



DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHER EDUCATION &
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

New Program Report

Date Submitted:

10/27/2021

Institution

Ozarks Technical Community College

Site Information

Implementation Date:

8/22/2022 12:00:00 AM

Added Site(s):

Selected Site(s):

Table Rock Campus, 10698 Historic Highway 165, Hollister, MO, 65672

CIP Information

CIP Code:

513801

CIP Description:

A program that generally prepares individuals in the knowledge, techniques and procedures for promoting health, providing care for sick, disabled, infirmed, or other individuals or groups. Includes instruction in the administration of medication and treatments, assisting a physician during treatments and examinations, Referring patients to physicians and other health care specialists, and planning education for health maintenance.

CIP Program Title:

Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

Institution Program Title:

Nursing - Registered Direct Entry

Degree Level/Type

Degree Level:

Associate Degree

Degree Type:

Associate of Science in Nursing

Options Added:

Collaborative Program:

N

Mode of Delivery

Current Mode of Delivery

Classroom

Student Preparation

Special Admissions Procedure or Student Qualifications required:

The program will have a selective admissions process which will include admissions testing.



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Specific Population Characteristics to be served:

n/a

Faculty Characteristics

Special Requirements for Assignment of Teaching for this Degree/Certificate:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning required with a Master's degree in nursing preferred. Current (or be eligible to obtain) unrestricted Missouri State License as a Registered Nurse (RN). Two years of experience within the last five years in nursing education, clinical practice, or administration.

Estimate Percentage of Credit Hours that will be assigned to full time faculty:

Estimated percentage of credit hours that will be assigned to full time faculty is 90%.

Expectations for professional activities, special student contact, teaching/learning innovation:

Maintain currency of knowledge and skill in field of specialization and area of study. Maintain professionalism and vocational certification. Assist in student outreach and recruitment for college, Health Sciences division, and program. Provide quality instruction which is reflective of current discipline standards and is accurate, relevant, and engaging using college approved curriculum and resources.

Student Enrollment Projections Year One-Five

Year 1	Full Time: 24	Part Time: 0	
Year 2	Full Time: 30	Part Time: 0	
Year 3	Full Time: 30	Part Time: 0	Number of Graduates: 50
Year 4	Full Time: 30	Part Time: 0	
Year 5	Full Time: 30	Part Time: 0	Number of Graduates: 55

Percentage Statement:

98.00

Program Accreditation

Institutional Plans for Accreditation:

Missouri State Board of Nursing – Initial approval in Summer 2020 and full approval by Fall 2023
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

Program Structure

Total Credits:

65

Residency Requirements:

15 of the last 30

General Education Total Credits:

31

Major Requirements Total Credits:

34

Course(s) Added



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COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS	COURSE TITLE
ASN 236	2	Pediatric Nursing Concepts
ASN 240	3	Community Health and Management
ASN 125	2	Pharmacology for Nurses
ASN 250	3	Prof Nursing Integration
ASN 231	5	Nursing Life Span III
ASN 226	2	Advanced Concepts of Maternal Newborn Nursing
ASN 110	3	Fundamentals of Nursing I
ASN 120	4	Fundamentals of Nursing II
ASN 215	2	Adv Psychiatric/Mental Health
ASN 221	4	Nursing Life Span II
ASN 211	4	Nursing Life Span I

Free Elective Credits:

0

Internship or other Capstone Experience:

ASN 240 and ASN 250 are both capstone courses. Both courses include a capstone project that requires students to utilize evidence-based practices. ASN 240 has 24 hours of independent clinical experiences within the community. ASN 250 has 72 hours of clinical hours designed to help the student finalize their transition from a practical nurse to an associate degree nurse. ASN 250 also includes 8 hours of leadership and management experiences.

Assurances

I certify that the program is clearly within the institution's CBHE-approved mission. The proposed new program must be consistent with the institutional mission, as well as the principal planning priorities of the public institution, as set forth in the public institution's approved plan or plan update.

I certify that the program will be offered within the proposing institution's main campus or CBHE-approved off-site location.

I certify that the program will not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program of another Missouri institution in accordance with 6 CSR 10-4.010, subsection (9)(C) Submission of Academic Information, Data and New Programs.

I certify that the program will build upon existing programs and faculty expertise.

I certify that the program can be launched with minimal expense and falls within the institution's current operating budget.

I certify that the institution has conducted research on the feasibility of the proposal and it is likely the program will be successful. Institutions' decision to implement a program shall be based upon demand and/or need for the program in terms of meeting present and future needs of the locale, state, and nation based upon societal needs, and/or student needs.

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Phone: 417-447-8115

Student ID: _____
 Student Name: _____
 Navigator Name: _____

Catalog: 2022-2023 Academic Catalog and Student Handbook
 Program: Nursing - Registered Direct Entry (A.S.N.)

Nursing - Registered Direct Entry (A.S.N.)

A.S.N. Degree: 65 Hours

The Associate of Science in Nursing - Direct Entry program is two years in length. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to become licensed as a Registered Nurse. Graduates may go to work in hospitals, inpatient and outpatient departments, physician offices, nursing care facilities, home health care services, government agencies, and outpatient care centers.

Preadmission Requirements - 31 Credit Hours

Course Name	Credits:	Semester Completed	Grade	CORE 42
BCS-132 Health Sciences Nutrition	Credits: 3			
BCS-165 Human Anatomy	Credits: 4			
BCS-200 Microbiology <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> Grade of "C" or better in BCS 165.	Credits: 4			
BCS-205 Human Physiology <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> Grade of "C" or better in BCS 165.	Credits: 4			
CHM-101 Introductory Chemistry	Credits: 4			
ENG-101 Composition I	Credits: 3			
MTH-128 Contemporary Mathematics	Credits: 3			
PLS-101 American Government and Politics	Credits: 3			
PSY-110 Introduction to Psychology	Credits: 3			

Nursing Program Requirements - 34 Credit Hours

Course Name	Credits:	Semester Completed	Grade	CORE 42
ASN-110 Fundamentals of Nursing I	Credits: 3			
ASN-120 Fundamentals of Nursing II <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> ASN 110	Credits: 4			
ASN-125 Nursing Pharmacology	Credits: 2			
ASN-211 Nursing Life Span I	Credits: 4			
ASN-215 Adv Nursing-Psy/Mental Hlth <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> Admission to the ASN Program.	Credits: 2			
ASN-221 Nursing Life Span II	Credits: 4			
ASN-226 Maternal/Newborn Nursing	Credits: 2			
ASN-231 Nursing Life Span III	Credits: 5			
ASN-236 Pediatric Nursing Concepts	Credits: 2			
ASN-240 Community Health & Management <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> A grade of "C" or better in ASN 200, ASN 210, ASN 215, ASN 220, ASN 225, ASN 230, ASN 235.	Credits: 3			
ASN-250 Prof Nursing Integration <i>Prerequisite(s):</i> A grade of "C" or better in ASN 200, ASN 210, ASN 215, ASN 220, ASN 225, ASN 230, ASN 235, BCS 132, PSY 110, ENG 101, PLS 101.	Credits: 3			

Notes:

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Statement of Need and Feasibility for Direct Entry Associate of Science in Nursing Program

Documentation of Need:

A direct entry ASN program is needed because of the benefit it would provide to the community and because of the nursing shortage that has affected Southwest Missouri. The program provides a direct benefit to the community in which the program will be located both economically and in providing greater opportunities for the people of the area. In addition, the nationwide nursing shortage has affected the area hospitals. A local nursing program that prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN would help provide an option to fill those openings. This program, presented in 8-week blocks, will give the student an option to complete all the requirements necessary to take the NCLEX-RN in 2 calendar years. All nursing courses will be offered in the last 14 months of the 2-year time frame. Presenting the nursing courses in this timeframe would present an opportunity for second degree students who have completed the pre-requisites the ability to complete the requirements to take the NCLEX-RN in 14 months. This will also allow recent high school graduates to use A+ funds to complete this program. This will aid in filling some of the openings in Southwest Missouri.

The community in which the program will be located is in Taney and Stone counties. With physical location of the program in Hollister, Missouri in Taney County. The economy of the community is based primarily on the tourist industry. The largest employers are in the accommodation, food services, and retail industry. In Taney County 34.6% and in Stone County 25% of the population are employed in these

industries. These occupations are seasonal in nature with unemployment rising when the tourist season completes. In Taney County the poverty rate is 14.7% of the population while the poverty rate in Stone County is 12.9%.

The local communities support the establishment of this program as is evidenced by the letters of support from the Taney County Partnership and the Branson Chamber of Commerce (Appendix A & B). Both institutions note the need for nurses in the community. Also highlighted is the ability of local high school students to use A+ funds allowing them to achieve a career with job security and the ability to advance while keeping "the best and brightest," in the community.

Due to the sheer number of cases during COVID-19, nursing experienced a time where there were not enough nurses to meet the demands of patient care. There are currently 2,986,500 nurses in the US (BLS, 2020). However, the growth rate for nurse employment is projected at

7% over the next 8 years according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Projections 2019-2029 which is faster than the growth rate for all other occupations.

Cox Health, one of two major employers of nurses in Southwest Missouri, reported adding 94 bedside registered nursing positions in the last year and had 400 openings in September of this year system wide. This includes 50 openings at Cox Health Branson. Another major employer, Mercy Health Systems, reported 230 openings in Springfield with an additional 120 openings in other regional facilities.

As the nursing shortage continues to increase across the state of Missouri and the nation, it is known that there is a need to graduate more nurses to fill these vacancies. While the nursing schools inside the Springfield city limits, including the Ozarks Technical Community College Associate of Science in Nursing program, are working to fill these nursing vacancies, there is a need to educate more nurses in the Southwest Missouri rural areas. This program will help to fill this need.

Impact of Proposed Program on Area Nursing Programs

OTC's Table Rock Campus already has an LPN Program that feeds into its ASN Bridge program. There will be an impact on the number of applicants for the LPN program. However, there will continue to be a need for LPNs in the area and some students will still choose the LPN program as their entrance into nursing. Having an additional program at the Table Rock Campus will draw more students to the campus and allow students another option in how to enter the nursing profession. Eventually, if there are fewer LPN students there could be fewer students applying for the ASN Bridge program, however, there are still many seasoned LPN's who could potentially apply.

There are two nursing programs local to the Table Rock Campus, College of the Ozarks, and North Arkansas College. College of the Ozarks is a private institution with strict selective criteria for admission into not only the college but the nursing program as well. Approximately 30 minutes to the south is North Arkansas College. Students who have previously gone to North Arkansas College because of the lack of a traditional ASN program will have an opportunity to choose a local option and apply to OTC. Local high school students who now choose to go to OTC will be able to use the A+ program and instate tuition. However, it is not likely to pull many Arkansas students from North Arkansas College due to the cost difference in out of state tuition.

Similarly, there are students in the Branson and Hollister area that enroll in traditional ASN programs in Springfield. OTC having a similar ASN program in their community would allow them to remain local and use the A+ program. Because of the cost effectiveness of lower tuition within a community college and ability to apply A+ resources, some students may be pulled from Springfield private colleges such as Cox College of Nursing and Southwest Baptist University.

Another alternative for nursing education is Missouri State University (MSU). MSU is a 4-year institution with a BSN program. They offer students on-campus housing and the traditional college experience. It is unlikely that an additional ASN program at OTC would have a negative

impact on MSU's undergraduate nursing program. However, a positive impact would be that the new program could offer an alternative route for the students who fail to get into the nursing program at MSU. These students will have completed all the pre-requisites for the OTC ASN program and would be eligible to apply.

Student Population

The Table Rock Campus is in Taney County with Stone County immediately to the west and Christian County slightly to the North. There are five high schools in Taney County, and two in Stone County. Christian County is unique in that two high schools are closer to the Table Rock Campus and three other high schools are similarly distanced from Hollister as they are to Springfield. However, commute times may be less to Hollister because of traffic patterns to Springfield. There are nine primary high schools and three secondary high schools that the ASN program could recruit students. Some of these high schools already have agreements with OTC to provide their students with dual enrollment credit courses, making the transition into a nursing program more appealing to those students.

Due to the socioeconomic status of the area in which the school would be located the program could attract non-traditional students. This would include adult students who have been displaced due to job loss or layoff. Also included could be adult students seeking a career that provides greater job security.