The nursing program is an integral part of Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC) and accepts the mission statement and the goals of NACC. The nursing curriculum combines general education and nursing education courses. The Associate in Applied Science Degree is awarded by Northeast to the student who successfully completes all requirements of the nursing program. Students in the program are eligible after successful completion of the first three semesters for the Practical Nursing Certificate.

**Associate in Applied Science Degree**
- 5 Semesters/Two Academic Years

**Practical Nursing Certificate**
- 3 Semesters/One Academic Year

NACC’s Nursing Program is structured for a seamless transition from Practical Nursing (certificate) to Registered Nursing (AAS) or a “one-plus-one” plan of study. After successful completion of 3 semesters (one year), students are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). To successfully complete the Practical Nurse Program and be awarded a certificate the student must successfully complete NUR 112, NUR 113, NUR 114, NUR 115, and required academic courses. The review of the application by the State Board of Nursing determines eligibility of the applicant to take the licensure examination.

Students who have successfully completed the first three semesters then have an option to continue for two semesters to complete the AAS degree. Graduates are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and apply to a state board of nursing for licensure as a registered nurse. To successfully complete the AAS degree and be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN, the student must successfully complete NUR 211 and NUR 221 and required academic courses. The review of the application by the State Board of Nursing determines eligibility of the applicant to take the licensure examination.

The nursing curriculum is a concept-based curriculum reflecting the stated mission and philosophy of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Nursing Programs. The nursing curriculum design is based on conceptual learning to facilitate transfer of knowledge, facilitate collaborative and active learning, focus on problems, foster systematic observations, focus on nursing actions and interdisciplinary efforts, and foster understanding of relationships. Concepts are linked to each other while presenting exemplars of concepts. This approach helps learners to extrapolate meanings from one concept to another and identify commonalities.

Courses have been carefully planned to provide the student with a continuity of learning experiences. Content is organized in an increasing manner from simple to complex, building on previous learning and adding new information, while allowing for continual review.

When delivering direct patient care, students are supervised by faculty. In the campus nursing laboratory, simulation and instruction are directed through hands-on practice and facilitated by personal contact and by visual, computer-assisted, interactive, and other multimedia stimuli.

The faculty strive to produce graduates capable of self-direction, who are willing to assume responsibility and accountability for their practice in the health care delivery system.

The NACC nursing department offers one track for the attainment of an associate of applied science degree in nursing:
1. Traditional Day – Fall class start