

**Jones County Junior College**  
**Division of Associate Degree Nursing**  
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The Jones County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway-33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York City, NY 10006, 1-800-669-1656 ext. 153, and the Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning, Board of Trustees (IHL). This program consists of nursing and non-nursing courses granting college credit. The program of study qualifies the graduate to be eligible to apply for the National Council Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) ®. Graduates are prepared to render competent nursing care in a variety of health care settings. The Associate in Arts degree with a major in nursing requires courses in biological and social sciences, the humanities, as well as in nursing.

Nursing courses are limited to nursing majors. Teaching methods include lecture, demonstration, discussion, projects, and multi-media materials. Off-campus labs are held in various community health care agencies to provide experiences selected by the faculty that develop the understandings and skills taught in the theory classes. Students are responsible for their own transportation for clinical learning experiences.

Non-nursing classes are held on campus along with other college majors. Non-nursing courses may be taken prior to admission into the Nursing Program but do **not** have to be completed prior to applying to the program.

In addition to regular college tuition and fees, Associate Degree Nursing students will have costs for program wide testing, uniforms, books, physical exam, two step Tuberculosis skin testing, CPR certification for the Healthcare Provider, immunizations, and membership in pre-professional student nurse organizations (MASN/MOSA).

Note: The Mississippi Board of Nursing may, at its discretion, refuse to accept the application for licensure of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now amended, or any provision of this chapter.

#### Admission Requirements

1. Have a completed admission application on file in the Jones County Junior College Admissions and Records Office and meet the admission requirements at Jones County Junior College.
2. Present evidence of graduation from an accredited high school or satisfactory achievement on the General Education Development Test (GED).
3. Have a minimum composite score of 18 or equivalent, on the ACT.
4. Have a completed application for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program submitted prior to the established deadline.
5. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on all previous college work.
6. Submit official transcripts on all previous college work. Attach a copy of each college transcript to the application for admission to the nursing program.
7. \* After acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the following are required:

- Physical examination.
  - Two Step Tuberculosis skin test or follow-up by the State Board of Health.
  - Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification; Healthcare Provider
  - Mississippi State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Compliance.
  - Hepatitis B Immunization series of three injections or signed declination.
  - Completion of an orientation session.
8. Clear background check (no felony). Students whose background check reveals a crime unacceptable by a clinical sight may be ineligible to enroll.

\*Note: Dates, forms, and instructions for items seven and eight will be given to the students selected for the Associate Degree Nursing Program during an appointed time for orientation.

#### Application Procedure

Applications for the Associate Degree Nursing Program may be obtained from the Chair's office, Jones County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing website, or by writing Chair, Associate Degree Nursing Program, Jones County Junior College, 900 South Court Street, Ellisville, MS 39437. Applications will be accepted from the start of classes in January through March 1 for the fall class and from start of classes in August through October 1 for the spring class. Applications are evaluated on a competitive basis. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 1 or October 1. Applicants not selected for the class must reapply to be considered for the next class and will be awarded points toward admission for having applied the previous application period.

#### Admissions Procedure

Selections for the Nursing Program are made by the Associate Degree Nursing Admissions Committee using a point system based upon objective data including cumulative GPA, core courses completed, ACT score, and other factors (previous application period's alternate list, L.P.N. status, in-district residency, selected health care experience, and current or previous JCJC students). Science courses are given a higher point value than other core courses in the Associate Degree Nursing curriculum. A grade of C or better is required in all of the core courses. Candidates chosen for the fall and spring classes will be notified by letter. All applicants are ranked according to the total points. In case of tie, the applicant with the highest combination of points from the GPA and ACT will be considered. If there is still a tie, the in-district applicant is given priority and further ties will be broken by a random drawing.

#### Alternate List

All qualified applicants not selected will be placed on the alternate list. In the event of a vacancy in the class, the alternate list will be used to fill this space. Alternates must reapply and resubmit all required information to be considered for the next class.

#### Readmissions

1. A student may repeat a nursing course only one time, and may be readmitted to the program a maximum of two times.
2. Each readmission applicant must meet all admission requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
3. Each applicant must have a completed application for readmission on file in the Associate Degree Nursing office by mid-term prior to semester re-entering.
4. All applicants will be considered by the AD Nursing Admissions Committee and recommendations will be made individually on each applicant.

#### Promotion Policies

All students enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing Program must achieve the minimum grade of "C" and perform satisfactorily in the clinical component in each nursing course in order to progress to the following sequenced nursing course. An overall average of "C" in all other college courses attempted is required for promotion as well as graduation. A student must have completed or be enrolled in all pre- or co-requisite courses to remain in the nursing course and progress to the next nursing course.

#### Courses

The Associate Degree Nursing core courses (\*) which may be taken prior to admission are listed below. Completion of these courses does not guarantee admission to the program. See the course descriptions for prerequisites and sequence of courses.

The JCJC Associate Degree Nursing Program consists of nursing and non-nursing courses granting college credit. The program of study qualifies the graduate to be eligible for the licensure examination to become a registered nurse (NCLEX – RN). Graduates are prepared to render competent patient –centered nursing care in a variety of health care settings.

Admission to the AD Nursing program requires a separate application in addition to admission to the college. Selections to the Associate Degree Nursing Program are made based on a competitive selection process. **Non-nursing courses may be taken prior to admission to the Nursing Program.** The student may apply to the program during the application periods regardless of how many courses have been taken. **Nursing courses are limited to students who have been accepted into the program.**

Students should take the CORE requirements for the ADN program shown below before scheduling other, non-nursing electives.

<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>				<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>			
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			credit	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			credit
			hours				hours
<b>Orientation (2 hours)</b>							
LLS	1312	Orientation+	2				
<b>Nursing Course (9 hours)</b>				<b>Nursing Course (9 hours)</b>			
NUR	1119	Adult Nursing I(* deleted)	9	NUR	1129	Adult Nursing II (* deleted)	9
<b>Social Science (3 hours)</b>				<b>Social Science (3 hours)</b>			
PSY	1513	General Psychology*	3	EPY	2533	Human Growth and Development*	3
<b>Other (3 HRS)</b>				<b>English Composition (3 hours)</b>			
FCS	1253	Nutrition*	3	ENG	1113	English Composition I*	3
<b>Laboratory Science (4 hours)</b>				<b>Laboratory Science (4 hours)</b>			
BIO	2514	Anatomy and Physiology*	4	BIO	2524	Anatomy and Physiology II*	4
				<b>SUMMER TERM</b>			
NUR	2113	Mental Health Nursing (*deleted)	3				
				<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR</b>			
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>				<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			
<b>Nursing Course (9 hours)</b>				<b>Nursing Course (9 hours)</b>			
NUR	2129	Maternal – Child Nursing (*deleted)	9	NUR	2139	Complex Nursing (*deleted)	9
<b>Laboratory Science (4 hours)</b>				<b>Math (3 hours)</b>			
BIO	2924	Microbiology*	4	MAT	1313	College Algebra*	3
<b>English Composition (3 hours)</b>				<b>Public Speaking (3 hours)</b>			
ENG	1123	English Composition II*	3	SPT	1113	Public Speaking*	3

+ Completion of LLS 1312 is a JCJC graduation requirement but is not considered as hours within the nursing curriculum.

\* Pre and Co-requisites must be met for nursing course enrollment and progression.

**LPN to RN Options:**

Jones County Junior College offers two options for the LPN to RN: the Challenge (Advanced Placement) process and the Fast-Track.

Challenge process (Advanced Placement) of the first two courses in the ADN Program:

Licensed Practical Nurses choosing the Challenge process should:

- I. Apply for admission for the Challenge option
  - a. Meet admission requirements for the Jones County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program and submit all college transcripts.
  - b. Hold an unencumbered current license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Mississippi.
  - c. Have a minimum of one year clinical work experience within the last four years.
  - d. Apply for the Challenge process by March 1 for the fall classes and by October 1 prior to the beginning of the semester of NUR 1119 (Adult Nursing I).
  - e. Pursuant to Mississippi statute 43-11-13, health care workers must have a criminal background check. If any felonies or disqualifying events are discovered, participation in clinical will be prohibited.
  
- II. NUR 1119 Challenge
  - a. Have completed or be currently enrolled in BIO 2514 and FCS 1253. We recommend that challengers have completed or are enrolled in PSY 1513, and ENG 1113 at the time of challenge.
  - b. Take a mid-term and final exam and achieve a minimum average of 75 percent. Each exam will be taken at the time designated for all students at mid-term and end of semester.
  - c. Perform satisfactorily on a clinical skills return demonstration.
  - d. Achieve at least 80 percent on a math proficiency test for calculating drug dosages.
  - e. At the completion of this process, the student may challenge NUR 1129, or enroll in NUR 1129 as space is available.
  
- III. NUR 1129 Challenge
  - a. Have successfully challenged NUR 1119.
  - b. Have completed or are currently enrolled in BIO 2524 and EPY 2533. We recommend that challengers have completed or are currently enrolled in ENG 1123 and 1313 at the time of challenge.
  - c. Take a mid-term and final exam and achieve a minimum average of 75 percent. Each exam will be taken at the time designated for all students at mid-term and end of semester.
  - d. Perform satisfactorily on a clinical skills return demonstration.
  - e. At the completion of this process, the student may enroll in the next nursing course in progression (NUR 2113 or NUR 2129) as space is available.

NOTE: Prior to enrolling in NUR 2113, the prerequisites must be completed: NUR 1119 challenge and NUR 1129 challenge, BIO 2514 and BIO 2524, EPY 2533, FCS 1253, PSY 1513.

Fast-track LPN to RN Option:

- I. Apply for admission to the Fast-track option:
  - a. Meet admission requirements for Jones County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program and submit all college transcripts.
  - b. Hold an unencumbered current license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Mississippi and have at least one year experience as an LPN within the past 5 years in an acute or long-term care setting.
  - c. Have current IV certification as recognized by the Mississippi State Board of Nursing
  - d. Obtain a minimum score of 75% on the National League for Nursing Accelerated Challenge Examination (NLN-ACE). If admitted, this will provide validation for 15 semester hours credit to be granted at the end of the program of study.

- e. Pursuant to Mississippi statute 43-11-13, health care workers must have a criminal background check. If any felonies or disqualifying events are discovered, participation in clinical will be prohibited.
  - f. Apply for the Fast-track by March 1.
- II. Criteria for completion:
- a. Successful completion of NUR 2416, NUR 2429, NUR 2439 and the core courses of the Jones County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum.
  - b. 15 semester hours credit by validation to be granted at the end of the program of study based on the results of the NLN-ACE I and II (National League for Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exams).