



Kalamazoo**VALLEY**TM
community college

NURSING — Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

The nursing program at KVCC prepares the student for a technical career in nursing. 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. The KVCC academic counselors will assist you with transfer information.

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College nursing program includes two semesters of prerequisite course work and four semesters of nursing course work for the full-time generic student. Financial aid, scholarships, tutoring, and counseling services are available to assist students.

Upon successful completion of all nursing course work the graduate will receive an Associate in Applied Science degree and will be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Exam for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX- RN). For information about Michigan requirements for eligibility for nurse licensure visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/nursing>

For additional program information visit www.kvcc.edu/programs/health_careers/nr1.php or contact the Nursing Department Office. Email: nursing@kvcc.edu, phone: 269.548.3255.

Accreditation Information

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 program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing.

Nursing Information Workshops

The Nursing Department offers Information workshops in each semester. At the workshop a program representative gives detailed information about our programs and about the application process. Participation is highly recommend. The workshops are free and open to all prospective students. Please see the "Nursing Information Workshops" on our homepage for schedule and details.

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 and select "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing" (HSGS-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.
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

Note: previously required prerequisite courses BIO 110, BIO 210 and CHM 100 are acceptable till Fall 2029

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/
- Students must have successfully completed all prerequisites 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 (typically 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 110 applications for the Fall 2025 program and 70 applications for the Winter 2025 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.

Alternate List

After the top 40 applicants have been determined, the next 10 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 Fall 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.

- Metrics - Prerequisite GPA (50%)
- Experiences/Attributes - Answer to 4 questions (40%)
- Healthcare Experience (5%)
- Additional Criteria (5%)

Proof of Healthcare Experience

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 health care license or credential, a copy of your transcript or diploma for degree(s) received, a signed Verification of Health Care Work Experience form.

- Please note that personal essays or letters of recommendation from employers, family, friends, colleagues cannot be factored into the admission score whatsoever.
- Non-formal experience: explain your experience in 1-2 sentences
- For 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 dietitian, etc.

Admission Scores

The lowest Admission Score accepted into the Fall 2025 Nursing program was 67 and into the Winter 2025 program was 54. Please note that the competitiveness of each application period varies based on the number and quality of applications received.

After Acceptance

- Accepted students receive an email with detailed information regarding the program start and preparation.
- Several items are 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 (see Immunization Requirements on the homepage or contact the Nursing Department for details), Live Scan criminal background check.
 - » Please note that the Live Scan criminal background check and the yearly drug screen will be done ON CAMPUS after you have been accepted into the program.

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. All courses are in person, theory and lab courses are held in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. Schedules will vary by semester.

Nursing Program Outline

Nursing courses are offered during the fall and winter 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	(Theory/Lab)	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)

Approximate cost of Nursing Education - Fall 2025/Winter 2026

	<u>In District</u>	<u>Out of District</u>	<u>Out of State</u>	<u>International</u>
Tuition Rates (per contact hour)	\$130.00	\$224.00	\$299.00	\$339.00
Student fees/semester	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00
Prerequisites				
Tuition (32 contact hours)	\$4,160.00	\$7,168.00	\$9,568.00	\$10,848.00
Student fees (2 semesters)	\$342.00	\$342.00	\$342.00	\$342.00
Books (approximate)	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
	\$5,402.00	\$8,410.00	\$10,810.00	\$12,090.00
Semester 1 Courses				
Tuition (18 contact hours)	\$2,340.00	\$4,032.00	\$5,382.00	\$6,102.00
Student fee	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00
HESI Assessment	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
Books (approximate)	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Uniform (approximate)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Clinical Compliance (approximate)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
	\$4,701.00	\$6,393.00	\$7,743.00	\$8,463.00
Semester 2 Courses				
Tuition (18.5 contact hours)	\$2,405.00	\$4,144.00	\$5,531.50	\$6,271.50
Student fee	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00
Books (approximate)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
HESI Assessment	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
	\$3,566.00	\$5,305.00	\$6,692.50	\$7,432.50
Semester 3 Courses				
Tuition (25 contact hours)	\$3,250.00	\$5,600.00	\$7,475.00	\$8,475.00
Student fee	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00
HESI Assessment	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
Clinical Compliance (approximate)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	\$3,811.00	\$6,161.00	\$8,036.00	\$9,036.00
Semester 4 Courses				
Tuition (21 contact hours)	\$2,730.00	\$4,704.00	\$6,279.00	\$7,119.00
Student fee	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00	\$171.00
HESI Assessment	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
Licensing	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	\$3,691.00	\$5,665.00	\$7,240.00	\$8,080.00
Program Totals				
Prerequisites	\$5,402.00	\$8,410.00	\$10,810.00	\$12,090.00
Semester 1	\$4,701.00	\$6,393.00	\$7,743.00	\$8,463.00
Semester 2	\$3,566.00	\$5,305.00	\$6,692.50	\$7,432.50
Semester 3	\$3,811.00	\$6,161.00	\$8,036.00	\$9,036.00
Semester 4	\$3,691.00	\$5,665.00	\$7,240.00	\$8,080.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$21,171.00	\$31,934.00	\$40,521.50	\$45,101.50

Nursing Applicant Checklist

Steps for Eligibility

- ☐ 1. New Student: General application to Kalamazoo Valley (www.kvcc.edu/apply) with program selection of "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing".
- ☐ 2. Current Valley Student: Program code changed to "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing", if needed.
- ☐ 3. Transferring credit toward a degree at Kalamazoo Valley. 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/ 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.

Prerequisite GPA Calculator Worksheet

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

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

Holistic Admission Overview (100 pts max)

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

Metrics: Prerequisite GPA (50 pts max)

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

Experience and Attributes (40 pts max)

Short Answer Question (100 words max) in four areas. Answers should integrate the College's mission statement and values. Responses should utilize correct grammar, spelling and punctuation to receive full points.

Evaluation will be based on the following:

- 0 point - Minimally addressed
(very limited thought, ideas loosely connected, not clearly communicated)
- 5 points - Adequately addressed
(solid thinking and integration of ideas, reasonably communicated)
- 10 points - Completely addressed
(reflective, insightful thinking, ideas carefully connected, well articulated)

Answers should reflect the applicant's personal experiences. The use of AI or plagiarism may disqualify the application.

Areas and sample questions

- Life Experiences - College Values: Excellence and Quality (up to 10 pts)
Explain why you want to pursue a career in nursing?
- Values and Beliefs - College Values: Humor/Wellbeing, Caring and Respect (up to 10 pts)
Describe which personal qualities you possess that make you suitable for a career in nursing?
- Integrity - College Values: Integrity (up to 10 pts)
Provide an example of a 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):
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 Dietitian)
- 4 pts Associates (Paramedic)
- 3 pts License (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 (1 pt. each - 5 pts max)

- Lives within KVCC District
- 12 or more credits from Kalamazoo Valley
- Kalamazoo Promise Recipient
- KVAAP
- Veteran
- First-generation College Student
- Early Middle College Student
- KVCC Academic Honor

Verification of Health Care work experience

For Kalamazoo Valley Community College Health Career Application

Applicant name	
Applying to which program	
Employer (Company)	
Position	
Employment time	
Main tasks	
Supervisor's name	
Position	
Email or phone	
Supervisor's signature	
Date	

Please upload the form in your application or send it to nursing@kvcc.edu if you have applied to nursing programs and to healthcareers@kvcc.edu if you applied to any other program.