

In the profession of nursing, there are many levels of practice and an array of career options. Registered nurses (R.N.s) work in a variety of health care settings providing direct patient care and promoting optimal health/wellness practices in community settings such as industry and schools. The skills required of registered nurses include critical thinking, communication abilities that foster partnership with other health care professionals and competent individual performance.

Registered nurses with Bachelor of Science degrees may have greater opportunities to work in community settings such as Public Health Departments or schools or in other leadership positions. Progression towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) is the current national standard after ADN completion. Advanced training in the form of master's and doctoral level degrees are available in nursing, further increasing the registered nurse's employment and leadership opportunities.

Students are encouraged to have already chosen the four-year institution to which they plan to transfer for BSN completion. The four-year institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor should be consulted for effective planning. (Refer to the ADN program). Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Christine L. Vincent, MSN, RN, Dean of Health Professions 815-835-6376

Total Hours Required - 64 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 14 Hours

- CHE 103 - Introduction to Chemistry (4 Semester Hours)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PED 115 - Nutrition and Diet Therapy (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 17 Hours

- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- MAT 240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth & Development (3 Semester Hours)
- BIO 105 - Principles of Biology (5 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16 Hours

- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 Semester Hours)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC 111 - Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 17 Hours

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Electives 6 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 110 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 Semester Hours)
- BIO 111 - Introductory Microbiology (4 Semester Hours)