

Application Packet

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Our Mission

We are a program that provides a student-centered safe learning environment, considering cultural and spiritual diversity through the offering of arts, science, information and communication technologies, fostering lifelong learning and preparing the student to be responsible in its social and professional surroundings.

Our Vision

To be the best Nursing Science program that prepares highly competent leaders to provide care centered in the patient, family, and the community at a local, national or international level, fostering a culture of quality and safety.

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is designed to prepare generalist nurses with the skills for leadership, interdisciplinary teamwork, use of technology, information skills, principles of quality management, and the development of a culture of quality and safety centered in the patient/client. Includes principles of research, evidence-based practice, as well as communication and the application of clinical judgment for decision-making. Graduates from this

program will be able to perform in public or private institutions that require healthcare services. Upon completion of their degree, students will be prepared to take the licensure examination offered by the Puerto Rico Examining Board of Nurses.

Program Modality

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is offered in hybrid modality, which means there are some courses that require 50% classroom attendance and 50% online attendance via our educational platform eCourses.

Accreditation

Atenas College was founded under the leadership of Dr. María L. Hernández on October 7, 1996 in Manatí, Puerto Rico. The institution is currently accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), and offers technical certificates, associate and bachelor degrees in health-related areas. Atenas College stands out for the integration of simulation laboratories for the development of clinical competencies.

The Bachelor Degree in Nursing Science at Atenas College is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street,

NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted.”

Uniform and other materials

The dress code for clinical practice consists of the uniform established by the program faculty with the logos of the nursing program and the institution. A model of the uniform is displayed at the nursing program office, located in Annex B.

Acrylic nails, body piercings, and visible tattoos is not allowed during laboratories and clinical practice.

Simulation and Clinical Learning Center

The Simulation and Clinical Learning Center (SCLC) is a simulated hospital that has technological equipment available to practice the skills learned in the classroom. The SCLC is designed as a real hospital with Triage, Pediatrics, Mother-Child (Nursery), Medicine, Adult Intensive, Pediatric Intensive, Operating Room, Pharmacy, and Physical Therapy areas, among other hospital areas.

Extracurricular activities

Nursing program students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities

among which stand out visit and tours of places of interest to the program and conferences offered by external resources, health clinics, and other community activities.

Program Goals

The BSN program goals are as follows:

1. **Program Effectiveness:** Provide a current and updated curriculum, which complies with high quality standards that contribute to reaching the BSN program competencies and student learning outcomes.
2. **Faculty:** Promote professional excellence in the Nursing Program faculty, developing innovative teaching strategies and techniques that demonstrate their interest in collaborating in the training of competent nursing professionals committed to the community they serve.
3. **Human and physical resources:** Maintain the human, financial, and physical resources necessary to achieve the purposes of the program.

4. **Students:** Develop highly qualified nursing professionals with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for providing competent, sensitive, effective, safe, and quality nursing care to the client and the community.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)

- SLO#1 - Apply ethical-legal and moral principles to promote a holistic care and foster a culture of quality and safety improvement through the utilization of standards, policies and regulations and best practices to perform the nursing professional role.
- SLO#2 - Promote preventive health and health promotion centered on the client, family, and community and considering cultural diversity in a variety of health care settings.
- SLO#3 - Utilize informatics and technology in client care to promote safety when performing the professional role.
- SLO#4 - Apply critical thinking in the decision-making process when providing nursing care to a

diverse population, including complex high-risk situations and critical care.

- SLO#5 - Demonstrate evidence-based nursing practice skills in the provision of care to the client, family, community, and diverse populations.
- SLO#6 - Utilize teamwork strategies and effective communication in the provision of holistic care to the client, family, community, and diverse populations.
- SLO#7 - Demonstrate effective leadership in the coordination and direction of excellent quality health care services.
- SLO#8 - Apply the knowledge acquired in the general education, social science, and humanities courses to foster the development of the nursing professional role.

Clinical practice sites

Atenas College y its Nursing Program establish agreements with institutions such as hospitals, medical offices, centers for diagnostic and treatment, geriatric centers, among others, located in

various municipalities including the metropolitan area, for students to receive their clinical experience. The Nursing Program has a Clinical Practice Coordinator who ensures that students are assigned according to their level of competency and skills, and that each student meets all corresponding pre requisites.

Clinical practice requirements

- Certificate of Health issued no more than one month prior to the date of practice.
- Certificate of Negative Criminal Record issued no more than one month prior to the date of practice.
- Hepatitis B vaccine (three doses; necessary for clinical practice). If there were no evidence, the student must provide laboratory results as evidence.
- Influenza vaccine
- Varicella vaccine (two doses) or evidence of immunization, such as a serology test or varicella titer.
- Atenas College Student Identification Card
- Resume
- 4 2 x 2 photos
- Evidence of health insurance
- CPR Certification Card
- Evidence of compliance with Law 300 – Puerto Rico Law For verification of

Criminal Record of Children and Elderly Care Service Providers

- Any other document required by the clinical practice site: may include drug test.

The student must meet all requirements before enrolling in any practice course of the program.

Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice

Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (AACN), 2008.

- **Essential I:** Liberal Education for baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice
- **Essential II:** Basic Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care and Patient Safety
- **Essential III:** Scholarship for Evidence-Base Practice
- **Essential IV:** Information Management and Application of Patient
- **Essential V:** Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments
- **Essential VI:** Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration for Improving Patient Health Outcomes

- **Essential VII:** Clinical Prevention and Population Health
- **Essential VIII** Professionalism and Professional Values
- **Essential IX:** Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice

License and Membership

The nursing profession is regulated by the Puerto Rico Examining Board of Nurses, authorized by Puerto Rico Law No. 254 of December 31, 2015 (to regulate the nursing practice in Puerto Rico), which requires license to practice the profession. As additional requirement, nursing professionals must become members of the Puerto Rico College of Nursing Professionals.

It is important to seek guidance from the program faculty on the requirements and details to apply for the board examination after completing the program of study.

Employment opportunity

According to the occupational outlook handbook of the United States Bureau of labor Statistics,

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all

occupations. Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventive care; growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as they live longer and more active lives.

Registered nurses have the opportunity to work in public and private hospitals, medical offices, home care services, centers for diagnostic and treatment, childcare centers, geriatric care centers, hospice, schools, and other installations that require nursing services.

Admission

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is scheduled three times per year during the months of January, May, and August. Candidates for admission must meet each of the admission requirements established by the institution. Late registration extends up to two weeks after the last day for enrollment.

Atenas College guarantees equal opportunity in all its educational programs, services, and benefits. This institution does not discriminate for reasons of race, color, religion,

gender, origin, disability, age, marital status, physical appearance, political affiliation, or any other classification protected by the provisions of Title IV of the Amendments to Education of 1992, the American with Disabilities Act, and any other federal or state law or regulation applicable.

Admission requirements

- Complete and submit the Application for Admission at the Admissions Office.
- Provide high school official credits transcript. Such evidence must be certified by an institution authorized by the Puerto Rico Council of Education. If the candidate comes from an institution from the United States or a foreign country, a validation of academic studies from the Puerto Rico Department of Education must be submitted.
- Provide Certificate of Immunization (Form P-VAC-3), if under 21 years of age.
- Provide copy of College Entrance Exam results.
 - The purpose of requesting the College Entrance Exam results is to identify the need for tutoring in the subjects of languages

(English-Spanish), and mathematics. Students who do not present the College Entrance Exam results will be administered a test to measure cognitive skills, abilities, and attitudes in the subjects to be assessed. Staff from the Vice-presidency for Student Affairs will administer de exam.

- Students who obtained less than 300 points in the College Entrance Exam or less than 70% in the diagnostic test will be referred to the Tutoring Program.
- Students referred to the Tutoring Program need to meet twelve (12) hours of tutoring for each subject.
- Students who present evidence of approving exams from the Advanced Level Program in Spanish, English or mathematics and had obtained a score of 3 points or more, do not need to take the diagnostic tests. These students will have the opportunity to validate such credits.

- Students who validate basic courses do not need tutoring for such courses.
- Meet the minimum general point average (2.00) required by the program of study.
- Mastery of written and oral communication in Spanish.

Curricular Sequence

FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR					
First academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
PRE1100	Preparation for Student Life	-	-	15	1
ESP1101	Spanish I	-	-	45	3
ING101	English I	-	-	45	3
COM1100	Introduction to Informatics	-	-	45	2
BIO1101	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	-	-	75	4
Sub total				225	13
Second academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
MAT1100	Mathematics	-	-	45	3
BIO1102	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	-	BIO1101	75	4
ESP1102	Spanish II	-	ESP1101	45	3
ING1102	English II	-	ENG1102	45	3
Sub total				210	13
Third academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
BIO1200	General Microbiology	-	-	75	4
ENF1100	Fundamental Concepts of the Nursing Practice	-	BIO1101 BIO1102	135	5
ENF1200	Principles of Pharmacology and Medical Dosage	-	MAT1101 BIO1101 BIO1102	60	3
ESP3100	Document Writing	-	ESP1101 ESP1102	45	3
Sub total				315	15

SECOND ACADEMIC YEAR					
First academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
PSI1100	General Psychology	-	-	45	3
ENF1300	Nursing Process in Client with Behavioral Alterations	-	ENF1100 ENF1200	45	3
ENF1310	Clinical Practice: Nursing Process in Client with Behavioral Alterations	-	ENF1100 ENF1200	45	1
ENF2201	Nursing Process in Adult and Elder with Medical-Surgical Conditions I	-	ENF1100 ENF1200	135	5
Sub total				270	12
Second academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
ENF2100	Nursing Process in Maternal and Infant Care	-	ENF1100 ENF1200	135	5
ENF2202	Nursing Process in Adult and Elder with Medical-Surgical Conditions II	-	ENF2201	135	5
QUI2100	General Chemistry	-	-	75	4
Sub total				345	14
Third academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
ENF2300	Nursing Process in Pediatric and Adolescent Care	-	ENF1100 ENF1200	135	5
ENF3100	History and Physical Assessment	-	-	75	4
EST3100	Principles of Statistics	-	MAT1100	45	3
ING3100	Conversational English	-	ING1101 ING1102	45	3
Sub total				300	15
THIRD ACADEMIC YEAR					
First academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
ENF3200	Nursing Process in High-Risk and Critical Care Client	-	-	150	6
ENF3300	Principles of Research and Evidence-based Practice	-	EST3100	45	3
HUM3100	History of Puerto Rico	-	-	45	3
Sub total				240	12

Second academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
HUM3200	Ethics and Moral in Contemporary Times	-	-	45	3
CIS3100	Social Science	-	-	45	3
ENF4100	Nursing Process in High-Risk Community and Family	-	-	150	6
Sub total				240	12
Third academic term					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
MCS3100	Quality Improvement and Health Care Risk Management	-	-	45	3
ENF4200	Nursing Administration and Supervisory Principles	-	-	60	4
Elective	Elective course ¹	-	-	45	3
MTS3100	Information Management and Technology Application	-	-	60	3
ENF4300	Professional Transition Seminar	-	All previous courses	15	1
Sub total				225	14
Total				2370	120

** Elective courses: Select one 3-credit course					
Coding	Course	Co Requisite	Pre Requisite	Total Hours	Total Credits
ENF4500	Nursing Process in High-Risk and Critical Neonatal and Pediatric Care	-	-	45	3
ENF4600	Nursing Trends	-	-	45	3
ENF4700	Managing Client with Arrhythmia	-	-	45	3
ENF4800	Nursing Process in Hemodialysis Client	-	-	45	3
TCS4100	Transcultural Health	-	-	45	3

¹ To be programmed on the last academic term.

Application for Admission

Class Start Date: _____

I. Main information

Last name: _____ Name: _____
 Mailing address: _____ Physical address: _____

 Tel. No.: _____ Cell No.: _____ Email: _____

 Social Security No.: _____ Program of interest: _____
 Program hours of interest: _____ Daytime _____ Nighttime _____ Evening
 How did you learn of Atenas College? _____

II. Demographic data

Ethnic origin: _____ date of birth: _____
 _____ Month / Day / Year
 Sex: _____ Age: _____
 Citizenship _____ Status _____ Marital status: _____
 High school: _____ Municipality: _____
 Date of graduation: _____ GPA: _____
 Contact in case of emergency: _____ Relationship: _____ Tel No. _____

Did you take the College Entrance Exam? Yes ___ No ___ Results: Math. ___ Spa. ___ Eng. ___
 Did you take the Advanced College Entrance Exam? Yes ___ No ___ Results: Math. ___ Spa. ___ Eng. ___
 Have you studied in another university? Yes ___ No ___ Are you seeking to validate credits? Yes ___ No ___
 For credit validation, please register the university of origin:
 1. _____ 2. _____

___ I authorize Atenas College to use my image for promotional purposes without receiving financial compensation.
 ___ I do not authorize Atenas College to use my image for promotional purposes.

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____
 Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____
 Parent’s or Legal Guardian’s signature: _____ (if under 21 years of age)
 Name of Admissions Official: _____ Date: _____

Public Policy Notification: Atenas College guarantees equal opportunity in all its educational programs, services, and benefits. This institution does not discriminate for reasons of race, color, religion, gender, origin, disability, age, marital status, physical appearance, political affiliation, or any other classification protected by the provisions of Title IV of the Amendments to Education of 1992, the American with Disabilities Act, and any other federal or state law or regulation applicable.

Please read carefully before signing:

I have read and understood the conditions for admission to the Atenas College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. I understand that no meeting all steps of the process of application may result in my ineligibility for admission to the program.

_____ (initials)

I understand that I need to be accepted in Atenas College before I can apply for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I understand that being accepted in Atenas College does not guarantee acceptance to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

_____ (initials)

I understand that if I am accepted for admission to the program, I will be required to attend a compulsory orientation prior to the beginning of the first academic term. If I do not attend the orientation, I acknowledge that I will not be eligible for enrollment in any program courses and will lose my position in the program.

_____ (initials)

I understand that the program to which I am applying may require trips to various municipalities for clinical practice purposes. I am prepared to meet this requirement.

_____ (initials)

I certify to acknowledge I am applying for admission to Atenas College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, which is not accredited at this time.

_____ (initials)

I certify that the statements made by me on this application are true, complete and correct. I also understand that I am responsible for delivering the credits transcripts and other documents required to complete the application process.

_____ (initials)

Applicant's signature

Date