



## NURSING — Entry Level Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and LPN to RN Completion programs are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing. For information about Michigan requirements for eligibility for nurse licensure visit [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600\\_72603\\_27529\\_27542--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27542--,00.html).

Upon successful completion of all Nursing coursework, the graduate will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).

Employment opportunities include acute care hospitals, long term acute care and extended care facilities, clinics, offices, home health and ambulatory care. Graduates may transfer credits toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at many colleges and universities. Academic counselors will assist students with transfer information.

**Applications are accepted during the first two weeks of April each year for the following fall program, and during the last two weeks of October each year for the following winter program. The college has implemented ranking criteria for entry into the nursing program.**

Visit [https://www.kvcc.edu/programs/health\\_careers/nr1.php](https://www.kvcc.edu/programs/health_careers/nr1.php) for additional information.

### Getting Started

1. If you are a:
  - a. New student - first submit a free, general application online to Kalamazoo Valley Community College at [kvcc.edu/apply](http://kvcc.edu/apply) and select "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing" (NR1) as your program choice.
  - b. Current Valley student - if needed, have your program code updated by contacting an academic counselor. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required if you've taken courses at Kalamazoo Valley before.
2. Provide the Admissions, Registration & Records Office with all official college transcripts, if applicable. Be sure to verify their arrival and that you are awarded the required credit to meet prerequisites.
3. Schedule an appointment with an academic counselor or advisor by calling 269.488.4040 to develop a course plan. This is a critical step to complete early in your admission process. Kalamazoo Valley counselors must determine equivalency for non-Kalamazoo Valley courses.
4. Complete the following prerequisite requirements by:
  - a. Taking and completing Kalamazoo Valley courses successfully (grades of 2.0 or higher), and/or
  - b. Using transfer credit from other colleges when equivalent to the courses listed below.
  - c. BIO, CHM, HCR and MATH prerequisite courses must be completed within 7 years of the application deadline.
  - d. Exceptions to rules can only be determined by the Program Director in consultation with the Dean.

### Recommended Full-Time Course Sequence for Required Prerequisite Courses:

#### Semester 1

**BIO 115** (Human Anatomy & Physiology I – 4 credits/6 contact hrs)  
**CHM 115** (Health Careers Chemistry – 4 credits/6 contact hours)  
**ENG 110** (College Writing I – 3 credits/contact hours)  
**HCR 116** (Medical Terminology – 1 credit/contact hour)

**Total Credit/Contact Hours for Semester 1:**

12 credits / 16 contact hours

#### Semester 2

**BIO 215** (Human Anatomy & Physiology II – 4 credits/6 contact hrs)  
**BIO 130** (Micro & Infectious Disease – 4 credits/6 contact hrs)  
**MATH 100\*** (Health Careers Math – 1 credit/contact hr)

\*NO substitutions for Math 100 credit are acceptable

**PSY 150** (Introductory Psychology – 3 credits/contact hrs)

**Total Credit/Contact Hours for Semester 2:**

12 credits / 16 contact hrs

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Applying to the Program

- The online application will be available each year April 1-15 for entrance into the Fall (September) program, and again October 15-31 for the following Winter (January) program.
- Applications can be completed and submitted online during the appropriate time frames here: [https://p2.kvcc.edu/utilities/health\\_careers/](https://p2.kvcc.edu/utilities/health_careers/)
- Students must have successfully completed all prerequisites with grades of 2.0 or higher by the end of the winter semester (typically end of April) to be eligible to apply in April, and by the end of the first 7 weeks of fall (end of October) to be eligible to apply in October.

### Acceptance

- For the fall (September) program, admissions decisions will typically be sent to your Kalamazoo Valley email address by June 15.
- For the winter (January) program, admissions decisions will typically be sent to your Kalamazoo Valley email address by December 1.
- The Michigan Board of Nursing allows us to accept a maximum of 40 students from each application period.
- The Nursing Department received 98 applications for the Fall 2023 program and 65 applications for the Winter 23 program. Application numbers vary for each application period.
- Kalamazoo Valley's Nursing program does not use a waiting list. Applicants who are not admitted must reapply.

### Kalamazoo Valley's Alternate List

- After the top 40 applicants have been determined, the next 10 highest applicants are designated as alternates in case an admitted student declines their seat. It is not uncommon for this to happen.
- Alternates who are not admitted into the program from the alternate list must reapply and will not receive preferential ranking in the next cycle.

### Ranking of Applicants

The college implemented a holistic admission system for entry into nursing programs beginning with the Summer 2022 application. The revised admission system was developed to establish a more equitable process so admitted students will have the best chance of success in their health career program.

- Please see "Holistic Admission" for details.

## Proof of Healthcare License or Non-Credit Training for Points

If you are interested in potentially earning admission points for healthcare experience, please be sure to submit all supporting documentation with your application. (Applicants can only receive points in one of these categories). Examples of supporting documentation include: a copy of your current healthcare license or credential, a copy of your transcript or diploma for degree(s) received, or a letter from your employer specifically detailing skills acquired through on-the-job training, current job tasks, etc. for PCA/CNA (non-credit) training.

- Please note that personal essays or letters of recommendation from employers, family, friends, colleagues cannot be factored into the admission score whatsoever.

## Associate or Bachelor Degree Points

- Students must have a current license/credential in a healthcare occupation that requires an Associate or Bachelor Degree to obtain the license/credential. Examples include: licensed respiratory therapist, dental hygienist, paramedic, registered dietician, etc.

## Admission Scores

- The lowest Admission Score accepted into the Fall 2023 Nursing program was 63 and into the Winter 2023 program was 53. Please note that the competitiveness of each application period varies based on the number and quality of applications received.

## Nursing Information Workshops

- We highly recommend that you attend one of our Nursing Information Workshops. These are free and open to all prospective students.
- Please see the "Nursing Information Workshops" schedule for details.

## After Acceptance

- You will have received an acceptance packet full of important information. Please read this packet thoroughly and pay attention to all deadlines.
- Several items will be due prior to the start of class. Examples include, but are not limited to: current American Heart Association "BLS Provider" level CPR certification, specific immunization and health physical documentation, and payment for the Live Scan criminal background check and drug screen.
  - » Please note that the Live Scan criminal background check and drug screen will both be done ON CAMPUS after you have been accepted into the program. Further details will be given at that time. The corresponding forms in the application packet must be filled out and signed at the time of application as acknowledgment that these items will be successfully completed if accepted.

## Working While Enrolled

- We strongly recommend that students work as few hours as possible for the most successful outcome. This is considered a full-time program and is rigorous and time consuming.

## Nursing Class Schedule

- The nursing program has implemented a block schedule system to help students consolidate the days required for class. Schedules will vary by semester.

## Nursing Program Outline

This program is not available on a part-time basis. Nursing courses are not offered during the summer semester.

### Semester 1

NURS 100	Introduction to Nursing Practice	(Theory)	4 credits/4 contact hours
NURS 102	Introduction to Clinical Nursing Practice	(Lab/Clinic)	4 credits/12 contact hours
NURS 104	Introduction to Psychosocial Nursing	(Theory)	1 credit/1 contact hour
NURS 105	Introduction to Pharmacotherapeutics	(Theory)	1 credit/1 contact hour

**TOTAL: 10 credits/18 contact hours**

### Semester 2

NURS 165	Adult Nursing I	(Theory)	4 credits/4 contact hours
NURS 166	Applied Adult Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	4 credits/12 contact hours
NURS 167	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics I	(Theory)	2 credits/2.5 contact hours

**TOTAL: 10 credits/18.5 contact hours**

### Semester 3

NURS 222	Obstetrical Nursing	(Theory)	2 credits/2 contact hours
NURS 224	Integrated Obstetrical Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	1.5 credits/4.5 contact hours
NURS 236	Pediatric Nursing	(Theory)	2 credits/2 contact hours
NURS 237	Integrated Pediatric Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	1.5 credits/4.5 contact hours
NURS 245	Adult Nursing II	(Theory)	3 credits/3 contact hours
NURS 247	Integrated Adult Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	3 credits/9 contact hours

**TOTAL: 13 credits/25 contact hours**

### Semester 4

NURS 248	Adult Nursing III	(Theory)	3 credits/3 contact hours
NURS 249	Management of Adult Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	3 credits/9 contact hours
NURS 252	Psychosocial Nursing II	(Theory)	2 credits/2 contact hours
NURS 253	Integrated Psychosocial Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	1.5 credits/4.5 contact hours
NURS 267	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics II	(Lab/Clinic)	1 credit/1.5 contact hours
NURS 270	Clinical Decision Making	(Theory)	1 credits/1 contact hours

**TOTAL: 11.5 credits/21 contact hours**

**GRAND TOTAL: 68.5 credits/114.5 contact**

(Grand total includes prerequisite courses)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
Nursing Program - Entry Level  
APPROXIMATE COST OF NURSING EDUCATION: FALL 2023/WINTER 2024

	<u>In District</u>	<u>Out of District</u>	<u>Out of State</u>	<u>International</u>
<b>Tuition Rates (per contact hour)</b>	<b>\$124.00</b>	<b>\$214.00</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>	<b>\$323.00</b>
<b>Student fees/semester</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>
<b>Prerequisites</b>				
Tuition (32 contact hours)	\$3,968.00	\$6,848.00	\$9,120.00	\$10,336.00
Student fees (2 semesters)	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00
Books (approximate)	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
	<b>\$5,144.00</b>	<b>\$8,024.00</b>	<b>\$10,296.00</b>	<b>\$11,512.00</b>
<b>Semester 1 Courses</b>				
Tuition (18 contact hours)	\$2,232.00	\$3,852.00	\$5,130.00	\$5,814.00
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Books (approximate)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Uniform (approximate)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Clinical Compliance (approximate)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	<b>\$4,395.00</b>	<b>\$6,015.00</b>	<b>\$7,293.00</b>	<b>\$7,977.00</b>
<b>Semester 2 Courses</b>				
Tuition (18.5 contact hours)	\$2,294.00	\$3,959.00	\$5,272.50	\$5,975.50
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
Books (approximate)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	<b>\$3,257.00</b>	<b>\$4,922.00</b>	<b>\$6,235.50</b>	<b>\$6,938.50</b>
<b>Semester 3 Courses</b>				
Tuition (25 contact hours)	\$3,100.00	\$5,350.00	\$7,125.00	\$8,075.00
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Clinical Compliance (approximate)	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	<b>\$3,523.00</b>	<b>\$5,773.00</b>	<b>\$7,548.00</b>	<b>\$8,498.00</b>
<b>Semester 4 Courses</b>				
Tuition (21 contact hours)	\$2,604.00	\$4,494.00	\$5,985.00	\$6,783.00
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Licensing	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
	<b>\$3,517.00</b>	<b>\$5,407.00</b>	<b>\$6,898.00</b>	<b>\$7,696.00</b>
<b>Program Totals</b>				
Prerequisites	\$5,144.00	\$8,024.00	\$10,296.00	\$11,512.00
Semester 1	\$4,395.00	\$6,015.00	\$7,293.00	\$7,977.00
Semester 2	\$3,257.00	\$4,922.00	\$6,235.50	\$6,938.50
Semester 3	\$3,523.00	\$5,773.00	\$7,548.00	\$8,498.00
Semester 4	\$3,517.00	\$5,407.00	\$6,898.00	\$7,696.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,836.00</b>	<b>\$30,141.00</b>	<b>\$38,270.50</b>	<b>\$42,621.50</b>

## Nursing Applicant Checklist

### Steps for Eligibility

- 1. New Student: General application to Kalamazoo Valley ([www.kvcc.edu/apply](http://www.kvcc.edu/apply)) with program selection of "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing" (NR1).
- 2. Current Valley Student: Program code changed to "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing" (NR1), if needed.
- 3. Transferring credit toward a degree at Kalamazoo Valley: forward official, unopened college transcripts for evaluation to Degree Auditor, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, PO Box 4070, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070. Verify their arrival at the Admissions, Registration & Records Office (Phone: 269.488.4281).
- 4. Verify that all transfer courses meet the prerequisites. Note: Math 100 cannot be substituted with any higher level Math courses.
- 5. Schedule an appointment with an academic counselor or advisor (Phone: 269.488.4040).

### Nursing Application Requirements

- 1. ALL prerequisite courses successfully completed, or will be by the end of the Winter semester for the April application or by the end of the first 7 weeks of Fall for the October application.
- 2. Apply online at [https://p2.kvcc.edu/utilities/health\\_careers/](https://p2.kvcc.edu/utilities/health_careers/) during the appropriate application period. Answer the four Short Answer Questions about experiences and attributes.
- 3. Upload supporting documentation with the application for points in category Healthcare Experience.

### Other Requirements

- 1. An acceptable Live Scan fingerprinting (criminal background check) will be required at a later date. Further information regarding the on-campus Live Scan will be given to you upon acceptance into the program.
- 2. A negative drug screen will be required each year. Further information regarding the on-campus drug screening will be given to you upon acceptance into the program.
- 3. Immunization/health form/clinical compliance items will be due upon acceptance. For details please see "Immunization & Physical Requirements".

## Prerequisite GPA Calculator Worksheet

PREREQUISITE COURSE	A	B	C
	Credit Hours or GPA Hours	Numeric Grade Example 4.0	Quality Points (A x B = C)
<b>BIO 115</b> Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
<b>CHEM 115</b> Health Careers Chemistry	4		
<b>ENG 110</b> College Writing I	3		
<b>HCR 116</b> Medical Terminology	1		
<b>BIO 215</b> Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
<b>BIO 130</b> Micro & Infectious Diseases	4		
<b>MATH 100</b> Health Careers Math	1		
<b>PSY 150</b> Introductory Psychology	3		
<b>TOTALS</b>	24		

Prerequisite GPA = 
$$\frac{\text{Total from Column C (Total Quality Points)}}{\text{Total from Column A (Total Credit Hours)}}$$

Prerequisite GPA = \_\_\_\_\_ =  

Note: This worksheet is for student's use only and does not need to be submitted with the application.

## What is a Holistic Admission?

Holistic review, when used in combination with a variety of other mission-based practices, constitutes a “holistic admission” process.

### Four Core Principles

1. Selection criteria are broad-based, are **clearly linked to school mission and goals**, and promote diversity as an essential element to achieving institutional excellence
2. A balance of applicant **experiences, attributes, and academic metrics (E-A-M)** is used equitably across the entire candidate pool (with supporting evidence)
3. Those who participate in the admissions process give **individualized** consideration to how each applicant may contribute to the school’s learning environment and to the profession
4. Race and ethnicity may be considered as factors when making admission-related decisions only when such consideration is narrowly tailored to achieve mission-related educational interests and goals **associated with student diversity**, and when considered as part of a broader mix of factors, which may include personal attributes, experiential factors, demographics, or other considerations

### Our values

#### Caring and Respect

- Foster a safe, dynamic learning environment
- Demonstrate positive regard for self and others
- Give and receive praise graciously
- Honor civility, service, collegiality, and social justice

#### Integrity

- Do the right things for the right reasons
- Ensure interactions are driven by our vision, mission and values
- Be responsible, accountable and ethical

#### Excellence and Quality

- Embrace change as an opportunity
- Pursue excellence and innovation
- Values learning and develop an environment of intellectual inquiry
- Share new ideas and expand the boundaries of knowledge

#### Humor and Well-Being

(Too much fun is just enough at Kalamazoo Valley)

- Nurture creativity, humor, and enjoyment of work and learning
- Promote a healthy environment for mind, body and spirit

#### Teamwork and Stewardship

- Work together to achieve our vision, mission and goals
- Commit to finding solutions



## Mission Statement:

**Kalamazoo Valley Community College creates innovative and equitable opportunities that empower all to learn, grow and thrive.**

## Holistic Admission Outcomes

- Promote nursing education to be more accessible
- Increase diversity of student body
- Maintain/increase NCLEX first-time board rates
- Adhere to ACEN 2023 Standards associated with equity
- Address needs of Community Health Needs Assessment
- Respond to mission, vision and goals of Kalamazoo Valley and key stakeholders
- Catalyst for change of other health career program admissions practices

## Holistic Admission Overview (100 pts max)

- **Metrics (M) – 50%**  
Prerequisite GPA (up to 50 pts with sliding scale)
- **Experiences (E)/Attributes (A) – 40%**  
10 pts per response with 4 responses
- **Healthcare Experience – 5%**  
5 pts max
- **Additional Criteria – 5%**  
5 pts max

## Prerequisite GPA (50 pts max)

Prerequisite GPA	Ranking Points
4.00	50
3.99 – 3.70	45
3.69 – 3.50	40
3.49 – 3.30	35
3.29 – 3.00	30
2.99 – 2.75	25
2.74 – 2.50	20
2.49 – 2.25	15
2.24 – 2.00	10

## Experience and Attributes (40 pts max)

### Life Experiences

College Values: [Excellence and Quality](#) (up to 10 pts)

Short Answer Question (100 words max): Explain why you want to pursue a career in nursing? Please describe what life experiences have inspired or influenced your interest.

### Values and Beliefs

College Values: [Humor/Wellbeing, Caring and Respect](#) (up to 10 pts)

Short Answer Question (100 words max): Describe which personal qualities you possess that make you suitable for a career in nursing? Please provide examples.

### Integrity

College Values: [Integrity](#) (up to 10 pts)

Short Answer Question (100 words max): Please provide an example of barrier or mistake you have experienced. How did you deal with it and what did you learn from it?

### Perspectives/ Leadership

College Values: [Teamwork and Stewardship](#) (up to 10 pts):

Short Answer Question (100 words max): Please describe a personal experience working with or within a diverse team. Explain what went well and what didn't. What did you learn from the experience?

## Healthcare Experience (5 pts max)

Health Occupation License/certificate/non-credit training:

- 5 pts Bachelors (i.e. B.S Registered Dietician)
- 4 pts Associates (Paramedic)
- 3 pts License (LPN, EMT, CMA, RDA)
- 2 pts non-credit training (CNA, PCA, CDA, MFR, Phlebotomy)
- 1 pt non-formal experience (i.e. caregiver of family)

## Additional Criteria (5 pts max)

- Lives within KVCC District (1 pt)
- 12 or more credits from Kalamazoo Valley (1pt)
- Kalamazoo Promise Recipient (1 pt)
- KVAAP (1 pt)
- Veteran (1 pt)
- First-generation College Student (1 pt)
- Early Middle College Student (1 pt)

Category (EAM Model /KVCC Values)	Unsatisfactory (0 pts)	Limited (3 pts)	Satisfactory (5 pts)	Exceeds Satisfactory (7 pts)	Exemplary (10 pts)
Life Experiences Excellence and Quality	No response to the question. Describes no life experiences related to opportunities, excellence, innovation, learning, and/or expansion of knowledge.	Vague and limited response related to excellence and quality. Lack of supporting evidence for pursuing opportunities, excellence, innovation, and/or expansion of knowledge.	Meets the standards of the holistic review committee for excellence and quality. Describes interest in pursuing opportunities, excellence, innovation, and/or expansion of knowledge.	Exceeds the standards of the holistic review committee for excellence and quality. Describes interest in pursuing opportunities, excellence, innovation, and/or expansion of knowledge with insightful commentary and persuasive supporting evidence.	Reflects and emulates the nursing program's mission, vision, and values related to excellence and quality. KVCC exemplar with the commitment for the pursuit of opportunities, excellence, innovation, and/or expansion of knowledge. Excels in all aspects of excellence and quality.
Values/Beliefs Caring and Respect	No response to the question. Describes no values or beliefs related to civility, service, and/or social justice.	Vague and limited response related to values/beliefs. Lack of supporting civility, service, and/or social justice.	Meets the standards of the holistic review committee for values/beliefs. Describes interest (personal qualities) in civility, service, and/or social justice with adequate supporting evidence.	Exceeds the standards of the holistic review committee for values/beliefs. Describes interest in civility, service, and/or social justice with insightful commentary and persuasive supporting evidence.	Reflects and emulates the nursing program's mission, vision, and values related to civility, service, and/or social justice. Commitment to civility, service, and/or social justice is an exemplar of the KVCC nursing student applicant. Excels in all aspects of values/beliefs.
Integrity	No response to the question. No supporting evidence for values of responsibility, accountability, and ethics.	Vague and limited response related to integrity. Lack of supporting evidence for values of responsibility, accountability, and ethics.	Meets the standards of the holistic review committee for integrity. Describes interest in values of responsibility, accountability, and ethics with adequate supporting evidence.	Exceeds the standards of the holistic review committee for integrity. Describes interest in values of responsibility, accountability, and ethics with insightful commentary and persuasive supporting evidence.	Reflects and emulates the nursing program's mission, vision, and values related to integrity. Commitment to integrity is an exemplar of the KVCC nursing student applicant. Excels in all aspects of responsibility, accountability, and ethics.
Perspectives/ Leadership Teamwork and Stewardship	No response to the question. Describes no interest in teamwork and being part of a diverse team.	Vague and limited response related to perspectives/leadership. Lack of supporting evidence describing interest in teamwork and being part of a diverse team.	Meets the standards of the holistic review committee for perspectives/leadership. Describes interest in teamwork and being part of a diverse team with adequate supporting evidence.	Exceeds the standards of the holistic review committee for perspectives/leadership. Describes interest with teamwork and being part of a diverse team with insightful commentary and supporting evidence.	Reflects and emulates the nursing program's mission, vision, and values related to perspectives/leadership. Importance of teamwork and stewardship is an exemplar of the KVCC nursing student applicant. Excels in all aspects of perspectives/leadership.