

## *Nursing Technology*

# **Associate Degree Nursing - AP**

*Associate Degree Nursing - Advanced Placement is designed for Licensed Practical Nurses who seek to further their education and to advance in the profession. The program recognizes knowledge obtained from previous practical nursing education programs. All students must demonstrate readiness for Associate Degree Nursing (RN) by successfully completing the NLN Pre-Examination RN. The program builds on the practical nursing foundation by broadening theoretical knowledge, enhancing nursing skills, and increasing critical thinking to coincide with role change responsibilities at the Associate Degree Nursing level.*

### **What You'll Learn...**

- Health care related to wellness and the major diseases and disorders of children and adults
- Using a holistic approach to meet a client's health care needs in community settings and acute care facilities
- Nursing skills required of registered nurses in a variety of settings
- Professional, ethical, and legal responsibilities of the Associate Degree Nurse

### **What You'll Earn...**

- Nursing credentials and experience needed to advance in the nursing profession
- A competitive salary with good opportunities for advancement
- Employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings including acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health care, and physicians' offices
- The Delaware Tech reputation sought by employers

### **Why You'll Succeed...**

- Graduates from the Terry Campus Associate Degree program have a high pass rate on the NCLEX Registered Nurse licensing examination
- Associate Degree Nurses (R.N.s) are essential members of the health care team
- Graduates may continue their education toward advanced nursing degrees

# Associate Degree Nursing - Advanced Placement

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing- Advanced Placement program requires the applicant to have a current LPN license in Delaware or a compact state. The student must complete prerequisite course work and demonstrate readiness for Associate Degree Nursing by completion of the NLN-Pre-Examination for the RN. Admission into the clinical nursing courses is dependent on successful NLN examination scores or a 2.5 or better grade point average in Anatomy and Physiology I and II. You may request transfer credit for college level courses previously taken at other colleges/universities.

Delaware Tech operates on a 16 week semester format in the fall and spring with summer terms beginning at the end of May and in mid-June. You can start taking related courses any semester or summer term; however all nursing courses are offered sequentially and open only to those selected for the clinical portion of the program. Nursing advisors are available to help you schedule courses and to plan your program of study. Obtain the Delaware Technical and Community College Terry Campus Handbook for the Associate Degree Nursing Program handbook from the admissions office for complete eligibility and application information.

## Required Technical Courses

**Transition: Professional Nursing** assesses and provides theoretical and clinical knowledge, as well as curriculum awareness for the transitioning Licensed Practical Nurse into the Associate Degree Nursing Program with an emphasis placed on establishing a baseline of knowledge and clinical competency that assists the returning student in his or her goal to be a professional nurse.

**Nursing Care of Adults IV** examines the role of the professional nurse as a provider of care, manager of care and member within the discipline of nursing. An emphasis is placed on advanced theoretical knowledge required for clinical competence in caring for acute and chronically ill adult clients.

**Nursing Care of Adults V** interprets the role of the professional nurse as a provider of care, manager of care and member within the discipline of nursing. Emphasis is on advanced theoretical knowledge required for clinical competence while caring for acutely ill adult clients.

**Community Mental Health Nursing** interprets the role of the professional nurse as a provider of care, manager of care and member within the discipline of nursing in the community

mental health setting. Emphasis is placed on advanced theoretical knowledge required for clinical competence when caring for the client with alterations in mental health.

**Maternal/Newborn Nursing II** examines the role of the professional nurse as a provider of care, manager of care and member within the discipline of nursing in the maternal/newborn setting. Emphasis is placed on advanced theoretical knowledge required for clinical competence when caring for childbearing families and women across the reproductive life span.

**Nursing Care of Children II** interprets the role of the professional nurse as a provider of care, manager of care and member within the discipline of nursing in pediatric settings with an emphasis placed on advanced theoretical knowledge required for clinical competence when caring for children and their families.

**Nursing Perspectives II** enables assessment of the role of the professional nurse as it relates to the legal and ethical standards of nursing practice. With an emphasis placed on the development of leadership and management skills as a member of a multidisciplinary team.

## Related Courses

Anatomy & Physiology I & II

Composition

Technical Writing & Communication

Human Development

Applied Clinical Mathematics

Sociology

Critical Reading & Thinking

Introduction to Microbiology

Basic Chemistry

## Getting Started

1. Obtain an application by calling (302) 857-1020. Complete and return to Terry Campus with a \$10 application fee.
2. Take the College Placement Test (CPT) *unless college-level math, reading, and English courses have been completed with a "C" grade or better.* The CPT will determine appropriate placement and is scheduled by the Admissions Office.
3. Request that high school and college transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office.
4. Meet with a Delaware Tech counselor to discuss CPT results.
5. Meet with advisor to plan schedule.
6. Apply and register early for the best selection of courses.

❖ The Associate Degree Nursing Program at the Terry Campus is approved by the Delaware Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Information about the program is available from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway- 33rd floor, New York, NY 10006, 212-363-5555