine POLICY STATEMENT**

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

Nurses and students in college are at risk for contracting Meningococcal. The Meningococcal Vaccine is a safe and effective method of preventing Meningococcal infection. For more information, please visit the CDC Website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2168/>

Students may obtain the Vaccine with their primary care provider.

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I have read the Meningococcal Policy Statement and:

I refuse to receive the Meningococcal vaccine and absolve this college from any liability as a result of this decision.

I have received the Vaccine. (Dates must be included on physical form)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_