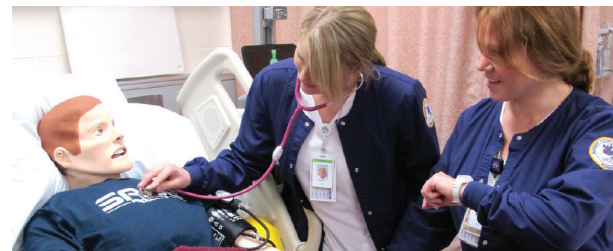


# Sample Education Plan Associate in Arts (AA) Area of Focus: Nursing (prelicensure)



Please note that the AA degree is not awarded in a specific major or focus area.

This is a SAMPLE plan to help guide you toward courses relevant to your interests while you are deciding on a transfer institution. Suggested courses are based on requirements of several four-year institutions. Please note that requirements vary among four-year colleges and universities. It is important to check early with your transfer school and academic advisor to ensure you are taking appropriate courses and meeting all requirements. You will find transfer guides for specific universities on MCC's website: [www.mchenry.edu/transfer](http://www.mchenry.edu/transfer).

## AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—Nursing (prelicensure)

Students are encouraged to complete an AA degree prior to transfer. A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer as a junior into a bachelor's degree nursing program.

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet in the current academic catalog for specific degree requirements and course options.

## Suggested Courses

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM	CREDITS	OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
<b>Communications</b>		<b>Diversity and Multicultural Studies</b>	
^ENG 151 Composition I	3	Two 3-credit hour courses are required. Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to fulfill credits in Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Electives. See current catalog for complete list of Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and how they apply toward degree requirements.	
^ENG 152 Composition II	3		
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech	3		
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>		<b>Electives</b> (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)	
PHI 251 Ethics	3	<b>Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):</b>	
IAI Fine Arts	3	^BIO 263 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	^BIO 264 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>		^BIO 255 Microbiology	4
PSY 151 Introduction to Psychology	3	^HFE 250 Nutrition for Wellness	3
PSY 250 Human Development over the Life Span	3	AOM 135 Medical Terminology	3
IAI Social & Behavioral Science (not with PSY prefix)	3	Foreign Language	0–16
<b>^Physical and Life Sciences</b>		Additional courses selected with your advisor to satisfy the AA degree credit requirements	
^CHM 164 Introductory Chemistry	5		
^BIO 157 Fundamentals of Biology	4		
<b>Mathematics</b>		<b>Total Credits Required for AA Degree</b>	<b>60</b>
^MAT 120 General Education Statistics	3	Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	

^Course has prerequisite(s)—Please reference the current academic catalog for prerequisites. Mathematics course selection will depend on your transfer school. Requirements vary among four-year schools.

## NOTE:

- Your transfer school may require at least 1 year of foreign language. High school foreign language may or may not count. It is always recommended that the foreign language requirement be completed prior to transfer.
- The AA degree includes the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) package. Meet with an MCC academic advisor to learn more about the IAI GECC and transfer benefits.

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### Transfer Notes

This sample plan is for the student who is planning to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and is neither planning to complete an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing nor has decided on a four-year transfer school. It provides a sample of courses that are often prerequisites to prelicensure nursing programs. Please be aware that each nursing program has different requirements. It is important to narrow your choice of transfer schools, review prerequisite requirements for each, and focus on taking those courses at MCC.

Admission to the nursing major is highly competitive and varies among four-year institutions. In addition to academic record, types of selection criteria that may be used include standardized exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills – TEAS), essay demonstrating critical thinking and writing skills, and health-related work or volunteer experience. In addition, a criminal background check and drug screening will be required.

Upon completion of the traditional BSN program, students are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses in order to receive the RN license and practice as a nurse generalist.

Four-year schools also offer RN to BSN programs. Students who complete the AAS in Nursing from MCC and earn the RN licensure may qualify for an RN to BSN program. In addition, many four-year schools offer accelerated BSN programs for students who already have a non-nursing bachelor's degree. Prerequisites for accelerated BSN programs can be completed through MCC.

### Transfer Schools

Following is a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer a nursing program:

- Aurora University
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Governors State University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan College
- Lakeview College of Nursing
- Lewis University
- Loyola University
- MacMurray College
- McKendree College
- Millikin University
- North Park University
- Northern Illinois University
- Olivet Nazarene University
- Rockford University
- St. Anthony College of Nursing
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- Trinity International University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Western Illinois University
- Wheaton College

### Transfer Resources

[www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org)—iTransfer is a portal for transfer assistance in the state of Illinois. Find information about the Illinois Articulation Initiative and MyCreditsTransfer (Transferology—a nationwide transfer tool).

[www.mchenry.edu/transfer](http://www.mchenry.edu/transfer)—Find transfer guides, course equivalencies, partnership agreements, and other transfer resources.

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