

YORK College | **CUNY**

School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs
Department of Nursing



**NURSING
PROGRAMS**



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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING: MISSION, PHILOSOPHY, AND DEFINITIONS OF EDUCATION

The mission of the York College Department of Nursing Baccalaureate in nursing programs is to offer a liberal arts-based educational experience to guide students in attaining the knowledge, skills, and values essential for professional nurse leaders and managers, including the ability to make sound judgments and address the health needs of diverse cultural groups within the urban community. There are two nursing program tracks in the Department of Nursing: The RN- Baccalaureate Program is designed to build upon the knowledge and competencies of Registered Nurses, who graduated from associate degree and diploma programs. The Generic Baccalaureate program is designed to prepare competent nursing professionals able to successfully pass the NCLEX-RN licensing examination. The Department of Nursing mission is congruent with the York College Vision and Mission (<http://www.york.cuny.edu/about>).

Philosophy

The York College Department of Nursing's philosophy encompasses the faculty's beliefs about the concepts of Education, Nursing, Persons, Society/Environment and Health and provides a framework for the nursing curricula. The departments mission, philosophy and outcomes are consistent with, and responsive to, the York College Vision and Mission statements; the New York State Education Department guidelines for nursing program registration; the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Nursing Practice (2008); the QSEN (Quality Safety Education for Nurses) competencies; the American Nurses' Association Standards of Clinical practice (2004) and the ACEN Standards and Criteria for Baccalaureate degree programs (2008).

Education

The faculty believes that education for professional nursing practice is rightfully conducted in an institution of higher learning, with a foundation of liberal arts and sciences supporting the nursing major. Baccalaureate education prepares the learner for beginning Baccalaureate generalist nursing practice and essential components include critical thinking, effective communication skills, ethical accountability, leadership/management skills, information technology and consideration of the cultural, racial and ethnic diversity of the client(s). Nursing education is a partnership characterized by mutual respect between faculty and students. The responsibility for learning lies with the students, who come equipped with prior knowledge and experiences as well as a desire to learn. The faculty facilitates the students' spirit of inquiry and provides educational experiences that foster the responsibility, independence, and critical thinking of the learner.

Goals

1. To offer a liberal arts-based educational experience to promote the knowledge, skills, and values essential for professional nurse leaders and managers.
2. To develop professional nurses who are proactive in addressing health care issues and able to make sound clinical judgments.
3. To prepare professional nurses who are self-directed and effective communicators in a culturally diverse world.
4. To develop nurses committed to evidenced-based practice and ethical care of various populations across the lifespan throughout the health-illness continuum.

THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE DISCIPLINE OF NURSING

Nursing

The faculty believes that nursing is an evidence-based practice profession, which promotes optimal health across the life span through case finding, health teaching, health counseling, and provision of care and support. Nursing is committed to the ethical care and nurture of well and sick people, individually and in groups; and the provision of culturally congruent care. Nursing focuses on health promotion, maintenance, restoration and/or rehabilitation. Professional nurses are self-directed, effective communicators, accountable for their own actions, proactive in addressing health care issues and able to make sound clinical judgments.

Persons

The faculty defines persons to include the individual, family and community and recognizes that nurses interact with them during normal life events as well as critical life situations. The faculty believes that each person has an innate ability and responsibility to choose among situations in their life. The nurse facilitates the person's decision making in health issues.

Society and Environment

The faculty believes that the environment is the context in which persons fulfill their basic needs. In the environment there are mutual and simultaneous interchanges among persons. Societal groups within the environment include families, communities, institutions and nations and these are interrelated and interdependent.

Health

The faculty believes that health is a state of wellness or optimal functioning encompassing both disease and non-disease. A person's health state influences the interchanges between the individual, family and community.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO THE NURSING PROGRAMS

Admission to the generic nursing program is highly competitive and the number of seats is limited each year. The program is designed for full-time study. Students who are interested in the program must meet the requirements for admission to York College and additional

eligibility requirements for admission to the nursing program. Students are required to pass every component of the CUNY Admission Examination in the basic skills areas; reading, writing and mathematics, as well as all required prerequisite science and foundation courses. **Students who have failed/ or been dismissed from another nursing program are not eligible for admission to the York College generic nursing program.**

PLEASE NOTE: THE BS DEGREE REQUIRES 120 CREDITS; 60 OF WHICH MUST BE LIBERAL ARTS CREDITS

BS PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must meet York College Admission requirements <http://www.york.cuny.edu/admissions/transfer>
2. Students need to enroll in curriculum UNDECL-BA (Undeclared - Liberal Arts).
3. **Students must have an official transcript sent to the York College Registrar so an evaluation of transfer credits can be made and bring an official transcript to the nursing office at the time of advisement.**
4. Students must complete all pre-requisite courses *with a minimum of a C grade.*
5. *Five key prerequisite courses are used to calculate the nursing program admission GPA of 3.0 in the Generic Nursing Program. A student will only be allowed to re-take these courses once. The maximum number of courses that can be re-taken are (2) two. The average of these two grades will be used in the key course calculation. The courses are as follows:*
 - a. ENG 125 – Composition I (3 credits)
 - b. PSY 102 – Introductory Psychology (3 credits)
 - c. BIO 234 – Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
 - d. BIO 235 – Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
 - e. CHEM 106 & 107 – Essentials of Chemistry Lecture/Lab (5 credits)
6. Students must take the NLN pre-admission RN exam at York College. Students register and pay for the exam at <https://www.york.cuny.edu/nursing/nursing-application/nln-examination>. The exam is administered by the York College Testing Center. Students must matriculate (admitted and currently taking classes) at York College in order to take the exam. Exam dates are posted on the Nursing Program website. This exam **should not** be taken prior to completing CHEM 106/107, BIO 234 and BIO 265. **This exam must be taken at York College and may only be repeated once.** The minimum NLN pre-admission exam score required is 50th percentile.
7. Applicants will be ranked based on a combination of their GPA in the five key pre-requisite courses: **English 125; Psychology 102; Chemistry 106 & 107; Biology 234 and Biology 235** and their NLN preadmission exam score. Admission to the Nursing Program is on a competitive basis. Fulfilling each of these criteria **DOES NOT** guarantee admission.
8. Applications for admission into the program are submitted electronically through the Department of Nursing website during the spring semester when the student has completed all pre-requisite courses. All courses must be completed with a

final grade entered on the transcript no later than May 31st to be considered for fall semester admission. **Students will not be considered for admission until all pre-requisite courses are complete.** Successful candidates will be notified by June and will be required to attend a *mandatory orientation that is held in July.*

9. **PLEASE NOTE:** If a student is not accepted into the nursing programs the student will need to continue completion of the York College general education requirements in order to graduate with a degree from York College.
10. There is a **ten year time limit** on transfer of science courses in the nursing program. These courses include Biology 234, 235, 265, 382, 336, Chemistry 101, 102, & 106 and 107.
11. **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Applies to all nursing students)
All CUNY nursing programs will require applicants for admission into the nursing clinical courses to provide documentation in one of the following categories:
 - a. U.S Citizenship
 - b. Permanent Residency
 - c. International student with F1 status
 - d. Granted Asylum, Refugee status, withholding of Removal, or Deferred Action Status by the U.S government

12. **NOTICE TO ALL NURSING STUDENTS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Current laws permit a state licensing board or agency to deny a license to practice nursing if the applicant has been convicted of a felony or other specified crime. The Office of the Professions of the New York State Education Department requires that a criminal background check be conducted prior to granting a license to practice nursing.

The Nursing Program at York College does not require a criminal background check. However, many of our clinical affiliates frequently require a student to undergo a criminal background check before the student can be placed for clinical learning experience. The affiliate site determines a student's participation in clinical training at their site based upon the background check.

Each clinical affiliate site sets its own standards and procedures, and a student may be asked by the site to pay the cost of the background check. There is the possibility a student may be placed at more than one site that requires a background check. Therefore, a student may have to complete more than one criminal background check during the course of their enrollment in the York College Nursing program.

Please note that if a clinical training site determines that a student may not take part in its training program based on the results of a criminal background check, the student may be unable to complete their clinical experience and/or the Nursing program. It is important for a student to consider this before enrolling in the Nursing program. York College has no obligation to refund tuition or fees or to otherwise accommodate a student in the event they are ineligible to complete their course requirements based on the results of a criminal background check, or if a student is denied a license to practice registered nursing.

Questions should be directed to the NYS Office of Professions: <http://www.op.nysed.gov>

Generic BS Registered Nursing Program Degree Map

CREDITS			CREDITS		
FIRST YEAR Semester 1	18		FIRST YEAR Semester 2	16	
English Composition: English 125*	3		English Composition: English 126*	3	
Math & Quant Reasoning: Mathematics 111	4		World Cultures & Global Issues Course	3	
Scientific World: Psychology 102*	3		Chemistry 230 Organic Chemistry	3	
Life & Physical Science: Chemistry 106 and 107* Pre-req: Math 104 or Math 120	5		Biology 234* Anatomy & Physiology I	4	
Individual & Society: Philosophy Course recommended	3		Psychology 214 Lifespan Development	3	
SECOND YEAR Semester 3	18		SECOND YEAR Semester 4	15	
College Option: Spanish 101 or French 101	3		Biology 336 Pathophysiology	3	
Biology 235* Anatomy & Physiology II	4		Nursing 101	2	
Creative Expression Course	3		Nursing 204	4	
U.S. Experience in its Diversity	3		Nursing 210	6	
Biology 265 Microbiology	3				
Biology 382 Nutrition	2				
NLN ADMISSIONS TEST					
THIRD YEAR Semester 5	13		THIRD YEAR Semester 6	13	
Nursing 302	3		Nursing 310	5	
Nursing 320	7		Nursing 340	5	
College Option: Any Writing 300 course - Writing 303 recommended	3		Nursing 301 (WI)	3	
FOURTH YEAR Semester 7	13		FOURTH YEAR Semester 8	14	
Nursing 314	3		Nursing 430	4.5	
Nursing 420	7		Nursing 415	4.5	
Nursing 406	3		Nursing 407 (WI)	3	
			Elective	3	
TOTAL CREDITS			120		

RN TO BS PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must meet York College Admission requirements <http://www.york.cuny.edu/admissions/transfer>
2. Students must have an official transcript sent to the York College Registrar office. The registrar's office will conduct an evaluation of credits that can be accepted for transfer to York College. Without a York College evaluated transcript of previous course work students cannot be evaluated by a nursing program advisor.
3. Students must bring a copy of the RN license and current NYS registration to the Nursing Program Office (Science Building, Room 110).
4. Students must complete each pre-requisite course with a minimum of a C grade to be considered for admission. For students admitted to York College beginning Fall 2013 Pathways General Education categories apply. Students admitted to York College prior to Fall 2013 can opt to follow previous General Education or Pathways model. UNDECL-BA (Undeclared - Liberal Arts).
5. ***When all pre-requisite courses have been completed the student is eligible to take:***

NURS 200*- CHALLENGE EXAM Professional Nursing Process	2 credits
NURS 203 - Health Assessment and Wellness Promotion	4 credits
6. An application for admission to the RN to BS program is submitted during Nursing 203. Candidates will be ranked based on the Nursing 200 exam score and the Nursing 203 course grade. Successful candidates will be notified by the Nursing Program regarding their admission status by June. A mandatory orientation is held in June. **Please note the nursing program is very competitive.**
7. A total of 30 transfer Nursing credits are granted to all New York State licensed Registered Nurses enrolled in the Nursing Major. Transfer credits are awarded for the following:

NURS 101 - Nursing Process and Pharmacology	2
NURS 310 - Nursing Care of the Child-bearing Client/Family System	5
NURS 320 - Deviation in Physiological Functioning I	7
NURS 340 - Nursing Care of Children	5
NURS 420 - Deviation in Physiological Functioning II	7
NURS 430 - Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing	5
Total Transfer Nursing Credits	31
8. **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Applies to all nursing students)
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 - c. International student with F1 status
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English Composition: English 125		3	English Composition: English 126		3
Math & Quant Reasoning: Math 111		4	World Cultures & Global Issues Course		3
Scientific World: Psychology 102		3	Chemistry 230 Organic Chemistry		3
Life & Physical Science: Chemistry 106 and 107* Pre-req: Math 104 or Math 120		5	Biology 234* Anatomy & Physiology I		4
Individual & Society: Philosophy Course recommended		3	Psychology 214 Lifespan Development		3
SECOND YEAR	Semester 3	13	SECOND YEAR	Semester 4	11
Biology 235 Anatomy & Physiology II		4	Biology 382 Nutrition		2
Creative Expression Course		3	Nursing 203		4
U.S. Experience in its Diversity		3	Nursing 200*		2
Biology 265 Microbiology		3	College Option: Spanish 101 or French 101		3
THIRD YEAR	Semester 5	31	THIRD YEAR	Semester 6	11
AAS Transfer Credit					
Nursing 101		2	Nursing 301		3
Nursing 310		5	College Option: Any Writing 300 course - Writing 303 recommended		3
Nursing 320		7	Biology 336 Pathophysiology		3
Nursing 340		5	Elective		2
Nursing 420		7			
Nursing 430		5			
FOURTH YEAR	Semester 7	11	FOURTH YEAR	Semester 8	9
Nursing 314		3	Nursing 405		3
Nursing 315		5	Nursing 406		3
Pathways Elective		3	Nursing 407 (WI)		3
TOTAL CREDITS		120			

EXCELSIOR AND CLEP COURSE CREDITS

Transfer course credits must have been earned at accredited institutions of higher learning. General education course credit may also be earned by satisfactory achievement on special examinations (i.e., Excelsior College, CLEP, and in-house examinations) subject to official evaluation by the York College Registrar's Office in consultation with the academic departments.

Candidates for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program must meet all prerequisite criteria before acceptance into the Program.

Credit by validation examination may be earned through: Excelsior College and the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Below is the list of courses that may be challenged:

EXCELSIOR COURSES

Biology 336 Pathophysiology
Biology 234 Anatomy & Physiology I
Biology 235 Anatomy & Physiology II
Biology 265 Clinical Microbiology
Psychology 214 Developmental Psychology

CLEP COURSES

Foreign Languages I & II
Sociology 101 Intro to Soc.
Psychology 101 Intro to Psych.

For additional information pertaining to these examinations contact:

Excelsior College (Regents College)
7 Columbia Circle
Albany, New York 11203
Telephone: (518) 464-8500

College Level Examination Program
(CLEP)
P.O. Box 6600
Princeton, NJ 08541-6600
Telephone: (800) 257-9558

PLEASE NOTE: Students will be granted **waiver, not course credit** for courses challenged through CLEP. Course credit will be granted for challenge examinations taken through Excelsior College.





COLLEGE COSTS

A York College education is extremely affordable.

Undergraduate

	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
Full-time	\$3,465 per semester	\$620 per credit
Part-time	\$305 per credit	\$620 per credit
Non-Degree	\$445 per credit	\$915 per credit

See the Schedule of Classes for current fees and tuition

We know that a college education costs more than just the tuition and fees. When we calculate your eligibility for financial aid we assign you a “Cost of Attendance Budget”. This budget includes your tuition and fees along with allowances for the cost of books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous personal expenses. There is a budget for students living with parents and a separate budget for those living away from parents. For the 2014-2015 academic year the budgets for full-time students are as follows:

Living with Parents

	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Books & Supplies	\$682.00	\$1,364.00
Transportation	\$527.00	\$1,054.00
Lunch	\$574.00	\$1,148.00
Personal Expenses	\$908.00	\$1,816.00
Room & Board	\$2,105.00	\$4,210.00
Total (including tuition & fees)	\$8,679.00	\$17,358.00

Living Away from Parents

	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Books & Supplies	\$682.00	\$1,364.00
Transportation	\$527.00	\$1,054.00
Housing	\$5,193.00	\$10,386.00
Lunch at School	\$574.00	\$1,148.00
Food at Home	\$1,067.50	\$2,135.00
Personal Expenses	\$2,104.00	\$4,208.00
Total (including tuition & fees)	\$14,030.50	\$28,060.00

FINANCIAL AID

The College provides information about tuition and fees, financial aid, payment and refund policies in the College Bulletin (<http://www.york.cuny.edu/produce-and-print/contents/bulletin/financial-aid>); on site in the Financial Services Office (AC-1M08); on the website (<http://www.york.cuny.edu/administrative/finaid>); and via phone (718-262-2230).

Federal assistance includes grants (ex. Pell, SEOG, ACG, SMART), work study, and Perkins Direct loans.

In order to continue to receive Title IV Federal Student Assistance, an undergraduate student must:

- Achieve at least 2.0 GPA required for Financial aid
- Accumulate credits equal to or greater than two-thirds the cumulative credits attempted, or accumulated credits equal to or greater than: ([75 percent of cumulative credits attempted]-18) and
- Attempt no more than 150% of the credits normally required for completion of the degree

Students are measured against the satisfactory academic progress standard at the end of the spring term to determine eligibility for receipt of Title IV financial assistance for the upcoming academic year. Additional information can be found at: <http://web.cuny.edu/admissions/financial-aid/info-resources/FinAidAwardGuide20092010.pdf>; and: <http://www.york.cuny.edu/administrative/finaid>; and: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>. The 2009, 2010, and 2011 audits will be available in the resource room.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q How do I apply to York College?

A You must first complete the transfer/admission process which is done through the CUNY website and the York College Admissions Office. Complete the on line application, pay the application fee and have all transcripts sent to York College. Once you have been accepted into York College you must go to the registrar's office to have your official transcript evaluated.

Q How do I apply to the Nursing Program?

A To be eligible to apply for the nursing program, one must be admitted to York College. A student must complete all required nursing pre-requisite courses and take the NLN Pre-admission exam at York College. Once all requirements are met, you will be invited to complete and submit an application through the nursing program webpage (<http://www.york.cuny.edu/nursing/nursing-application>). Decisions regarding admission are made in June.

Q How can I receive academic advisement?

A You must be a York College student to receive advisement, which is by appointment (718)-262-2054. Prior to scheduling an advisement appointment, all transcripts/transfer credits need to be evaluated by the registrar's office. **A copy of the evaluated transcript must be brought to the advisement appointment.**

Q What are the requirements for admission into the program?

A Students must complete all pre-requisite science and liberal arts courses required for the nursing major. A grade of "C" or better in all courses is required. A calculated GPA of 3.0 or better in the five key courses is used to rank the student along with the NLN PAX score. (See page 4).

Q When does the Program start?

A Students for admission into the nursing program are selected at the end of the spring semester and start the program the following fall semester.

Q Will the Nursing Program accept all my transfer credits?

A The final determination of transfer credit is made by the registrar transcript evaluator. The nursing program will accept credit for courses the transcript evaluator has accepted as transfer credit.

Q Can my work and volunteer experience be applied toward course credit?

A No.

Q If I fail a pre-requisite course, can I still be accepted into the program?

A Yes. However, you can only fail one pre-requisite course and repeat it. You must file a letter of appeal to the department of nursing appeals committee for permission to repeat the course. **PLEASE NOTE: The final grade for both courses will be averaged together. This appeal process can only be applied to a maximum of 2 pre-requisite courses.**

Q Can I take the NLN Pre-admission Exam at another college?
What score is required?

A No, the exam must be taken at York; students need a York College student ID to take the exam. The exam can only be repeated once. A score above the 50th percentile.

Q Does the Nursing Program offer internships?

A Not at this time.



Q How competitive is the program?

A There are a limited number of students that can be selected for admission into the nursing program. More students apply each year that can be accommodated.

Q How many students are accepted yearly?

A Approximately 25–30 students are accepted for the Generic program and 25–30 are accepted in the RN-BS program.

Q Do I have to be a student at York to apply to the program?

A Yes.

Q When can I submit an application to the Nursing Program?

A Applications for the nursing program are accepted in the Spring semester. See the nursing website for specific dates. The deadline for submission of the application is the end of the Spring Semester.

Q When will I be notified of acceptance into the program?

A Notification of acceptance occurs at the end of the Spring semester

Q Can I attend the program part time?

A Not at this time.

Q What is the tuition cost for the Nursing Program?

A The tuition cost for the nursing program is the same as the cost of tuition to attend York College. Contact the Bursar Office for details.

Q Can I receive financial aid?

A Yes. Visit the Financial Aid Office for details.





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York College is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action institution in its educational programs and personnel principles. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, alien status or citizenship, veteran or marital status, or status as a victim of domestic violence in its student admissions, employment, access to programs, and administration of educational policies. The College follows the laws and mandates of the Federal Government as articulated by Executive Order #11246, and as amended by the Chancellor of The City University of New York on 12/9/76, to include Italian Americans



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