OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM:

Fairmont State University’s School of Nursing offers an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing program. This program is two years in length and upon graduation, the student receives the Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The associate degree nurse is prepared as a technical nurse to care for clients with common health problems in structured settings. The associate degree nurse’s practice is defined by the roles of care provider, teacher, communicator, manager of patient care and member within the profession of nursing.

The mission of the Associate Degree of Science Nursing program is to provide quality entry level nursing education to individuals in West Virginia and beyond. The program is designed to prepare graduates for a challenging and satisfying career as a nurse. The curriculum includes a balance of nursing and non-nursing courses. Students have the opportunity to apply nursing theory and skills in the campus laboratory and two state-of-the-art simulation laboratories, as well as in clinical settings which may include hospitals, nursing homes, schools, clinics, and physician offices. Students are expected to provide their own transportation to all clinical experiences, which may include agencies in Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Doddridge, Lewis, and Harrison counties.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program must pass the national licensure exam to be a registered nurse (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are at an all-time high in West Virginia and nationwide.

- Registered nurses constitute the largest healthcare occupation, with 2.4 million jobs.
- More new jobs are expected to be created for registered nurses than for any other occupation.
- Job opportunities are expected to be excellent.
- Almost 3 out of 5 nurses work in hospitals, in inpatient and outpatient departments. Nurses also work in physician offices, outpatient clinics, nursing care facilities, home healthcare services, employment services, government agencies, and outpatient care centers.
- Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing program who are licensed as registered nurses can continue their education in our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.fairmontstate.edu/schoolofnursing

The day her nephew was born inspired Liz Boord to pursue her dream at Fairmont State University. She was allowed to be the first to bathe the new baby boy. “The nurses were so cool,” she says. For the first time, Liz seriously considered switching careers. In a letter written for her nephew’s baby book, she wrote: “At only a few moments old, you touched me in such a way as to change my entire world. You inspired me to take a leap of faith and get on with my life.”

Liz looks forward to the day she helps her first patient.

Liz Boord
Kingmont, West Virginia

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ACCREDITATION:
The Fairmont State Nursing Program is accredited by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, 101 Dee Drive, Suite 102, Charleston, WV 25311, telephone (304) 558-3596 and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 telephone – (404) 975-5000. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

CURRICULUM:
This program can be completed in two academic years. Nursing courses may not be taken prior to admission to the program. Required support courses and general studies courses may be taken in advance. Admitted LPNs can elect to enter the accelerated nontraditional LPN-ASN Program (see separate information sheet) or can matriculate into the traditional program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
All applicants seeking admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program are required to meet admission requirements for FSU and the School of Nursing

1. The general admission and course placement requirements of Fairmont State University which must be met include the following:
   a. Applicants must have a 2.0 GPA to be considered.
   b. Submit an application.
   c. Submit ACT, SAT or COMPASS, scores.
   d. Submit a high school transcript or GED scores; college and/or LPN transcripts to the Office of Admissions at Fairmont State University. Evidence of all post secondary education attempted or completed must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.
2. Applications are accepted on an annual first come-first served basis. As an applicant meets the admission criteria to both FSU and the ASN Nursing Program, the applicant will be offered admission into the next admission class for the selected program.
3. The requirements for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program which must be met include the following:
   a. Attain a minimum score of 50 on the Math & English components and a minimum score of 60 on the Reading and Science components of the required nursing entrance examination, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). A student may test only two times during a calendar year, January 1 - December 31. TEAS scores are good for 24 months prior to application to the nursing program.
   b. Submit the above information to the Office of Admissions, Fairmont State University, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554-2470.
   c. Students admitted to the program must submit a completed health form and a negative criminal background check.
4. ASN Admissions are twice a year, fall and spring.
5. Applications for the 2017-2018 Academic year will open on Monday, August 15.