

# Nursing

## A.S. Degree (Career)

<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English	
<b>EN 101 English Composition</b> .....	3
Mathematics	
<b>Mathematics Elective (GenEd course list)</b> .....	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences	
<b>PS 101 General Psychology</b> .....	3
<b>SO 101 Introduction to Sociology</b> .....	3
<b>ED/PS 208 Human Growth &amp; Development</b> .....	3
Arts & Humanities	
‡ <b>Arts Elective (GenEd course list)</b> .....	3
‡ <b>Humanities Elective (GenEd course list)</b> .....	3
<b>CMSP 103 Speech Fundamentals</b> or	
‡ <b>CMSP 105 Group Discussion</b> or	
<b>CMSP 107 Career Communications</b> .....	3
Biological & Physical Sciences	
<b>BI 103 Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> .....	4
<b>BI 104 Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> .....	4
<b>BI 120 Microbiology for Allied Health</b> or	
<b>BI 203 Elements of Microbiology</b> .....	4
PE/Health Elective .....	1
Other Requirements	
‡ <b>NU 101 Introduction to Clinical Nursing</b> .....	6
NU 210 Reproductive Health Nursing .....	3
NU 211 Medical-Surgical Nursing I .....	7
NU 212 Medical-Surgical Nursing II .....	4
NU 213 Medical-Surgical Nursing III .....	4
NU 214 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing .....	4
NU 215 Nursing Care of Children .....	3
NU 216 Preparation for Practice .....	2
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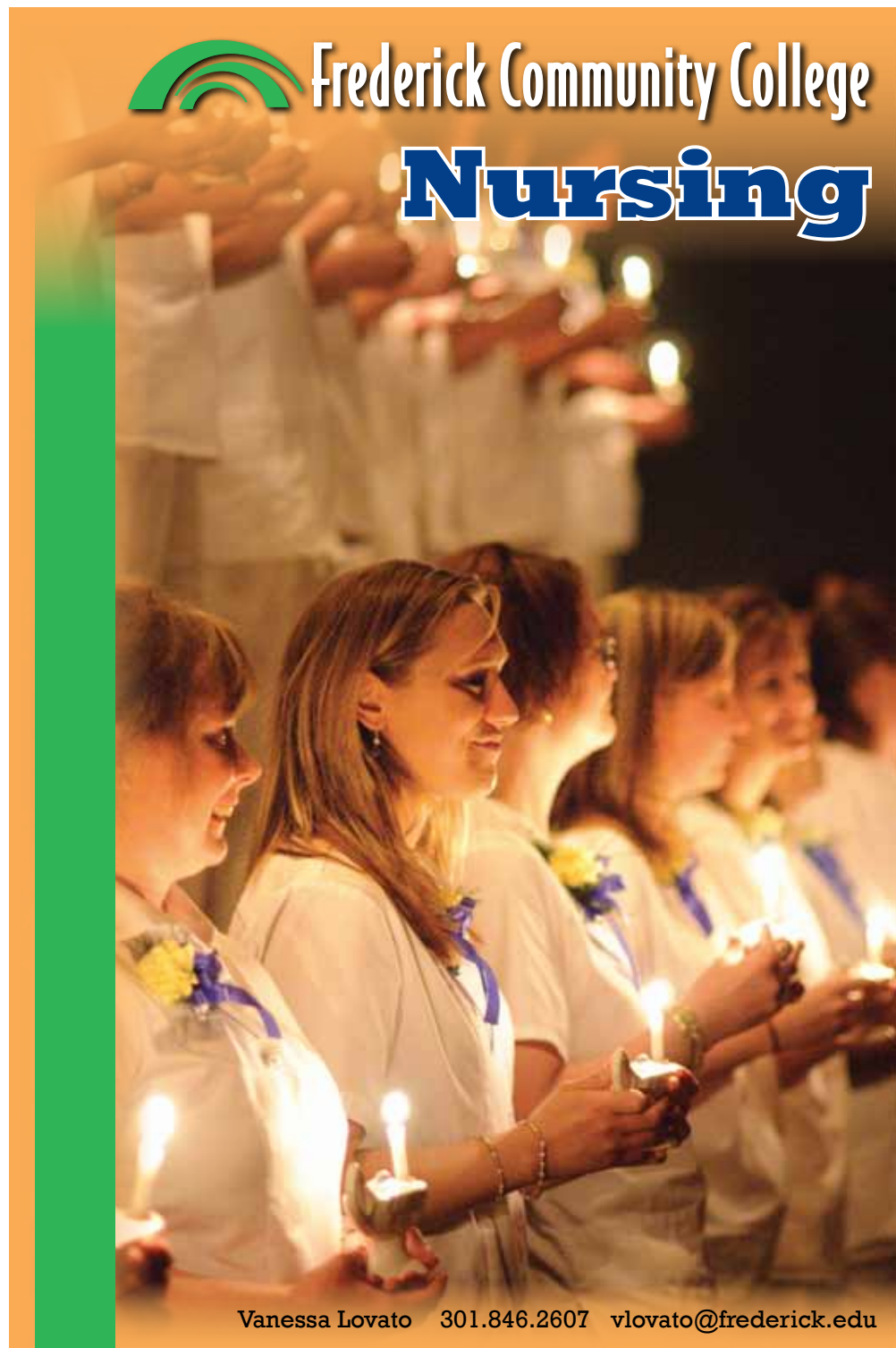
# Practical Nursing

## Certificate (Career) \*

<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English	
<b>EN 101 English Composition</b> .....	3
Mathematics	
Developmental math through elementary algebra via placement testing or coursework (MA 82)	
Social & Behavioral Sciences	
<b>ED/PS 208 Human Growth &amp; Development</b> .....	3
Biological & Physical Sciences	
<b>BI 103 Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> .....	4
<b>BI 104 Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> .....	4
<b>BI 120 Microbiology for Allied Health</b> .....	4
Other Requirements	
NU 101 Introduction to Clinical Nursing .....	6
NU 210 Reproductive Health Nursing .....	3
NU 211 Medical-Surgical Nursing I .....	7
PN 112 Nursing Throughout Developmental Stages .....	8
PN 113 Issues in Practical Nursing .....	1
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*Courses in bold satisfy general education requirements.*

‡ These courses fulfill the cultural competence graduation requirement.



# Nursing



Representing the largest health care occupation with over 2 million jobs, nurses promote health and manage illness. They are advocates and educators for patients, families and communities in many different settings from hospitals to schools, in corporate, residential, and public health environments.

## The Program

Frederick Community College's nursing programs have an excellent regional reputation for producing highly capable graduates whose pass rate on the National Licensing Exam is among the highest in the nation.

FCC offers students several ways to prepare for careers in the field:

- **Certificate, Practical Nursing \***  
A 43-credit 12-month program that enables graduates to take the licensing exam for Practical Nursing.
- **A.S., Nursing**  
A 70-credit associate in science degree program approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing which enables graduates to take the licensing exam for Registered Nursing.

## On the Job

Today's nurse assesses patient needs, identifies problems, plans and implements care, and evaluates outcomes. Today's nurse cares not only for individuals, but also for families and often whole communities. Today's nurse is a clinician, teacher, counselor, researcher, and manager. A career in nursing also offers continuous professional development. Few other careers offer such variety and flexibility.

## Skills You Need

- Ability to think critically
- People skills
- Communication skills
- Empathy, care and compassion
- Ability to work as part of a team

## Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

Job prospects for qualified RNs are excellent, as a severe nursing shortage is projected to continue through the next decade. While job opportunities vary by employment and geographic setting, employers are reporting challenges with attracting and retaining an adequate number of RNs (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2011). Graduates who pass the RN licensing exam can expect to be hired by healthcare agencies at \$47,000 to \$52,000 per year, and will typically have many job offers to consider.

## Program Objectives

- Demonstrate internalization of Neuman Systems Model to provide nursing care at the generalist level
- Prioritize nursing care for client systems
- Use critical thinking skills to attain, maintain and retain client system stability
- Provide safe, competent prevention/interventions
- Therapeutically communicate with the client system during all levels of prevention/intervention
- Employ effective oral and written communications skills
- Provide client education
- Apply legal and ethical standards of nursing
- Demonstrate professional workforce behaviors

## Take it from an FCC Nursing Graduate...

Thanks to the expertise and experience of the faculty and the help and support given through the additional resources we were offered tutoring, applications classes, and success tools, my classmates and I had a wonderful and ultimately successful experience in FCC's nursing program. The rigors of the academic program prepared us to practice nursing. We are all RNs now – thanks, FCC.

— Lisa Brandenburg

## Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. In addition to general scholarships, the following are available specifically for nursing students:

- Elizabeth Rau Scholarship
- Frederick Medical Alliance Scholarship
- Frederick Medical Foundation Scholarship
- Grace Englebrecht Scholarship
- Helen Staley Troxel Scholarship
- Kim Cool Scholarship
- LPN Scholarship
- Loats Foundation Scholarship
- Nurses Alumni Assn. of FMH Scholarship
- Rebecca Arn-Gruber Scholarship
- Robert C. Hutton Scholarship
- Robin L. Herring Scholarship
- Ruth Tick Memorial Scholarship

## Faculty

All full-time faculty are Masters-prepared, many with advanced practice credentials. All are experts in their field who take a personal interest in nursing students to think critically and to fulfill their career goals. Expect small classes, extensive hands-on instruction and flexible class schedules.

### Related noncredit classes . . . . .

- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Spanish for Nursing Staff

*Noncredit classes subject to change.*

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