**Associate Degree Nursing**

**Program Summary**
The Department of Nursing at Central Ohio Technical College offers a traditional five-semester plan of study. The curriculum provides a balance of general education and nursing courses. Carefully planned clinical laboratory experiences are an integral part of all nursing courses and encompass caring for all age groups in various patient care settings. Affiliated health care facilities in central and east central Ohio are utilized to provide clinical experiences for students. Graduates are awarded an associates of applied science in nursing and are eligible to apply to take the licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse. Recipients of the degree are prepared to function in beginning staff level registered nurse positions in a variety of health care facilities as members of a health care team.

**Transferability Statement for Nursing Plans of Study**
COTC endorses academic progression options for all nurses and has developed a strong pre-licensure curriculum to prepare graduates for their professional pathway. In today’s health care environment, all nurses must be engaged in lifelong learning to maintain clinical competencies and meet the demands of a complex health care system. The diversity offered by multiple points of entry into the nursing profession and the variety of available progression options provide an environment for enrichment and professional growth. The pre-licensure nursing programs at COTC prepare strong graduates to pursue academic progression at undergraduate and graduate programs with which the college has dual enrollment and articulation agreements.

For additional information on Nursing Programs at COTC, please visit: www.cotc.edu/programs.

**Learning Outcomes**
At the completion of the plan of study the student will be able to:
- Collaborate with health care team members to provide safe, competent care to meet the patient’s biopsychosocial, spiritual, and cultural needs in a variety of health care settings.
- Utilize technology and a spirit of inquiry to examine resources to develop nursing judgment and guide evidence-based practice.
- Manage patient-centered nursing care and promote the health of patients within the family and community context.
- Demonstrate professional behavior and integrity within an ethical and legal framework.
- Utilize quality improvement to continually enhance patient care and promote positive patient outcomes.

**Career Opportunities**
Nursing is a dynamic profession, one with multiple opportunities in a variety of health care settings. The registered nurse may choose to work in long-term care facilities, industrial settings, medical offices, private homes, as well as in specialized hospital areas including surgical units, emergency departments, pediatrics, obstetrics, intensive care units or medical units. Regardless of the area, RNs plan and implement nursing actions to assist the “whole” person to regain and maintain health.

**Important Student Characteristics**
- Accountability, integrity
- Ability to successfully manage math and science courses
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Computer literacy

**Admission Selection/Requirements**
Spaces available in the associate degree nursing program are limited and selections are made on a competitive basis. Minimum requirements for consideration include:
- Submit the COTC Application for Admission Form online.
- Attend a mandatory Nursing Information Meeting.* (Valid 12 months.) Visit www.cotc.edu/healthinfomeetings for more information.
- Complete COTC Placement Tests or proof of waiver eligibility. If applicant places into pre-college coursework (gen 091/math 080), those courses must be successfully completed with a grade “C” or higher prior to the Nursing Application deadline.
- Submit official high school transcript with date of graduation and GPA (cumulative grade point average) indicated. If not a high school graduate, copy of G.E.D. certificate.
- Submit official college transcripts from all colleges previously attended with GPA (cumulative grade point average) indicated. "All international transcripts (high school and college(s)) must be evaluated through a member or NACES. www.naces.org"

**NOTE:** See reverse side for more information.
NOTE: A full unit of high school Biology or Intro to Biology and high school Chemistry or Intro to Chemistry Principles, or higher college equivalents, or approved COTC transfer credit for Anatomy & Physiology I, all with a grade of C or better is required before the application deadline date.

Course planning is essential and students are responsible for understanding the prerequisite requirements that are not specifically stated.

CPR—American Heart Association Health Care Provider Certificate is required for clinical sites upon selection.

• Provide verification (card or registry number) of current status as an Ohio State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA). The COTC course that provides eligibility for STNA testing is NURS 001 Basic Health Care Skills.

• Completion of Nursing Selection Examination, ATI TEAS test (Valid 12 months.) Visit www.cotc.edu/healthselectionexams for more information.

• Submit documentation of Federal Background Check (FBI). The FBI background check cannot be older than 6 months prior to the application deadline and must be sent directly to COTC from fingerprinting agency. The background check may be obtained at the Security Office in Warner Center on the Newark Campus or other local agencies.

• Complete, sign and mail the Nursing Application postmarked no later than the deadline date indicated below. Applications can be picked up at any COTC Gateway Office during the application period for each cohort. Application dates below are approximate. Specific deadline is on each semester application.

Requirements are subject to change.

If any requirements are not met or required documentation is not received by the application deadline, the application will be pulled from the selection process.

Semester Application Deadlines
Newark:
  February 1 (Summer semester start)
  June 1 (Autumn semester start)
  October 1 (Spring semester start)

Submit transcripts to:
Central Ohio Technical College
Attn: Student Records
1179 University Drive
Newark, OH 43055

Selection into the nursing program is a competitive process based on completion of all application requirements, nursing selection examination scores and GPA(s).

How do I Start?
If you are a new student, you should apply online at cotc.edu. If you are a current or returning COTC student, contact one of the Gateway Offices listed below, send an e-mail to cotcgateway@cotc.edu or connect with the Gateway website at http://www.cotc.edu/Admissions/future-students

Newark Campus 740.366.9222
800.963.9275 Ext. 9222
Coshocton Campus 740.622.1408
Knox Campus 740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus 740.755.7090

For specific questions regarding the Nursing Technology contact:
• Gateway - Office of Academic Advising at cotcgateway@cotc.edu.

Accreditation/ Membership
The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Central Ohio Technical College is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

The Associate Degree in Nursing Program is Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone: 404-975-5000 Website: acenursing.org

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COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

Non-Discrimination Statement
Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative and consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.

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