

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – A.D.N. PROGRAM**

### **Will I become a registered nurse when I graduate from the A.D.N. program?**

When you successfully graduate, you will be eligible to take the required State Board of Ohio Nursing Exam. You must pass this exam before you are allowed to practice as a Registered Nurse. Graduates from other RN programs such as BSN or Diploma schools also take the same licensure exam.

### **How long does the A.D.N. program take?**

Once the prerequisites are met and upon your entry into the program, the nursing curriculum is designed to be completed in four subsequent semesters. Your completion date is dependent upon the start date of your nursing curriculum.

### **What kind of courses do the students take in the A.D.N. program?**

The aim of the nursing program is to provide a broad education. Approximately half of the total credit hours are nursing courses, with the remaining course work evenly divided among science courses such as Anatomy and Physiology and general studies courses such as English.

### **Do you have an evening/weekend A.D.N. program?**

Classes and clinical experiences are offered both for day and modified evening/weekend programs. Applicants for the evening/weekend program are admitted to the first course of fall session only. The modified evening/weekend program is called modified because in some clinical situations, the student may be required to start the clinical experience earlier than 5:00pm.

### **Can I attend classes for the A.D.N. program at just one campus?**

The nursing curriculum is centered at Tri-C's Metropolitan campus. Students attend nursing classes at the Metro campus and care for patients at clinical agencies throughout the Greater Cleveland area. Students in the modified evening/weekend program attend nursing classes at the Eastern campus. Prerequisite and support classes may be taken at any Tri-C campus.

### **What are the A.D.N. program courses like?**

The nursing courses consist of classroom study, practice in the college laboratory using mannequins and simulation equipment, and in the hospital or agency setting, caring for patients under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor. Each week depending on the nursing courses, students will devote 4-5 hours in the classroom, 11-17 hours in the hospital/agency setting and 2-3 hours in the college nursing practice laboratory.

Day program students can expect the above to occur between 8:00am and 5:00pm most days of the week. The modified evening/weekend program students can expect to have courses scheduled any time between 5:00pm and 11:00pm most days and possibly Saturday and Sunday between 7:00am and 1:00pm.

**I am a Licensed Practical Nurse; may I receive advanced placement in the A.D.N. program?**

Licensed Practical Nurses may apply for advanced placement through our ACCESS in Nursing program (Achieving Continuing Career Education for Success as Satisfaction). Placement for this program is on a space-available basis. Contact the Division of Nursing at the Metro campus for further information.

**I already have college credits. Can I complete the A.D.N. program in less than two years?**

The Nursing courses are offered in sequence, so the program cannot be completed in less than two years.

**What is the cost of the A.D.N. program?**

The approximate cost of the program is \$5,369 for in-county residents, \$7,098 for out-of-county residents, and \$14,535 for out-of-state residents (prices subject to change). In addition, the following are estimates of added expenses:

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| Nurse entrance test   | \$40                                 |
| Books   | \$1,000                              |
| Uniforms  | \$250                                |
| Laboratory fees   | \$250                                |
| Liability insurance   | \$25 (\$12.50 each semester)         |
| Medical insurance required<br>(private or through college)  | (variable based on current coverage) |
| Standardized testing  | \$60                                 |
| Miscellaneous expenses (stethoscope,<br>scissors, hemostat, immunizations,<br>Tuberculin testing) | \$65                                 |

**Is financial aid available?**

In general, yes. Students may qualify for the usual federal or state program. For more information, contact the Tri-C Student Financial Assistance Department at 216-987-4100.