

**NURSING (0353)**  
**NURSING DIVISION**  
**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The Associate Degree Program in Nursing at Darton State College is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Nursing Program is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). Information regarding nursing programs may be obtained by contacting the ACEN at Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone (404) 975-5000 FAX (404)-975-5020.

It is a five semester program planned to prepare the graduate to function as a nurse in first-level staff positions in hospitals and comparable agencies. After successful completion of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree, graduates will be academically eligible to write the state licensing examination to practice as a registered nurse. The state Board of Nursing has the right to refuse to grant a registered nurse license to any individual who has been convicted of moral and/or legal violations specified in Georgia law.

In addition to the application forms submitted for admission to the College in general, students applying for the first time and those returning to nursing courses after a break in nursing enrollment are required to submit a separate application for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Application forms are available at [www.darton.edu/programs/nursing/resources/applications/php](http://www.darton.edu/programs/nursing/resources/applications/php) and should be completed and returned to the Nursing Office.

To comply with the requirements of cooperating clinical facilities, the Nursing Division requires students to submit a completed health form, to complete a criminal background check and drug screen. These forms will be provided upon enrollment in NURS 1101.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program has limited enrollment, and students are selected on the basis of college course grades, completion of required nursing related coursework, pre-admission test score, and other qualifications related to academic and professional potential.

Students who wish to be considered for admission to the nursing program must submit a nursing program application to the Nursing Office prior to the desired date of admission.

Consideration for initial admission or re-admission to the program will be given after it has been determined that all admission requirements have been fulfilled. Readmissions are based on available space.

Applicants accepted for a designated beginning nursing class who do not enroll in that class must re-submit an application to the Nursing Office to be considered for a subsequent class. Accepted applicants who fail to maintain admission standards will be dropped before beginning the nursing program.

**Additional Admissions Requirements**

1. Applicants must have completed required Learning Support courses.
2. Applicants must complete the pre-admission test. Pre-admission cut-off scores for admission vary each semester of testing based on candidates who test.
3. Applicants must have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.7 with a minimum of 3-5 of the core classes. The 3-5 core classes may include Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, English 1101. Priority will be given to candidates who have completed BIOL 2111K and BIOL 2112K.
  - a. Only core courses required for the associate degree nursing program will be used to calculate the grade point average. Grades achieved in **each attempt** will be used in the calculation of this grade point average.
  - b. Grade of "D", "F", and /or "WF" in core courses applicable to the nursing program older than ten years may not be calculated in the admission GPA.
4. When faculty/student ratio limits the acceptance of all qualified students, preference may be given to students with the highest GPA and nursing pre-admission test