

Nursing Information for Student Applicants

Minimum admission standards for the Associate Degree Nursing Program include:

1. Unconditional admission to Bishop State Community College.
2. Receipt of completed application for the Associate Degree Nursing Program by **June 1st** for **Fall Semester** admission and **October 1st** for **Spring Semester** admission.
3. A minimum of 2.50 GPA on the last 24 credit hours.
4. A minimum of 2.50 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable in lieu of high school transcript).
5. Eligibility for:
 - a. ENG 101 and **MTH 100 or higher level only – effective Fall 2010** (must complete MTH 098 prerequisite to MTH 100) as determined by college policy, and
 - b. BIO 201 during the first term of nursing courses. (As a prerequisite to BIO 201, student must successfully complete BIO 103 or achieve a passing score on the ACS approved placement exam.)
6. Good standing with the college.
7. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
8. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher).
9. Students who have graduated high school may submit their high school transcript for further evaluation.

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Minimum admission standards for the Practical Nursing Program include:

1. Unconditional admission to Bishop State Community College.
2. Receipt of completed application for the Practical Nursing Program by **June 1st** for **Fall Semester Admission** and **October 1st** for **Spring Semester Admission**.
3. A minimum of 2.50 GPA on the last 24 credit hours.
4. A minimum of 2.50 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable in lieu of high school transcript).
5. Eligibility for:
 - a. ENG 101 and **MTH 116 or higher level only – effective Fall 2010** as determined by college policy, and
 - b. BIO 201 during the first term of nursing courses. (As a prerequisite to BIO 201, student must successfully complete BIO103 or achieve a passing score on the ACS approved placement exam.
6. Good standing with the college.
7. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
8. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher).
9. Students who have graduated high school may submit their high school transcript for further evaluation.

Admission to the Practical Nursing program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Minimum admission standards for the LPN to RN Mobility Nursing Program include:

1. Unconditional admission to Bishop State Community College.
2. Receipt of completed application for the Mobility Nursing Track by **March 1st** for **Summer Term** admission to **NUR 200** and **October 1st** for **Spring Semester** admission to **NUR 200**. If you are a graduate of the PN Program within the last two (2) years, there is a **March 1st** deadline for **Summer** admission to **NUR 201** and a **June 1st** deadline for **Fall** admission to **NUR 201**.
3. A minimum of 2.50 GPA on the last 24 credit hours.
4. Completion of prerequisite courses which include: **MTH 100 or higher level only – effective Fall 2010**, and BIO 201 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 103 or satisfactory performance on ACS approved placement exam is a prerequisite to BIO 201).
5. A valid unencumbered Alabama practical nurse license.
6. Documentation of employment as an LPN for a minimum of 500-clock hours within the 12 months prior to admission on official company letterhead.
7. Good standing with the college.
8. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
9. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher).

Admission to the LPN to RN Mobility Nursing program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

COMPASS TEST for NURSING

Nursing students are required to take the COMPASS Test. The COMPASS can be scheduled by calling (251) 405-7100/405-7106. Required test scores on the COMPASS test are as follows:

All Nursing student applicants must achieve a minimum of 76 on the Reading portion of the COMPASS test. COMPASS or ACT scores must be within the last three (3) years for consideration. Students not meeting the 76 minimum in Reading on the first attempt, must seek advisement regarding remediation. Student applicants are allowed only two (2) attempts to achieve an acceptable COMPASS score within a three (3) year period. If you have successfully completed ENG 093 with a “C” or better, you are eligible to take ENG 101 and the Writing portion of the COMPASS is **not** required. If you have successfully completed ENG 101 with a “C” or better, the Writing portion of the COMPASS is **not** required. If you have successfully completed MTH 090 and/or MTH 098 with a “C” or better, you are eligible to take MTH 116 and the Math portion of the COMPASS is **not** required. If you have passed a higher level of MTH, i.e., MTH 100, 112, and passed with a “C” or better, you will **not** be required to take MTH 116.

Further information regarding requirements for admission to the Nursing Programs:

An official copy of transcripts from **all** colleges attended should be requested by the applicant. The official copy should be mailed to the Student Development Services Office (SDS), Suite 106, Central Campus, 1365 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Mobile, AL 36603-5362. Applicant should call SDS at 405-4400 to see if all official transcripts have been received prior to setting up a date for transcript evaluation. A transcript evaluation will **not** be done until **all** requested transcripts have been received.

NOTE:

All General Education courses, i.e. English, Math, Speech, Music, Art, Psychology, must be assigned a grade of “C” or better to be eligible to submit an application to Nursing.

III. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE

Legal requirements for licensure in the State of Alabama are listed in the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code. The Alabama Board of Nursing determines the eligibility for licensure based on the following questions. **As a nursing applicant you are not required to respond to these questions;** however, it is important that you understand that successful completion of the nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to take the NCLEX exam. **The Board of Nursing may deny an individual permission to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) based on an investigation of these responses.**

1. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor moving traffic violation?
2. Have you within the last five (5) years abused drugs/alcohol or been treated for dependency to alcohol or illegal chemical substances?
3. Have you ever been arrested or convicted for driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol?
4. Have you within the last five (5) years received inpatient or outpatient treatment or been recommended to seek treatment for mental illness?
5. Have you ever had disciplinary action or is action pending against you by any state board of nursing?
6. Have you ever been placed on a state and/or federal abuse registry?
7. Have you ever been court-martialed/disciplined or administratively discharged by the military?

**BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NURSING PROGRAM**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING – Standard & Career Mobility (LPN to RN)

POINTS SYSTEM

COMPASS Reading Score

99 (Maximum)

(Minimum score for admission consideration is 76. COMPASS score must be within three (3) years of nursing application deadline. ACT score may be submitted for COMPASS if not older than three (3) years.

Points for Students *With* Prior College Work

90 (Maximum)

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
BIO 201	30	20	10
BIO 202	30	20	10
BIO 220	30	20	10

-OR-

Points for Students *Without* Prior College Work

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Algebra II	30	20	10
Highest Level Biology	30	20	10
Chemistry	30	20	10

Students who have not started the BIO201 series in college must submit their official high school transcript or GED score report for points consideration.

Additional Points

11 (Maximum)

If successfully completed two or more semesters at BSCC, awarded 11 points.

If successfully completed one semester at BSCC, awarded 5 points.

Zero points awarded for students who have not attended BSCC.

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 200

**BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NURSING PROGRAM**

PRACTICAL NURSING

POINTS SYSTEM

COMPASS Reading Score

99 (Maximum)

(Minimum score for admission consideration is 76. COMPASS score must be within three (3) years of nursing admission date. ACT score may be submitted for COMPASS if not older than three (3) years.

Points for Students *With* Prior College Work

60 (Maximum)

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
ENG 101	30	20	10
MTH 116 or Higher	30	20	10

-OR-

Points for Students *Without* Prior College Work

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Highest Level Biology (inc. A&P)	30	20	10
Algebra II or Higher Level Math	30	20	10

Students who have not started the BIO201 series in college must submit their official high school transcript or GED score report for points consideration.

Additional Points

11 (Maximum)

If successfully completed two or more semesters at BSCC, awarded 11 points.

If successfully completed one semester at BSCC, awarded 5 points.

Zero points awarded for students who have not attended BSCC.

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 170

STANDARD ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE CURRICULUM

First Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Intermediate Algebra *MTH 100 or higher level	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology I **BIO 201	3	1	-	4	5
Fundamentals of Nursing NUR 102	3	2	1	6	12
Health Assessment NUR 103	-	1	-	1	3
Introduction to Pharmacology NUR 104	-	1	-	1	3
Term Total	9	5	1	15	26

Second Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
English Composition I ENG 101	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology II BIO 202	3	1	-	4	5
Adult Nursing NUR 105	5	1	2	8	14
Maternal and Child Nursing NUR 106	4	-	1	5	7
Term Total	15	2	3	20	29

Third Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Psychology PSY 200	3	-	-	3	3
Microbiology BIO 220	2	2	-	4	6
Nursing Through the Lifespan I NUR 201	3	-	2	5	9
Term Total	8	2	2	12	18

Fourth Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Speech SPH 106 or SPH 107 or SPH 116	3	-	-	3	3
Human Growth and Dev PSY 210	3	-	-	3	3
Nursing Through the Lifespan II NUR 202	3	-	3	6	12
Term Total	9	-	3	12	18

Fifth Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Humanities Elective	3	-	-	3	3
Nursing Through the Lifespan III NUR 203	4	-	2	6	10
Role Transition for the Registered Nurse NUR 204	2	-	2	4	8
Term Totals	9	-	4	13	21

*Prerequisite to MTH 100 is MTH 098.

**Prerequisite: BIO 103 or Satisfactory Performance on ACS approved placement exam

Program Totals:	Total Credit Hours:	72 Hours
	Total Contact Hours:	1680
	General Education:	30 Hours
	Nursing Hours:	42 Hours

STANDARD PRACTICAL NURSE CURRICULUM

First Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications or higher	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology I *BIO 201	3	1	-	4	5
Fundamentals of Nursing NUR 102	3	2	1	6	12
Health Assessment NUR 103	-	1	-	1	3
Introduction to Pharmacology NUR 104	-	1	-	1	3
Term Total	9	5	1	15	26

Second Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
English Composition I ENG 101	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology II BIO 202	3	1	-	4	5
Adult Nursing NUR 105	5	1	2	8	14
Maternal and Child Nursing NUR 106	4	-	1	5	7
Term Total	15	2	3	20	29

Third Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Adult/Child Nursing NUR 107	5	-	3	8	14
Psychosocial Nursing NUR 108	2	-	1	3	5
Role Transition for the Practical Nurse NUR 109	2	1	-	3	5
Term Total	9	1	4	14	24

***Prerequisite: BIO 103 or Satisfactory Performance on ACS approved placement exam**

Program Totals

Credit Hours: 49 Hours
Contact Hours: 1101 Hours

**CAREER MOBILITY
LPN TO ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE CURRICULUM**

Prerequisite Courses Prior to NUR 200:

- **MTH 100** – Intermediate Algebra (3 credit hours) **MTH 098 prerequisite required**
- ***BIO 201** – Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credit hours)

First Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
English Composition I ENG 101	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology II BIO 202	3	1	-	4	5
**Nursing Career Mobility Assessment NUR 200	3	3	-	6	12
Term Total	9	4	-	13	20

Second Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
General Psychology PSY 200	3	-	-	3	3
Microbiology BIO 220	2	2	-	4	6
Nursing Through the Lifespan I NUR 201	3	-	2	5	9
Term Total	8	2	2	12	18

Third Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Speech SPH 106 or SPH 107 or SPH 116	3	-	-	3	3
Human Growth and Development PSY 210	3	-	-	3	3
Nursing Through the Lifespan II NUR 202	3	-	3	6	12
Term Total	9	-	3	12	18

Fourth Term

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Humanities Elective	3	-	-	3	3
Nursing Through the Lifespan III NUR 203	4	-	2	6	10
Role Transition for the Registered Nurse NUR 204	2	-	2	4	8
Term Total	9	-	4	13	21

Program Totals:

Total Credit Hours:	57
Total Contact Hours:	1035
General Education:	30
Nursing Hours:	27

* **BIO 103** or Satisfactory Performance on ACS approved placement exam is a prerequisite for **BIO 201** (4 credit hours)

** **NUR 200** is required for those students who did not graduate from the Alabama College

System's standardized curriculum within the past two years. **MTH 100** and **BIO 201** must be completed prior to enrolling in **NUR 200**. **ENG 101** and **BIO 202** can be taken during same semester as **NUR 200**, if not already completed.

*** Only those students who did not graduate from the ACS standardized curriculum will be awarded 15 non-traditional credit hours after completion of the LPN to RN Mobility curriculum.