

NURSING ADN - A.A.S.

College of Applied and Technical Studies
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About This Program

Our Associate of Applied Science in Nursing equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to make a difference in the healthcare industry. With experienced faculty, state-of-the-art facilities and clinical opportunities, you'll gain hands-on experience and prepare for a fulfilling career as a registered nurse. Enroll now and take the first step toward becoming a healthcare professional. Read more...

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- Speak with an Advisor
 - Ashtabula Campus
 - East Liverpool Campus
 - Tuscarawas Campus
 - Twinsburg Academic Center
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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Ashtabula Campus
 - East Liverpool Campus
 - Tuscarawas Campus
 - Twinsburg Academic Center

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Registered nurses

- 7.2% faster than the average
- 3,096,700 number of jobs
- \$75,330 potential earnings

Accreditation

The associate degree in nursing at Kent State University is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners is "continuing accreditation." View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <https://www.acenursing.org/acen-programs-05202024/kent-state-university>. Information on Student Achievement Data, including NCLEX-RN pass rates and program completion rates, are available.

The A.A.S. degree in Nursing ADN has full approval by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, and the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)		
NRST 10014	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING I	1
NRST 20015	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	3
NRST 20022	NURSING II	6
NRST 20023	NURSING III	6
NRST 20214	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING II	2
NRST 20217	MATERNAL CHILD AND FAMILY NURSING	4
NRST 20219	TRANSITION TO NURSING PRACTICE	2
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA; min C/S grade required in all courses)		
BSCI 11010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) ¹	3
BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) ¹	3
BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	3-4
NUTR 23511 or NUTR 33512	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS) ¹ INTERMEDIATE NUTRITION SCIENCE	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Composition		3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts		3
Additional Requirements or Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		15
Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration		
LPN to ADN Concentration		

Paramedic to ADN Concentration	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	64

¹ Students who have successfully completed BSCI 21010 and BSCI 21020 or (ATTR 25057 and ATTR 25058) or (EXSC 25057 and EXSC 25058) may use those courses in place of BSCI 11010 and BSCI 11020.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)		
NRST 10011	FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING	5
NRST 10012	PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION FOR NURSING	1
NRST 10013	NURSING I	6
NURS 20950	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ¹	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

¹ NURS 20950 must be completed within the past five years prior to admission to the program and a minimum C grade must be earned.

LPN to ADN Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
NRST 10016	LPN TO ADN TRANSITION (min C grade)	3
Upon successful completion of NRST 10016, students are awarded credit (no grade) for NRST 10011, NRST 10012 and NRST 10013. NURS 20950 will be waived.		12
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

Paramedic to ADN Concentrations Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
NRST 10018	PARAMEDIC TO ADN TRANSITION (min C grade)	5
Upon successful completion of NRST 10018, students are awarded credit (no grade) for NRST 10012, NRST 10013 and NURS 20950. NRST 10011 will be waived.		10
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

Progression Requirements

To be able to register for Nursing Technology (NRST) courses, students must be accepted to technical study. Acceptance is a selective process. Criteria for acceptance are the following:

- Minimum 2.700 overall GPA
- Minimum C grade in high school or college-level courses in algebra, biology and chemistry
- Completion of developmental coursework prescribed by placement testing
- Completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program Application

A NSRT course may be repeated one time for a total of two attempts, but the student may only apply for reentry one time to the A.A.S. degree in Nursing.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum C grade in theory and a designation of "passing" for performance in the clinical area (if applicable) must be achieved for each nursing course.
- Minimum C grade in all required courses, including developmental courses.

Roadmaps

Nursing Major (No Concentration)

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
BSCI 11010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	3
NRST 10011	FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING	5
NRST 10012	PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION FOR NURSING	1
NRST 10014	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING I	1
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		17
Semester Two		
BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB)	3
NRST 10013	NURSING I	6
NRST 20015	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	3
NRST 20214	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING II	2
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	3
or	or INTERMEDIATE NUTRITION SCIENCE	
NUTR 33512		
Credit Hours		17
Semester Three		
BSCI 20021	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY	3
NRST 20022	NURSING II	6
NRST 20217	MATERNAL CHILD AND FAMILY NURSING	4
NURS 20950	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Four		
NRST 20023	NURSING III	6
NRST 20219	TRANSITION TO NURSING PRACTICE	2
Kent Core Requirement		6
Credit Hours		14
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		64

LPN to ADN Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
BSCI 11010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		10
Semester Two		Credits
BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB)	3
NRST 10014	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING I	1
NRST 10016	LPN TO ADN TRANSITION	3
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	3
or	or INTERMEDIATE NUTRITION SCIENCE	
NUTR 33512		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Upon successful completion of NRST 10016, students are awarded credit (no grade) for NRST 10011, NRST 10012 and NRST 10013. NURS 20950 will be waived.		12
Credit Hours		25
Semester Three		Credits
NRST 20015	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	3
NRST 20214	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING II	2
Credit Hours		5
Semester Four		Credits
BSCI 20021	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY	3
NRST 20022	NURSING II	6
NRST 20217	MATERNAL CHILD AND FAMILY NURSING	4
Credit Hours		13
Semester Five		Credits
NRST 20023	NURSING III	6
NRST 20219	TRANSITION TO NURSING PRACTICE	2
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		11
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		64

Paramedic to ADN Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
BSCI 11010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Credit Hours		7
Semester Two		Credits
BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB)	3

NRST 10014	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING I	1
NRST 10018	PARAMEDIC TO ADN TRANSITION	5
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	3
or	or INTERMEDIATE NUTRITION SCIENCE	
NUTR 33512		
Upon successful completion of NRST 10018, students are awarded credit (no grade) for NRST 10012, NRST 10013 and NURS 20950. NRST 10011 will be waived.		10
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		25
Semester Three		Credits
NRST 20015	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	3
NRST 20214	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSING II	2
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		8
Semester Four		Credits
BSCI 20021	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY	3
NRST 20022	NURSING II	6
NRST 20217	MATERNAL CHILD AND FAMILY NURSING	4
Credit Hours		13
Semester Five		Credits
NRST 20023	NURSING III	6
NRST 20219	TRANSITION TO NURSING PRACTICE	2
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		11
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		64

University Requirements

All students in an applied or technical associate degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements, please see Program Requirements for details.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1
	Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
	Kent Core (see table below)	15
	Total Credit Hour Requirement	60
	Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA)	3
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS)	3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB)	3
Total Credit Hours:	15

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Provide safe and effective nursing care which respects patient values, cultures and beliefs.
2. Demonstrate effective communication and collaboration with patients, families, caregivers and health care team members.
3. Demonstrate leadership and the ability to manage nursing care in a professional manner following legal and ethical guidelines.
4. Use quality improvement data and current evidence for delivery of optimal nursing care.
5. Use technology to communicate, manage knowledge and support decision-making.

Program Policies

Program and Course Withdrawal

Students withdrawing from the Nursing ADN major are expected to notify the program director. Students who do not register for any required course or drop any required course after registration should notify the program director immediately.

Program Time Limits

Student must complete the nursing course requirements within a maximum of four years after admission to the nursing program. Students are strongly advised to avoid a full-time work schedule. Students previously in the Nursing ADN major who re-enter as a licensed practical nurse or certified paramedic, their four-year limit begins the term they start the NRST course sequence.

Readmission

Readmission to the Nursing (A.D.N.) major is based on the decision of the Readmission Committee and seat availability. Readmission is not guaranteed to any student.

Students who left the major before earning the degree and are now a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or a certified paramedic may request readmission through the Advanced Placement Policies for LPNs and Paramedics.

Eligibility for Readmission

To be eligible for readmission, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Meet with the Nursing (A.D.N.) program director as soon as possible – after the end of the semester in which the student withdrew or failed and prior to the start of the next semester – to discuss the readmission process and policies.
- Hold a minimum 2.000 overall GPA from Kent State University.
- Submit a formal request in writing to the Nursing (A.D.N.) program director. The submission deadlines are:
 - June 1 for returning in the fall semester;
 - November 1 for returning in the spring semester at the East Liverpool and Tuscarawas campuses and the Twinsburg Academic Center;
 - December 31 for returning in the spring semester at the Ashtabula Campus; and
 - March 1 for returning in the summer term.
- Submit a detailed plan for academic success. The plan must address, in detail, why the student was not successful during the previous attempt, and how the student intends to be successful if readmitted. The student must sign the plan; it will become a contract that

the student must follow throughout the remainder of the nursing program.

- For readmitted students who have been out of the program more than one semester: Follow the Nursing Clinical Requirements Policy for Readmitted Students.
- For readmitted students who have been out of the program more than one semester: Demonstrate satisfactory performance of previously learned skills. Students will have three attempts to demonstrate competency. The deadline for completing these skills as required are:
 - July 1 for returning in the fall semester;
 - December 1 for returning in the spring semester; and
 - April 1 for returning in the summer term.

After Readmission

- Readmitted students who fail an NRST course may reapply for readmission to the nursing program one time only.
- Any readmitted student who fails to meet the program's progression requirements a second time will not be permitted to continue in the program and will not be eligible to begin another NRST course or be eligible to reapply for readmission.
- Readmitted students are responsible for following the Kent State University Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook in effect at the time of readmission and changing to the current catalog year.

Full Description

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing prepares students for the registered nurse profession. The curriculum is designed to meet today's health care needs by focusing on the registered nurse's role in communities, hospitals, clinics and home health care.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The Nursing major includes the following optional concentrations:

- The **LPN to ADN** concentration is a completer program for students who are licensed practical nurses.
- The **Paramedic to ADN** concentration is a completer program for students who are certified paramedics.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.