Nursing Program Policy Changes – Updated for 2016

Nursing Student Handbook Changes (Effective summer 2015):

- 1st Semester Attempts: Students with 2 unsuccessful attempts in any combination of NUR 101, 102, & 103 courses will be withdrawn from their program of study. Withdrawn students may re-apply to the waitlist and re-enroll in their program of study one time.
- Program Length: Once a student begins the clinical portion of the program, the maximum time allowed for completing the AD program is 4 years. The maximum time allowed for completing the PN program is 3 years. Students who are unable to complete all required coursework within the designated time frame will be withdrawn from their respective program.

Entry Requirements (Effective August 15, 2015):

- HESI: Students applying to either nursing program who do not achieve a score of 75 on all required sections of the HESI exam may retake the exam one time in a 12 month period. (Only those sections in which the student did not achieve 75 or higher need to be repeated). Any retake must be scheduled at least 60 days from the date of a previous test.
- GPA Requirements:
  - To be eligible for Admission to the Associate Degree Program, students must: Have a HS GPA of 2.5 (or GED equivalent) or a College GPA of at least 2.0 for students with 12 or more college credits. For students with 12 or more college credits, the college GPA will be used, regardless of HS GPA. Students whose GPA, ACT and/or Accuplacer score, place them into MA 098 or below, must meet the requirements for MA 098 with a grade of “C-“ or higher to be eligible to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
  - To be eligible for Admission to the Practical Nursing Program, students must: Have a HS GPA of 2.0 (or GED equivalent) or a College GPA of at least 2.0 for students with 12 or more college credits. For students with 12 or more college credits, the College GPA will be used regardless of HS GPA.

Advanced Standing Entry Requirements (to be eligible to apply) (Effective August 15, 2016)

- Licensed Practical Nurses who wish to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing are required to have 2000 hours of work experience as a Practical Nurse within the last 4 years, in addition to meeting all other program admission requirements.

Projected Start Dates (Effective fall 2015):

- Students will be offered the first available opening to begin the nursing program. If necessary, students may defer this start date for one semester. Any further delay in starting will require the student to reapply to their respective program.

Foundational Courses & Academic Probation/Suspension (Effective fall 2015):

- In order to be eligible for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) or Practical Nursing program, students must have successfully completed any required AFP courses with a grade of at least C- and be in good academic standing. Students will not be accepted to either program until all Foundational/Developmental courses are successfully completed. In addition, students applying to either program must be in good academic standing.
- Any student placed on Academic Suspension while on the waitlist or while enrolled in either nursing program will be immediately withdrawn. Students wishing to pursue nursing after this may re-apply after following GRCC’s academic suspension policy and returning to good academic standing.

General Education Courses including Science Courses – ASSOCIATE DEGREE (Effective fall 2015):

- A minimum grade of “C” is required in all general education courses that apply to the ADN Program (including Advanced Standing), and a minimum grade of “C-” for the PN Program. General Education
courses for students whose Ready Date and Course Completion date is prior to August 15, 2015, will be accepted based on previous program requirements (minimum grade of "C-" in Sciences and passing grade in other General Education courses). Regardless of whether you were on the waiting list or not, any general education courses taken after August 15, 2015, will require a minimum grade of "C" to be applicable. Students who are accepted to the wait-list after August 15, 2015, will be required to follow the new policy, and thus all general education courses will require a minimum grade of "C", regardless of whether these courses were taken prior to August 15, 2015. Please keep in mind that students in the PN program who wish to continue into the ADN program will need to achieve a minimum grade of "C" in any general education courses they intend to use for the Associate Degree Program (unless they are on the Advanced Standing list prior to August 15, 2015).

General Education, including Science Courses – PRACTICAL NURSING (Effective fall 2016):

- A minimum grade of “C” will be required in all general education courses for the PN Program. General Education courses for students whose Ready Date and Course Completion date is prior to August 15, 2016, will be accepted based on previous program requirements (minimum grade of "C-" in General Education courses). Regardless of whether you were on the waiting list or not, any general education courses taken after August 15, 2016, will require a minimum grade of "C" to be applicable. Students in the PN program who wish to continue into the ADN program will need to achieve a minimum grade of "C" in any general education courses they intend to use for the Associate Degree Program.

Prerequisite/Course Changes - ASSOCIATE DEGREE (Effective fall 2016):

- BI 126/127, Microbiology, will no longer be required. Instead, this content will be incorporated into the revised Nursing Curriculum.
- As has always been the case, students are encouraged to pursue their BSN upon completion of their ADN. For this reason, BI 127, Microbiology, is strongly recommended for all Associate Degree Students. (Some BSN programs may also accept BI 126 for Microbiology, though students should discuss this with any prospective BSN program prior to enrolling)
- The 3 credit Social Science course (any) will no longer be required. Instead, and in accordance with GRCC’s college wide graduation requirements, all students will be required to complete 3 credits in Humanities.

Prerequisite/Course Changes - PRACTICAL NURSING (Effective fall 2016):

- Prerequisite and General Education courses required for the Practical Nursing Program (EN 101, PY 201, GH 125, NUR 100) remain the same with the exception of GH 126, Microbiology, which will no longer be required. Instead, this content will be incorporated into the revised Nursing Curriculum.

GRCC College Wide Course Changes - ASSOCIATE DEGREE (Effective fall 2017):

- In anticipation of changes to GRCC’s graduation requirements, PS 110 American Government and 1 Credit in Wellness will no longer be required. This does not impact students who have already completed this requirement and these courses will continue to transfer to 4 year institutions as is currently the case.