NURSING (A.S., Certificate)

A.S., Nursing
(75 CREDITS)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
As a dual enrollment nursing program with Metropolitan State University students can continue coursework to complete their bachelor's degree upon the completion of associate degree requirements (listed below). For more information about the bachelor's degree visit: www.metrostate.edu.

Program Information
Inver Hills Community College nursing program is a member of the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) consortium. MANE is an innovative nursing education consortium between a state university and 7 community colleges. This partnership includes Metropolitan State University, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Century College, Inver Hills Community College, Normandale Community College, North Hennepin Community College, Ridgewater Community College, and Riverland Community College. This transformative approach to nursing education encourages deep understanding of key nursing concepts while addressing the changing healthcare environment.

The consortium has evolved in response to the evidence and with a commitment to excellence and innovation to partner to expand the capacity for baccalaureate prepared nurses in Minnesota. The goal of MANE is to make baccalaureate nursing education available to students across the state, allowing qualified students to graduate with a baccalaureate degree within four years on every partner campus. The collaborative nursing curriculum, developed jointly with practice partners will prepare the nurse of the future to care for Minnesota's increasingly diverse and aging population.

Clinical learning experiences are provided at hospitals and community health care facilities within St. Paul and the surrounding suburbs. Two unique nursing curricular tracks are offered, leading to the Associate in Science Degree (A.D.) in Nursing. The basic Nursing Program, “Traditional Track,” requires completion of the entire three semester nursing course sequence and liberal arts requirements.

The “Mobility Track” is offered to licensed practical nurses or qualified paramedics (Note: Paramedic Track is currently on hold), and requires completion of three semester nursing course sequence and completion of the liberal arts requirements to obtain an AS degree in nursing. Students are encouraged to continue through to a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing. In the acute care setting, preference for hiring is given to applicants who have completed a Bachelor's in Nursing or are enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program.

The Nursing Program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and accredited by National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (404) 975-5000.

MANE Mission
The mission of the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) program is to increase baccalaureate prepared nurses in Minnesota through transformative educational strategies.

MANE Vision
To prepare professional nurses to promote health and meet the evolving and complex health care needs of our communities.

MANE Goal
The goal of MANE is to make baccalaureate nursing education available to students across the state, allowing qualified students to graduate with a baccalaureate degree within four years on every partner campus.

IHCC Nursing Program Philosophy
The core of the Inver Hills Associate Degree Nursing Program belief system is to provide a quality student-centered education which promotes life-long learning. Faculty believes in facilitating an intellectual learning environment through the use of evidence based practice, innovative teaching strategies, and role modeling. Students and faculty advocate for the community; understanding the diverse needs of the people we serve. We believe health is a dynamic process and vacillates individually and collectively. We believe nursing uses integrative knowledge and caring which requires a holistic approach that embraces the dignity and strength of each individual.
Educational Mobility
The MANE curriculum is designed as a dual enrollment Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing degree program with the option to graduate with an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree after completing 75 credits. Students are eligible to apply and register for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam after completing five semesters (Benchmark-curriculum plan). Students who opt to graduate with an ADN may choose to re-enter the program after obtaining licensure within three years to complete their BSN.

Admission Process
The nursing program is a selective admission program; admission is highly competitive. Before applicants are eligible to apply, they must complete a number of requirements. Applicants then are offered admission to the program based on a ranked score. Meeting the minimum admission requirements to be placed in the candidate pool for admission consideration does not guarantee admission to the program. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply the next available admission date.

Once accepted, students are required to submit the Health Immunization Record and to complete and pass a criminal background study required by the state of Minnesota. Background clearance must be obtained to participate in clinicals throughout the Nursing Program. A current Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card is required to be maintained throughout the program.

Admission policies are subject to change. Applications will be accepted under the terms in place at the time of application and received by the nursing department. It is the responsibility of the student to keep up to date on any changes that may affect their qualifications for acceptance.

A brochure outlining admission requirements and procedures in addition to a suggested sequence of courses is available from enrollment services or online at www.inverhills.edu. Students are advised to consult with a counselor or academic advisor to plan pre-entry and initial course work.

General Requirements for the A.S. in Nursing
1. At least 75 credits.
2. A grade of C or better in each required nursing and liberal arts courses.
3. Must maintain a grade of C or higher in all college coursework and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status to progress in the nursing program.

Nursing Program – Traditional Track
(75 CREDITS)

Nursing Curriculum (Fall or Spring semester start)
NURS 2700 Foundations of Nursing-Health Promotion 9 cr
NURS 2750 Nutrition and the Role of the Professional Nurse 2 cr
NURS 2800 Chronic and Palliative Care in Nursing 7 cr
NURS 2820 Pharmacology and the Role of the Professional Nurse 3 cr
NURS 2850 Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing I 2 cr
NURS 2900 Acute and Complex Care in Nursing 7 cr
NURS 2920 Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing II 2 cr
NURS 2950 Nursing Leadership I 3 cr

Liberal Arts (40 credits)
ENG 1108 Writing and Research Skills 4 cr
COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication or COMM 2230 Small Group Communication or COMM 2240 Intercultural Communication 3 cr
BIOL 1120 Exploring Biology or BIOL 1154 Biology: From Cell to Organism 4 cr
BIOL 2201 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 cr
BIOL 2202 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 cr
BIOL 2205 Microbiology 4 cr
PSYC 1101 General Psychology or PSYC 1201 General Psychology with Lab 4 cr
PSYC 1210 Lifespan Psychology 4 cr
Humanities/Fine Arts/Literature (See Goal 6 of MnTC) 3 cr
ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology or ANTH 1130 Introduction to Biological Anthropology or ANTH 2130 Medical Anthropology or SOC 1127 Social Inequities 3 cr
PHIL 1112 Ethics or BIOL 1114 Critical Issues in Human Biology 3 cr

1 See Catalog for course prerequisite
2 BIOL 2305 may be substituted to fulfill this requirement
3 PSYC 1215 combined with 1220 may be substituted for PSYC 1210
4 BIOL 1115 may be substituted to fulfill this requirement
Nursing Mobility – LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse)/Paramedic track
(75 CREDITS)
Note: Paramedic Track is currently on hold

Nursing Curriculum (35 credits)

Fall or Spring Semester Start
Assessment of LPN Knowledge and Skills 5 cr
NURS 2720 Transition to the Role of the Professional Nurse 4 cr
NURS 2750 Nutrition and the Role of the Professional Nurse 2 cr
NURS 2800 Chronic and Palliative Care in Nursing 7 cr
NURS 2820 Pharmacology and the Role of the Professional Nurse 3 cr
NURS 2850 Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing I 2 cr
NURS 2900 Acute and Complex Care in Nursing 7 cr
NURS 2920 Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing II 2 cr
NURS 2950 Nursing Leadership I 3 cr

Liberal Arts (40 credits)
ENG 1108 Writing and Research Skills 4 cr
COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication or COMP 2230 Small Group Communication or COMP 2240 Intercultural Communication 3 cr
BIOL 1120 Exploring Biology or BIOL 1154 Biology: From Cell to Organism 4 cr
BIOL 2201 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 cr
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BIOL 2205 Microbiology 4 cr
PSYC 1101 General Psychology or PSYC 1201 General Psychology with Lab 4 cr
PSYC 1210 Lifespan Psychology 4 cr
Humanities/Fine Arts/Literature 3 cr
(See Goal 6 of MnTC)
ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology or ANTH 1130 Introduction to Biological Anthropology or ANTH 2130 Medical Anthropology or SOC 1127 Social Inequities 3 cr
PHIL 1112 Ethics or BIOL 1114 Critical Issues in Human Biology 3 cr

Nursing Assistant Certificate (5 CREDITS)

Purpose
Provides training required for basic entry into health care as a nursing assistant or home health aide, including 24 hours of supervised clinical experience in a long-term care facility. Students are prepared to take the state registry exam for certification upon completion of the course. The course meets the NA requirement for admission to the Inver Hills Community College Nursing Program.

Note: If you have been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense, you should investigate the impact that the arrest, charge or conviction may have on your chances of employment in the field you intend to study or on your chances to obtain federal, state and other higher education financial aid. To complete the requirements of the course students will need to receive a criminal background clearance. Please refer to the Criminal Background section of the catalog for more information on the criminal background study.

Nursing Core Curriculum (5 credits)
NURS 1001: Nursing Assistant 5 cr

Note: To complete the requirements of the course students will need to receive a criminal background clearance. Please refer to the Criminal Background section of the catalog for more information on the criminal background study.