

## Careers

Registered nurses (RNs) work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care, they observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions, and progress; assist physicians during treatments and examinations; administer medications; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation.

Graduates of the nursing program will be prepared to give competent nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and other comparable health agencies under the supervision of more experienced practitioners and, with appropriate experience and further preparation, should be able to assume increasing responsibility in nursing.

## Salary

Salaries for entry-level staff nurses in the acute care (hospital) setting are competitive in this area. Median annual earnings of registered nurses were \$52,330 in 2004. The middle 50 percent earned between \$43,370 and \$63,360. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$37,300, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$74,760. Many employers offer flexible work schedules, childcare, educational benefits, and bonuses

## Job Outlook

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2014, and because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will result. Thousands of job openings also will result from the need to replace experienced nurses who leave the occupation.

## Education & Training Options

Montgomery College offers an associate of science degree (A.S.) in nursing for students who study in the nursing curriculum. (See *reverse for nursing curriculum.*)

### ■ Degree

The basic nursing curriculum covers two academic years, is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing, and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Upon completion of the curriculum, the graduate is granted the A.S. in nursing and is eligible to take the state board examination for registered nurse licensure. New graduates of all registered nursing programs are prepared for beginning staff nursing positions.

This is a selective program with specific admissions requirements. Applications should be received in the Admissions Office by April 1 for fall semester and by September 1 for spring semester.

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# Nursing Curricula

## Degrees, Certificates, and Letters of Recognition

Montgomery College is authorized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to offer four degrees (associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, and associate of arts in teaching) and certificates. In addition, the College recognizes students who satisfactorily complete certain course sequences with letters of recognition.

Some curricula are offered at all campuses, whereas others are limited to one or two. When a curriculum is offered at a specific campus, it is indicated by G for Germantown, R for Rockville, or TP for Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

## Admission to Montgomery College is open to all.

Math, English, and reading assessment tests are required prior to registering. (Some students may be exempt from assessment. Consult the *Montgomery College Catalog* for criteria.) Financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified candidates.

## Take the next step.

Complete an Application for Admission form (online @ [www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions/mcadmiss.htm](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions/mcadmiss.htm)) or call 240-567-5000 for information.

## Nursing A.S. (TP)

### First Semester

BI 204	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
NU 105	Nursing Perspectives I	1
NU 110	Foundational Concepts in Nursing*†	8
NU 121	Basic Health Assessment	2
PY 102	General Psychology	3

### Second Semester

BI 205	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	Mathematics foundation	3
NU 123	Nursing in Health and Illness I	4
NU 124	Nursing in Mental Health and Illness	4
PY 203	Human Growth and Development during the Life Span	3

### Third Semester

BI 203	Microbiology*	4
EN 102	Techniques of Reading and Writing II * 3	8
NU 230	Nursing in Health and Illness II Arts distribution	3

### Fourth Semester

NU 205	Nursing Perspectives II	1
NU 233	Nursing Management in Health and Illness	4
NU 234	Nursing in Family, Newborn, and Women's Health	4
SO 101	Introduction to Sociology Humanities distribution	3

**Total credit hours 69**

\* Students should check prerequisites for BI 204, BI 203, EN 102, and NU 110.

† Challenge options are available in NU 110. For further information call the Nursing Office or nursing adviser.