NURSING - INTEGRATED NURSING

The Integrated Nursing Program provides a seamless educational pathway in nursing which allows students to choose multiple career options. The Integrated Nursing Program is designed to deliver nursing education to a cohort of students with the opportunity to complete the Practical Nursing (PN) or Associate Degree Nursing level. The curriculum is structured around a clearly defined organizing framework and provides the foundation for a competency-based approach to nursing education through the utilization of interactive and student-focused learning strategies. Content and performance-based outcomes for the nursing courses are selected, developed, and leveled from simple to complex. Classroom instruction in theory and basic nursing skills is provided in various delivery methods. Under the guidance of program faculty, students gain valuable experience in the care of patients across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings and/or community agencies including hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and child care centers.

After three semesters the student has the option to exit as a PN by enrolling in the PN exit course. This option prepares graduates to function within the legal scope of practice under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. The practical nursing level focuses on the maintenance of health and prevention of illness, the observation and nursing care of individuals experiencing changes in their health processes, and the evaluation of health practices of patients. Students who choose practical nursing as a career can complete the components in three semesters and are eligible to apply for licensure as a practical nurse. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

The Associate Degree Nursing option prepares graduates to provide and manage patient care and to become members within the discipline of nursing. The associate nursing level focuses on the application of a specialized body of knowledge and skills obtained from social and biological sciences in providing evidenced-based, clinically competent care to individuals across the life span. Students choosing the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing can complete the components in four semesters and are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Acceptance into the Integrated Nursing Program is based upon a selective admissions process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must comply with college and program admission requirements. Active status as a Kentucky State Registered Nurse Aide is required prior to enrolling in the first integrated nursing course. Licensed practical nurses may receive credit for the first semester of nursing based upon specific college offerings, work experience, and active Kentucky or compact state licensure status.

Progression within the Integrated Nursing Program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of “C” or better in all program course requirements and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale).

If more than three years have elapsed since initial enrollment in any nursing program, an applicant must repeat all nursing courses.

A nursing graduate with a misdemeanor or felony conviction may be denied permission to access the NCLEX by the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

The Madisonville Community College Associate Degree Nursing program is currently accredited by:

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Degrees

- Nursing - Integrated Nursing - AAS (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-integrated-nursing/nursing-integrated-nursing-aas/)

Diplomas

- Integrated Nursing - Practical Nursing - Diploma (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-integrated-nursing/integrated-nursing-practical-nursing-diploma/)

Certificates

- AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support - Certificate (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-integrated-nursing/aha-advanced-cardiac-life-support-certificate/)
- Kentucky Medication Aide - Certificate (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-integrated-nursing/kentucky-medication-aide-certificate/)
- Medicaid Nurse Aide - Certificate (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-integrated-nursing/medicaid-nurse-aide-certificate/)