

NURSING

Associate in Nursing Degree

Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate

The Nursing program at DACC affords students the opportunity to become a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse and members of a respected and rewarding profession by offering classroom and clinical education courses in nursing. Nursing is a dynamic and exciting discipline offering the rewarding experiences of helping others achieve their health care goals by providing professional nursing care, patient teaching, effective communication, and management of patient care.

Upon acceptance into the nursing program, and successful completion of all prerequisite and nursing courses, the new graduate will be prepared as an entry-level generalist in Licensed Practical Nursing or Registered Nursing. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN licensure exams and become licensed Practical Nurses or Registered Nurses anywhere in the United States. Students should note, however, that program completion does not in and of itself guarantee licensure, which is a function of the various state boards of nursing, nor does it guarantee employment.

The DACC nursing program philosophy embraces the concepts of caring, health, and wellness. Faculty assist adult learners with achievement of their maximum educational potential through exposure to a variety of teaching and evaluation methods. Special emphasis is placed upon the nursing process, critical-thinking, clinical judgment, evidence-based practice, patient-centered care, teamwork and collaboration, safety, professionalism, nursing informatics, and the evolving teaching-learning process.

Accreditation/Approval ¹

The DACC Nursing program is approved for operation by the New Mexico Board of Nursing. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Board directly:

New Mexico Board of Nursing
6301 Indian School Road NE, Suite 710
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Phone: (505) 841-8340

¹ Please refer to the DACC Nursing program website for more information regarding the accreditation and/or approval status of the Nursing program.

Categories of Essential Functions

In order to participate in the Nursing Program, the student must be capable of performing the following:

Observation

- Visually discriminate incremental readings on various medical equipment
- Visually discriminate between different colored objects
- Discriminate between various auditory stimuli

Communication

- Communicate effectively in English using verbal, nonverbal and written formats
- Read and interpret the English language without assistance
- Communicate effectively via electronic means, including computers and "smart" devices

Motor

- Stand for long periods of time
- Lift 50 pounds
- Perform patient care procedures with manual dexterity

Intellectual

- Collect, interpret, and integrate information

Special Admission Criteria

As a professional educational program, the Nursing Program is a limited-entry program. To be considered for admission, students are required to successfully complete:

1. all prerequisites,
2. the designated entrance exam, and
3. submit all materials required for the student selection process (complete application package).

Information on requirements, transfers, and deadlines for applications are available on the Nursing program website, or by calling (575) 527-7735 or 575-874-7786

Prior to the first day of classes, each student must submit documentation of the following: current immunizations, TB test, American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Providers, background clearance for Healthcare Providers and drug screening. Additional information regarding specific requirements is available from the Nursing Program office.

Nursing Program Prerequisites

Prior to applying to the Nursing Program, students must be admitted to DACC. Students are also responsible for understanding all of the information in the related-requirement science courses of Anatomy and Physiology I and II, regardless of when these courses were taken. In the event that they were taken more than seven years prior to admission to the Nursing program, these courses must be repeated for credit.

Security Background Check

Prospective students are required to complete and pass a security background check in order to take clinical courses. Past criminal violations may prevent a student from completing the degree and gaining a nursing license or employment in the field.

Requirements to Remain in the Nursing Program

In order to remain in the program, students must receive a C or better in each technical course attempted.

Course Fees

In addition to tuition, a fee of \$250 is charged for each of the following courses:

Prefix	Title	Credits
NURS 136	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
NURS 147	Adult Health I	6
NURS 201	Special Topics	3
NURS 226	Adult Health II	4