

NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

The Nursing and Health Sciences Division at WVU Parkersburg is committed to supporting the college's mission in providing "accessible, life-changing educational opportunities in a safe and supportive environment." Careers within healthcare are one of the fastest growing areas of opportunity. According to the United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/>), employment in occupations related to health care is projected to increase in the coming years. This growth in employment is driven by technological advances in patient care, an increasing emphasis on preventive care, and an increase in the elderly population. Health care occupations with the largest projected employment increases are registered nurses; home health aides; patient care technicians; medical assistants; licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses; radiology technicians; and surgical technicians.

Careers in health care are exciting, rewarding, and offer a lifetime of fulfillment. The Nursing and Health Sciences Division ascribes to the college's commitment to provide academic excellence. We pride ourselves on the quality of education we have to offer as well as the success our graduates enjoy. Information about the degrees offered through the Nursing and Health Sciences Division can be found here (<https://www.wvup.edu/future-students/academics/nursing-health-sciences-division/>).

In addition to meeting the requirements for general admission to the college, students requesting admission to programs within the Nursing and Health Sciences Division must meet individual program admission requirements, complete a Nursing and Health Sciences Application (<https://www.wvup.edu/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2023/02/HEALTH-SCIENCES-COVER-LETTER-and-application-2.16.23.pdf>) and adhere to the clinical practice program requirements. Questions regarding the application process, program requirements, and course of study should be directed to the Nursing and Health Sciences Division at 304-424-8300.

REQUIREMENTS for PARTICIPATION IN CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Programs within the Nursing and Health Sciences Division have a clinical component that requires rotations into community health care agencies for patient care. Travel to these agencies is the responsibility of the student. Therefore, each student admitted into a Nursing and Health Sciences program must meet the requirements for participation in clinical experiences. Students are required to have a physical examination and complete required immunizations, maintain current CPR certification, submit to random drug testing and a criminal background check, complete required education as determined by the affiliate health care agencies, and adhere to HIPAA regulations and the Professional Standards/Safe Clinical Practice Standards of the program. The requirements for participation in clinical experiences can be found online here (<https://www.wvup.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/CLINICAL-PRACTICE-REQUIREMENTS.pdf>).

The WVU Parkersburg administration reserves the right to amend this documentation, upon recommendation of the Nursing Faculty Organization, without notice to insure the integrity of the program and safety of the students, college, and community at large.

Even though this catalog describes courses required to complete the programs within the Nursing and Health Sciences Division, it is not prescriptive or intended to replace counsel from an academic advisor. Course availability may vary and students are strongly encouraged to consult an academic advisor concerning course sequence and degree requirements.

Health Careers

- Accelerated LPN to RN Pathway (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/accelerated-lpn-rn-pathway/>)
- Certified Surgical Technician to AAS in Surgical Technology (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/certified-surgical-technician-aas-technology/>)
- Nursing RN-BSN: Full-Time Fall Admission (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-rn-bsn-full-time-fall/>)
- Nursing RN-BSN: Part-Time Fall Admission (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-rn-bsn-part-time-fall/>)
- Nursing RN-BSN: Part-Time Spring Admission (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-rn-bsn-part-time-spring/>)
- Nursing, A.A.S. (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-aas/>)
- Surgical Technology, A.A.S. (<https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/nursing-health-sciences/surgical-technology-aas/>)