

### PREREQUISITES

Entry into the Nursing Assistant Program requires that students be at least 16 years of age, take the Morton College placement tests, and meet the minimum scores of 64 for English/Reading and 50 for Arithmetic. All students must have a valid Social Security number. A high school diploma or General Educational Development certificate is not required.

Per Illinois State law (Healthcare Worker Background Check Act):

- IDPH requires all nursing assistant students pass a criminal background check.
- A computerized background check will be performed during the NUR 105 class.

A felony conviction will prohibit an individual from seeking employment in any health-care facility in the State of Illinois. Any inquiries regarding criminal convictions should be directed to: Illinois Department of Public Health, 535 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761, Telephone: (217) 782-2913, Website: [www.idph.net](http://www.idph.net)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Fingerprinting

All students who pass the criminal background check will need to be fingerprinted by an IDPH-approved site within the first ten days of the NUR 105 class. A list of IDPH-approved vendors for fingerprinting will be provided upon successful completion of the background check.

#### Health Requirements

- Medical history/Physical exam (primary physician, nurse practitioner or other approved healthcare provider)
- 10 Panel urine drug screen
- Complete blood count (CBC) and Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) test
- Two-step tuberculosis (TB) skin test (if positive result for TB, chest x-ray report is required)
- Documentation of verified immunity to varicella, rubeola, rubella, measles, mumps through blood titers. (If titers do not prove immunity, student must receive appropriate vaccine)
- Hepatitis B vaccine (series of three) or proof of positive titer
- Influenza (flu) vaccine (required October through May)
- Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis Vaccine (Tdap)

#### Basic Life Support Certification (CPR)

All students are required to provide proof of American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers (CPR). Please call (708) 656-8000, Ext. 2388 if you need assistance finding a location that offers this certification.

#### Uniform and supplies

All students will be required to wear a Morton teal uniform scrub top, white or grey scrub pants, white nursing shoes or white sneakers, name tag and watch with second hand for all clinical work. A stethoscope, gait belt and protective goggles are also required.

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### **Clinical experience**

Students are required to participate in several clinical experiences in order to translate theory and laboratory skills to an actual patient care environment. In NUR 105, there is one, 8 hour clinical experience per week for several weeks, at an off-site location. In NUR 106, there are 40 hours of clinical experience during the last three weeks of the course, at one or more locations. Students must provide their own transportation to the clinical site. Malpractice insurance (included in regular fees) and a criminal background check is required for entry into the clinical site.

### **IDPH Nurse Aide Competency Examination**

The fee for taking the examination for nursing assistant certification is \$65, payable by money order or certified check. This fee is due the last week of the NUR 105 course.

### **National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) Certification Examinations**

The fee for taking both examinations for Phlebotomy Technician and ECG Technician is \$180. The fee is due the last week of the NUR 106 course.

### **NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
NUR 105 Basic Nursing Assistant Training	7
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>7</b>

### **ADVANCED BEDSIDE CARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
NUR 105 Basic Nursing Assistant Training	7
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
NUR 106 Advanced Bedside Care Technician	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>10</b>

**\*All nursing courses should be completed with a “C” or better to sit for State exam.**

## **NURSING ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE A.A.S.-Curriculum Code OE**

The Nursing Program is designed for student seeking an associate degree in registered nursing. Students who complete the AAS degree are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)\*. Completion of the program does not guarantee licensure.

Congruent with the mission of Morton College, the nursing program mission is to provide exemplary teaching and learning experiences in preparing professional nurses for ethical practice and community service with a commitment to life-long learning.

The Morton College nursing program believes that the education of pre-licensure nurses is accomplished through an understanding of the needs of the adult learner and applying the principles of evidence-based teaching practices. To achieve this, the faculty and students are dedicated to creating educational experiences that encompass:

- Caring and compassion
- Ethics and integrity
- Diversity
- Human dignity and social justice
- Inquiry and critical thinking
- Communication and collaboration
- Accountability and responsibility
- Life-long learning

Professional nursing practice is both an art and a science that provides care in varied healthcare systems centered on individuals, families, communities and populations encompassing:

- Evidence-based best practices
- Safety and quality improvement
- Informatics and technology
- Advocacy
- Communication and collaboration
- Provision of education
- Wellness promotion, injury prevention and disease management

### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

1. Provide safe, quality, evidence-based patient-centered nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings to diverse patients across the life span.
2. Employ the nursing process using critical thinking and clinical reasoning to manage patient care and within a culture of caring.
3. Participate in collaborative relationships with members of the inter-professional team, the patient, and the patient's support persons.
4. Implement fiscally responsible quality and regulatory measures to improve patient care.
5. Use information technology and patient care technology to assess, communicate, educate, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
6. Assimilate professional, legal, and ethical guidelines in practice as a professional nurse.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS:**

Students are admitted into the Nursing Program in the fall semester. All prospective nursing students must meet the requirements listed on the nursing department website in order to be considered for admission. Admission to the program is highly competitive and enrollments are limited each year. All admission requirements must be met for enrollment consideration. Students accepted in the Nursing Program are held accountable to the current policies and procedures outlined in the Handbook for Nursing Students (found on the department website).

### **HEALTH PHYSICAL**

#### Essential Functions

The curriculum leading to the RN requires students to engage in diverse, complex experiences essential to the acquisition and practice of essential nursing skills and functions. Unique combinations of cognitive, affective, psychomotor, physical, and social abilities are required to satisfactorily perform these functions. In addition to being essential to the successful completion of the requirements of the RN, these functions are necessary to ensure the health and safety of clients, fellow students, faculty, and other healthcare providers. The essential abilities necessary to acquire and demonstrate competence in a discipline as complex as nursing and needed for successful admission and continuance in the Morton College Nursing Program. The essential abilities are listed on the department website under ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS.

[http://www.morton.edu/Essential\\_Functions/](http://www.morton.edu/Essential_Functions/)

The faculty reserves the right to determine whether the student has the personal, scholastic, and professional qualifications necessary to meet these expectations.

#### Clinical Requirements

Part of the learning experience involves direct patient care. Each student is held personally accountable to meeting specific health requirements to ensure the well-being of patients, staff and other individuals, and to foster self-care behaviors. The following documentation must be on file in the Health Careers Office prior to the first day of class and maintained throughout enrollment in the program: (current health requirements for clinical can be found on the department website under CLINICAL EXPERIENCES).

[http://www.morton.edu/Nursing\\_Clinical\\_Experience/](http://www.morton.edu/Nursing_Clinical_Experience/)

**Re-Application:** Not applicable

### **Readmission**

Please refer to the Nursing Student Handbook posted on the nursing department website:

[http://www.morton.edu/Nursing\\_Student\\_Handbook/](http://www.morton.edu/Nursing_Student_Handbook/)

## **Program Requirements**

### ***Required support courses (credits):***

BIO 102\* (4) or CHEM 100\* (4) or 105\* (5), BIO 203 (4), BIO 204 (4), BIO 212 (4), ENG 101 (3), ENG 102 (3), PEH 103 (2), PSY 101 (3), PSY 215 (3), Humanities (3).

\*BIO 102 or CHEM 100 or CHEM 105 is a prerequisite for BIO 203 effective Fall 2017.

**Total: 33 (34)**

### ***Required nursing courses (credits):***

**First year:** NUR 107 (4), NUR 108 (6), NUR 116 (3), NUR 117 (3), NUR 118 (3).

**Total: 19**

**Second year:** NUR 206 (10), NUR 216 (6), NUR 218 (4).

**Total: 20**

**Program total:**

**33/(34) non-nursing credits and 38 nursing credits = 71 (72)**

## ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

### NURSING – FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER*		CREDIT HOURS
NUR	107	Foundations of Nursing I ..... 4
NUR	108	Foundations of Nursing II ..... 6
BIO	204	Anatomy and Physiology II ..... 4
		<hr/> Total 14

SPRING SEMESTER		CREDIT HOURS
NUR	116	Mental Health Nursing ..... 3
NUR	117	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family ..... 3
NUR	118	Nursing Care of the Child and Family ..... 3
PSY	215	Life Span of Human Development ..... 3
		<hr/> Total 12

### NURSING – SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER*		CREDIT HOURS
NUR	206	Medical-Surgical Nursing I ..... 10
BIO	212	Microbiology ..... 4
ENG	102	Rhetoric II ..... 3
		<hr/> Total 17

SPRING SEMESTER		CREDIT HOURS
NUR	216	Medical-Surgical Nursing II ..... 6
NUR	218	Nursing Synthesis ..... 4
		Humanities ..... 3
		<hr/> Total 13