Nurses work one-on-one with patients in a variety of health settings. Nurses’ responsibilities involve assessing patient health problems and needs, developing and implementing nursing care plans, and maintaining medical records. Nursing professionals administer care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. Nurses might also be found advising patients on health maintenance and/or disease prevention.

The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) allows students to study in the classroom and combine technology to learn about a variety of nursing specialties such as medical-surgical, maternal-child, psychiatric, surgical, and home health care nursing. Students also get hands-on experience, caring for patients at several of the health care facilities in the region and practicing their skills by using computerized mannequins. After earning an A.S. students are required to take the national exam for registered nurse licensure.

**Required Skills:**
- Communication (Oral and Written)
- Service Oriented.
- Social Perceptiveness
- Reading Comprehension
- Decision Making
- Customer Service
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

**Possible Employers:**
- Hospitals
- Physician’s Office
- Nursing Home
- Hospice
- Home Health Care
- School System
- Disability Services
- Non-Profit Organization

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**
- American Nurses Association
  - www.nursingworld.org
- National League for Nursing
  - www.nln.org
- Sigma Theta Tau
  - www.nursingsociety.org
- International Council of Nurses
  - www.icn.ch/
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
  - http://www.aacn.nche.edu/

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN NURSING AT:**
- Nursing Spectrum/Nurse Week
  - www.nurse.com/students/careersinnursing.html
- DiscoverNursing.com
  - www.discovernursing.com/
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
  - www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm
- Pitt-Bradford Website
  - http://www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/nursing/
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Course Requirements:

GENERAL EDUCATION:
☐ ENG 0101 English Composition I
☐ PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology

LIFE and PHYSICAL SCIENCES:
☐ BIOL 0202 Microbiology for Allied Health Professionals
☐ BIOL 0212/0222 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
☐ BIOL 0213/0223 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
☐ CHEM 0103 Biological Chemistry

HUMAN EXPERIENCE ELECTIVES
Choose 2 courses (6 credits) from two of the following three
General Education areas: Arts and Letters; Behavioral, Economic, and Political Sciences; History, Cultures, and Philosophical Inquiry

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES
☐ NUR 0106 Succeeding in Nursing Education
☐ NUR 0109 Clinical Calculations
☐ NUR 0111 Fundamentals of Nursing
☐ NUR 0112 Comprehensive Nursing I
☐ NUR 0113 Pharmacology in Nursing
☐ NUR 0211 Comprehensive Nursing II
☐ NUR 0212 Comprehensive Nursing III
☐ NUR 0100 Transition Nursing for LPNs (only if student has an LPN)

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:
You will have EARNED _________ credit hours
You NEED _________ for the 60 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.