

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Nursing

Accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), this rigorous program is designed for students interested in preparing for professional practice as a Registered Nurse (RN). Classroom lectures, college laboratories, and clinical experiences in local health care agencies provide the foundation of knowledge for professional nursing practice.

Due to an overwhelming interest in nursing, entrance into the DCC program is highly competitive and only open to residents of Dutchess and Putnam counties. Nursing is offered as a day or evening program. For more information concerning these programs, the handbook, "The guide for pre-nursing students", is available on the department webpage @ www.sunydutchess.edu/nursing This provides information regarding requirements for admission and progression into the day or evening program and additional costs above tuition and fees .

Upon completion of the program, the A.A.S. graduate is eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN).



Nursing club students

All incoming students are tested in Math, Reading, English, and Biology to determine placement in courses. The total credits required to achieve the A.A.S. in Nursing is 70. The four semester sequence is only possible when a student has matriculated prior to March 15 and tests into ENG 101 and Bio 131. Be aware that students often require **six or more semesters** to complete the A.A.S. degree due to entry requirements and clinical space limitations. Once a student enters the clinical nursing science courses, the course of study for completion is four semesters.

Program Goal

The Dutchess Community College graduate nurse will be a competent health care professional who practices within the scope of the New York State Nurse Practice Act, American Nurses Association Code of Ethics, and the National League for Nursing Core components and Competencies.