The mission of Fairmont State University School of Nursing is to serve as a leader in improving the health of West Virginia and the global community through a commitment to excellence and innovation in teaching, scholarship and service. Our vision is to be a center for excellence in nursing education where graduates are capable of providing care for and changing the health of the world. We accomplish our mission and vision through both a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and an Associate of Science in Nursing programs.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is designed for registered nurses who desire a baccalaureate degree in nursing. It provides career mobility for the associate degree and diploma-graduate nurse. The program is designed to prepare nurse generalists to provide safe, ethical, evidence-based, patient-centered care that reflects critical thinking and inter-professional collaboration. The program aims to provide a foundation for graduate study and to prepare graduates for professional role development by engaging in leadership, scholarship, and practice activities.

A minimum of 120 approved credit hours is required. This includes 28 upper division-nursing credits. The program can be completed in two full-time academic years or one accelerated academic year under certain circumstances. Students may enroll on a
full-time or part-time basis. All Nursing courses are offered online. A grade of “C” or above is required in all courses that count toward the degree, and students must maintain a 2.0.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Fairmont State is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Individuals interested in more information on accreditation may contact: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791, ccneaccreditation.org.

The expected outcomes of the BSN graduate are to:
1. Integrate a background in the liberal arts with the knowledge, skills, and values in professional nursing in order to improve patient and healthcare outcomes.
2. Prepare nurse generalists to provide safe, ethical, evidenced-based, patient-centered care that reflects critical thinking and interprofessional collaboration.
3. Manage information and technology to enhance clinical decision making for quality patient-centered care in a variety of settings.
4. Apply principles of prevention and health promotion when providing care to patients.
5. Contribute to the profession of nursing by engaging in leadership, scholarship, and practice activities.
6. Prepare nurse generalists for professional role development through lifelong learning, graduate education, and specialization within their chosen career path.

All applicants seeking admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program are required to:

1. Meet the general admission and course placement requirements of Fairmont State.
2. Submit an application for admission, designating the major as Baccalaureate in Nursing, to the Office of Admissions.
3. Submit official college and/or diploma program transcripts, including graduation date and degree.
4. Fairmont State ASN students who have a composite ACT of 22 or higher (with a minimum of 20 in English, Mathematics, Sciences, and Reading) or a SAT total score of 1100 (with a minimum Math 520 and Evidence based Reading and Writing of 530) and a GPA of 3.0 or higher may be concurrently admitted to the ASN and BSN Programs.

Students interested in the program are encouraged to contact the School of Nursing for advisement purposes. An active, unencumbered registered nursing licensure is required for enrollment in NURS 3350 and above.

The following courses are required for completion of this program. All required courses must be completed prior to or concurrently with Nursing 4440. Active, unencumbered registered nursing licensure is required for enrollment in NURS 3350 and above.

The Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing offers an option of School Nurse Certification. Education 2200 and the School Nurse Practicum 4441 are required for this certificate. Registered nurses who already have a BSN degree would also take Education 2200 and Nursing 4441.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
IN NURSING 120 SEM. HRS.

Required Nursing Courses ............................................. 28 SEM. HRS.

Required Support Courses ............................................. 6-7 SEM. HRS.

• Registered Nursing Licensure Credits ...................... 35 SEM. HRS.

General Studies .......................................................... 30 SEM. HRS.

Free Elective Hours (needed to achieve 120 total semester hours)

• General Studies and Support Course Requirements

Outcome 1 - Critical Analysis
NURS 3360, NURS 4440, or any other choice (Satisfied in Major) .... X

Outcome 2 - Quantitative Literacy
MATH 1507 or 1407 or higher in Outcome 2 .......................... 3

Outcome 3 - Written Communication
ENGL 1101 AND ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1103 (Institutional Requirement) ......................................................... 6

Outcome 4 - Teamwork
NURS 4440, NURS 4400 (Satisfied in Major) ........................ X

Outcome 5 - Information Literacy
NURS 4400 (Satisfied in Major) ........................................ X

Outcome 6 - Technology Literacy
NURS 4430 or any other choice (Satisfied in Major) .............. X

Outcome 7 - Oral Communication
COMM 2200, COMM 2201, or COMM 2202 .................... 3
Outcome 8 - Citizenship
Any choice .................................................. 3

Outcome 9 - Ethics
NURS 3360 (Satisfied in Major) .................................. X

Outcome 10 - Health and Well-being
NURS 4410 (Satisfied in Major) .................................. X

Outcome 11 - Interdisciplinary
NURS 4440 (Satisfied in Major) .................................. X

Outcome 12 - Fine Arts
Any choice .................................................. 3

Outcome 13 - Humanities
Any choice .................................................. 3

Outcome 14 - Social Sciences
Any choice .................................................. 3

Outcome 15 - Natural Sciences
Any choice .................................................. 3

Outcome 16 - Cultural Awareness
Any Choice .................................................. 3

SUPPORT COURSES

STATISTICS (PR MATH 1407 or 1507)
PSYC 2240, BSBA 3310, SOCY 2240, OR MATH 1550........... 3-4

MANAGEMENT
BSBA 2209 OR MGMT 3308.................................................. 3

• Required BSN Nursing Courses ...............................28 SEM. HRS.
NURS 3320  HEALTH ASSESSMENT ................................ 4
NURS 3340  NURSING CARE OF THE OLDER ADULT ........... 3
NURS 3350  PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS ......... 3
NURS 3360  NURSING ETHICS ........................................ 3
NURS 4400  RESEARCH IN NURSING PRACTICE ............... 3
NURS 4410  COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING ................. 5
NURS 4430  LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT IN NURSING PRACTICE .................................................. 3
NURS 4440  NURSING PRACTICUM ................................ 4

• Accelerated BSN

Students who have completed almost all of the general studies and support courses and those with a previous 4-year degree may opt for the Accelerated BSN Program of Study. The accelerated track allows a student to take 15 nursing credits in the first semester and 13 nursing credits in the second semester and complete the program in one academic year. Advisor permission is required.

School Nurse Certificate

The student is required to have an active, unencumbered registered nursing licensure or be in their last semester of the BSN program for enrollment in NURS 4441 School Nurse Practicum. Courses required for the School Nurse Certificate include:

EDUC 2200  INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION .................. 3
NURS 4441  SCHOOL NURSE PRACTICUM ....................... 4

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ASN) DEGREE

The program is designed to prepare graduates for a challenging and satisfying career as a nurse. The curriculum includes a balance of nursing, General Studies, and support courses. Students have the opportunity to apply nursing theory and skills in the campus simulation laboratories, in clinical settings which may include hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, schools, clinics, and physicians’ offices. Students are expected to provide their own transportation to all clinical experiences.

Fairmont State’s associate degree nursing program is designed to produce a graduate who is able to

1. Provide patient-centered care to patients in response to their changing health needs.
2. Advocate for patients in ways to promote their self-determination and ongoing growth.
3. Apply evidence-based practice, and clinical judgment in the provision of patient-centered care.
4. Use the nursing process, information management systems, teamwork and interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, effective, quality care aimed at promoting the patients’ health.
5. Provide compassionate patient-centered care through roles of care provider, manager, educator, leader, and advocate.
6. Communicate professionally and collaboratively with patients and members of the healthcare team.
7. Demonstrates responsibility and accountability for professional nursing practice and lifelong learning.
8. Integrate current best practices to deliver safe and effective patient-centered care aimed at improving quality of care and care outcomes.
Applicants are admitted to the nursing major as they complete the admission process and meet the admission requirements of Fairmont State and the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Accepted students will be admitted into the next admission class for the ASN, ASN Weekend, and LPN-ASN programs. As classes are filled, a waitlist is established. Applicants remaining on the waitlist must reapply for the next academic year. Application and admission requirements can be found on the website at https://www.fairmontstate.edu/schoolofnursing/academics/asn-admissions-requirements

To progress in the nursing program, a student must receive a grade of “C” or higher in each nursing and required support course. Failure to meet either of these requirements will result in a student being resequenced in the program according to the Readmission Policy. A student may only be resequenced in the program two times. To graduate from the nursing program, a student must have a grade of “C” or above in every nursing and support course and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse. For licensure in West Virginia, candidates must meet the following legal requirements delineated in the West Virginia Code, Chapter 30, Article 7, Section 11. WV Code 30-7-11. Denial, Revocation Or Suspension of License; Grounds For Discipline.

The Board shall have the power to deny, revoke or suspend any license to practice professional nursing issued or applied for in accordance with the provisions of this article, or to otherwise discipline a licensee or applicant upon proof that he or she:

1) Is or was guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice professional nursing; or
2) Has been convicted of a felony; or
3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other causes; or
4) Is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs; or
5) Is mentally incompetent; or
6) Is guilty of conduct derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of registered nursing; or
7) Is practicing or attempting to practice registered professional nursing without a license or registration; or
8) Has demonstrated abnormal prescribing or dispensing practices pursuant to 30-3A-4 of this code; or
9) Has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of this article

The nursing program is accredited by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (WVBOERPN) and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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Associate Degree Nurses are qualified to work in hospitals, nursing homes, physicians’ offices and clinics. Graduates may also continue in higher education toward Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in nursing and related fields.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING .........................60 SEM. HRS.
Required Nursing Courses ......................................41 SEM. HRS.
Required General Studies and Support Courses ..................19 SEM. HRS.

• ASN General Studies and Support Course Requirements

Outcome 1 - Critical Analysis
ENGL 1102 - Written English II .................................... 3
Outcome 3 - Written Communication
ENGL 1101 Written English I ........................................ 3
Outcome 5 - Information Literacy
ENGL 1102 Written English II ........................................ 3
Outcome 14 - Social Science
PSYC 1101 Intro to Psychology ..................................... 3
Outcome 15 - Natural Science
BIOL 1180/81 Anatomy and Physiology .......................... 4
and BIOL 2205 Technical Microbiology ........................... 3
Additional Support Courses
HLTA 1110 Nutrition .................................................. 3
• Required Nursing Courses for the traditional ASN Program

NURS 1101 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING .......................... 7
NURS 1108 NURSING CARE OF ADULTS I ..................... 6
NURS 1115 MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING I .................... 4
NURS 1120 NURSING PHARMACOLOGY I ....................... 1
NURS 2203 MENTAL HEALTH NURSING ...................... 4
NURS 2208 NURSING CARE OF ADULTS II .................... 6
NURS 2110 NURSING PHARMACOLOGY II ...................... 1
NURS 2115 MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING II .................... 2
NURS 2210 NURSING PHARMACOLOGY III ..................... 1
NURS 2211 PROFESSIONAL ROLE TRANSITION ............... 2
NURS 2212 NURSING CARE OF ADULTS III .................... 3
NURS 2215 MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING III .................... 2
NURS 2220 NURSING CAPSTONE CLINICAL ..................... 2

LPN TO ASN ACCELERATED TRACKS

Once admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program, Licensed Practical Nurses are eligible for one of three matriculation processes.

1. An LPN student can choose to matriculate through the program with the generic students starting in the second semester of the first year of the ASN program. LPN students receive credit for NURS 1101 (7 credits) based on possessing a current and unencumbered LPN license. Thus, the nursing courses can be completed in 3 full-time semesters. General Studies and support course requirements will need to be taken prior to and/or concurrently with the nursing courses.

-OR-

2. An LPN student can choose the Accelerated Non-Traditional Track. The LPN student starts the program in the fall semester. The classes are offered synchronously and asynchronously online in the evenings and the clinical component is conducted two days each month. The student can complete the program in 12 months by completing most of the General Studies and support course requirements prior to starting the fall session.

-OR-

3. An LPN student can choose to matriculate into the weekend part-time program starting in the second semester of the program. Thus, the student can complete the program in five semesters.

BIOL 1180/81, Anatomy and Physiology and HLTA 1110 Nutrition may be taken for credit hours or the credit hours may be awarded by competency examinations.

Licensed practical nurses who are interested in the Associate Degree Nursing program should review the application process on the School of Nursing Academic home pages at https://www.fairmontstate.edu/schoolofnursing/academics/associate-degree-program

• Required Nursing Courses for the Non-traditional LPN ASN Program:

BIOL 2205 TECHNICAL MICROBIOLOGY .................................. 3
NURS 1200 NURSING CARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN I ........ 7
NURS 1201 MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN .......... 3
NURS 1202 ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN I ............. 1
NURS 1203 TRANSITION FOR LPN ..................................... 1
NURS 1204 PHARMACOLOGY ACROSS THE LIFESPAN I ....... 1
NURS 2301 NURSING CARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN II ........ 7
NURS 2302 ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN II............. 1
NURS 2303 PHARMACOLOGY ACROSS THE LIFESPAN II ....... 1
NURS 2401 NURSING CARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN III ........ 5
NURS 2402 ROLE TRANSITION, PROFESSIONALISM, & MANAGEMENT .................................................. 3
NURS 2403 CAPSTONE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE .................. 3
NURS 2404 PHARMACOLOGY ACROSS THE LIFESPAN III ....... 1

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students wishing to transfer into the ASN program must first meet the admission standards for the ASN program. Upon admission, transfer students will be required to provide a transcript from their previous school of nursing and submit, in writing, a request for transfer credit for specific nursing courses. Students must submit with the request, course descriptions, course outcomes, or any other materials requested. If a nursing course is determined to be equivalent to a Fairmont State SON course, the student must then demonstrate competency regarding the course content by scoring an 800 or above on the corresponding HESI exam. Courses must be less than five years old. The full transfer policy is available in the ASN Student Handbook.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS
1. Submission of completed health data requirement prior to August 1 following acceptance into the program for fall semester and January 1 following acceptance into the program for the spring semester.

2. Submission of yearly PPD results (or chest x-ray, if appropriate) and evidence of American Heart Association Basic Cardiac Life Support for Healthcare Professionals CPR certification prior to August 1 of each year if admitted in the fall and January 1 if admitted in the spring.

3. Adhere to the policies in the School of Nursing Student Handbook.

4. Undergo a criminal background check and drug screen, according to the procedure specified by the School of Nursing.

5. Complete all course work within three years of admission into the nursing program.

6. Pay a required special fee for standardized testing, if enrolled in the ASN program.

7. Meet the core performance standards of the School of Nursing.

**TRANSPORTATION**

As most of these programs require considerable student attendance at off-campus locations, it is the student’s responsibility to provide transportation to all clinical affiliates. The utilization of car pools, when appropriate, is encouraged to help meet the expense of those providing transportation.

**LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Group liability insurance is provided to the students in all Nursing programs; the liability insurance is handled by the State of West Virginia. Students may be obligated to obtain additional liability insurance based on clinical agency requirements.

**LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

Students are required to have a laptop computer for the program. Computer requirements are listed on