NURSING (0353) Nursing Department ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Associate Degree Program (ASN) 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, and Phone (404) 975-5000 FAX (404)-975-5020.

The ASN program is a five semester program planned to prepare the graduate to function in entry-level staff nurse 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 online at http://www.darton.edu/NursingApps and should be completed and returned to the Nursing Office.

To comply with the requirements of cooperating clinical facilities, the Nursing Department 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 resubmit 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 for Associate of Science (ASN) in Nursing program:

- 1. ASN applicants must have completed required Learning Support courses.
- ASN applicants must complete the pre-admission test (the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) V) and must earn a minimum overall score of 65. Applicants who do not meet the minimum TEAS score, or grade point average, will not be allowed to apply. Preadmission cut-off scores for admission vary each semester of testing based on candidates who test.
- 3. ASN applicants must have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.8 with a minimum of three-five of the core classes. The three-five core classes may include Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, English 1101, Math 1001/Math 1111.