AAS DEGREE - CODE #536
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The nursing AAS program will prepare you to become a registered professional nurse — one of the fastest-growing fields in the country. Courses are sequential and progress from simple to more complex situations, with specialized content in obstetrics, psychiatric, and pediatric nursing. Learning is enhanced through the use of skill practice for a hands-on approach to gain expertise. During the first year, there is a seven-hour per week clinical experience. During the second year, the clinical experience increases in time and complexity. Simulation is incorporated into the laboratory experience.

Clinical experience, an essential part of each nursing course, further enables students to gain technical competence to apply theoretical knowledge with practice. Clinical experiences are gained through a variety of health care facilities. There is no guarantee that the college will provide bus transportation to and from all clinical sites.

A laptop is required for the nursing program, as it will be needed for on-campus exams and other educational purposes. Microsoft Office is required; Internet access is required. In addition, a handheld pocket-sized electronic device is required (i.e., smart phone) for downloading program software. The device must have the capability to turn off both phone and camera. Further system requirements will be sent via a newsletter in early June to newly admitted, transfer, and continuing students.

All sciences (anatomy and physiology I and II, microbiology) must be passed with a minimum of "C+" in order to progress through the nursing program. Students must earn a "C" in Nursing I (NURS 1108) and Nursing II (NURS 2208) and a "C+" in Nursing III (NURS 3310) and Nursing IV (NURS 4410) to progress in the nursing program. Competency in medication clinical computation is required and is tested as part of the Nursing II (NURS 2208) and Nursing III (NURS 3310) courses.

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Specific policies related to progression in the nursing program and readmission to the nursing program are publicized to enrolled nursing students in the Nursing Student Handbook.

A zero-tolerance for incivility is in effect at Alfred State nursing. Furthermore, if a student's behavior compromises or threatens the health or safety of others, including clients, peers, faculty, and staff, the student may be denied enrollment or continuation in the program. A policy regarding chemical impairment is publicized to enrolled nursing students.

Background checks may be required by affiliating agencies. Background checks will be at the expense of the student.

Nursing students are required to provide annual documentation of an annual two-step PPD and a self-report health assessment. Hepatitis B vaccine, flu vaccine, and other requirements may be specified by affiliating agencies.

ADVANTAGES
• The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) [3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326] phone 404-975-5000, www.acenursing.org.
• The associate degree in nursing (AAS) is currently being offered in three different educational pathways:
  o The traditional two-year program
  o A three-year part-time program
  o Within a dual-degree format
• Graduates of the AAS degree may directly enroll in the RN-BSN program after filling out the "Joint Intent to Enroll" form.
• Graduates of the AAS degree are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN-NCLEX) in any state.

DIRECT ENTRY INTO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM
Alfred State nursing graduates may enter directly into the healthcare management BTech, the interdisciplinary studies BTech, the BS in Nursing, or the technology management BBA degree program.

FACILITIES
Facilities used for clinical experiences may include: Cuba Memorial Hospital, Elderwood, Guthrie Corning Hospital, Highland Hospital, Highland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Jones Memorial Hospital, Noyes Memorial Hospital, Olean General Hospital, Hornell Gardens, as well as other area facilities and community sites. Students may be placed in day, evening, and night clinical placement, weekend and weekday rotations, and may be responsible for their own transportation.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
• Ambulatory settings
• Health insurance providers
• Hospitals
• Long-term care facilities
• Schools
• Clinics
• Home health care
• Industry
• Physician offices
• Visiting nurses' agencies

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA
The NCLEX pass rate for the May 2017 graduates is 89 percent. The completion rate for the fall 2016 entering cohort completing by spring 2019 was 74.7 percent.

RELATED PROGRAMS
Biological Science
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Health Information Technology
Health Science
Human Services
Liberal Arts and Sciences; Humanities
Radiologic Technology

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
• Required: Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry
• Recommended: 980 combined reading/writing and math SAT score or composite ACT score of 19
Required: It is essential that students are able to fully participate, with or without a reasonable accommodation, in clinical caring for clients as assigned. Nursing students should be able to:

- Ambulate in a sufficient manner in order to appropriately and safely perform patient care.
- Lift at least 35 pounds.
- Function in a safe manner, not placing clients in jeopardy.
- Maintain confidentiality in regard to professional practice.
- Appropriately use standard medical equipment.
- Interpret data from electronic devices in a health care setting for the purpose of client care.
- Maintain professional composure at all times.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to participate in clinical care may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at DisabilityServices@alfредstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.

Licensure

Graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN-NCLEX) in any state. Completion of the nursing program does not assure licensure as a registered professional nurse. Graduates of this nursing program meet the education requirements for admittance to the RN licensure exam; however, there is a requirement that the applicant be of “good moral character” and a fee must be paid for the test and license. On the application for New York State licensure, the applicant is required to truthfully answer the following questions:

- Have you ever been found guilty after trial, or pleaded guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere to a crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any court?
- Are criminal charges pending against you in any court?
- Has any licensing or disciplinary authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, canceled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license or certificate held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded, or otherwise disciplined you?
- Are charges pending against you in any jurisdiction for any sort of professional misconduct?
- Has any hospital or licensed facility restricted or terminated your professional training, employment of privileges or have you ever voluntarily or involuntarily resigned or withdrawn from such association to avoid imposition of such measures?
- If the answer to any of the questions is yes, the applicant must offer full explanation and establish his/her good moral character with the State Education Department, prior to earning a license.

Graduation Requirements

- 36 credits of nursing (nursing I, II, III, IV)
- 12 credits of natural science (anatomy & physiology I and II, microbiology)
- Nine credits of social science (general psychology, general sociology, human development)
- Six credits of English/humanities (freshman composition, literature)

Registered Nurse Program Nursing - AAS Degree

Typical Two-Year Program

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Min. of a “C” grade is required for Nursing I

Min. of “C+” is required in BIOL 2504 to progress
Min. of a “C” grade is required for Nursing II

Min. of a “C+” grade is required for Nursing III

BIOL 4254 is a prerequisite for NURS 4411. A min. grade of “C+” is required for BIOL 4254.
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CPR certification is required BEFORE taking Nursing I (NURS 1108) and must remain active throughout the nursing program.

RN Transfer Program

Alfred State students may transfer to most New York State baccalaureate programs consistent with NYS transfer agreement.

General Notes:

Min. of a "C" grade is required for Nursing I and II; min. of "C+" is required for Nursing III and IV.

Min. of a "C+" grade is required for Nursing IV

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