



## General Studies



**Carolinan College**  
of Health Sciences

General studies courses that comprise the associate of science in general studies program are offered to enhance the undergraduate learning experience and help students develop competencies in communication, critical thinking and problem solving, and content application, which provide a foundation of knowledge and academic skills that will prepare a student for further study or careers in the life sciences or healthcare professions.

Several curriculum tracks are offered once a student is enrolled in the associate of science in general studies program, provided students meet the basic admission requirements for their selected track. Students have until the completion of their first semester in the program to select their specific track, unless they remain enrolled as a non-degree seeking student.

### Student Outcomes

The general studies courses at Carolinas College are unique in many ways, but one commonality is that all emphasize particular goals, objectives and outcomes. Specific courses articulate individual objectives, but all general studies courses emphasize at least one of the learning goals below. After completing the general studies courses at Carolinas College, students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Communicate effectively.
- Understand the fundamental concepts and applications of the natural sciences.
- Analyze and understand the influence of different environmental, social and cultural contexts in shaping human thought and behavior.
- Think critically, apply abstract concepts, and draw conclusions from course concepts.
- Exhibit awareness in the areas of integrity, ethical reasoning, and/or cultural diversity.
- Work with others to effectively reach a goal.

## Grading Policy

The associate of science program uses the following numerical grade ranges for the final letter grade of each course:

- A: 90 — 100
- B: 80 — 89
- C: 70 — 79
- D: 60 — 69
- F: below 60 (Failing)

## Awards and Recognition

In addition to other awards given by the college, the Excellence in General Studies award will be given to a graduating student who exhibits commendable performance related to at least one of the six student outcomes.

### Associate of Science in General Studies

This degree will be awarded to students who successfully complete 60 semester credit hours of coursework. This program provides students with a basic understanding of the biological sciences and an opportunity to integrate liberal arts with healthcare education. The healthcare programs at Carolinas College have a competitive admission process. Students who are not accepted upon their first application to the program of choice have the opportunity to take college-level coursework while enrolled in the associate of science general studies program, enabling them to complete courses, which would later transfer when admission to a clinical program has been obtained. Students entering the AS program may modify their course sequence to best prepare them for a particular program in anticipation of a change of program or track. This program can also help students prepare for transfer into advanced programs at four-year institutions leading to degrees such as pre-medicine or pre-veterinary.

The curriculum for the associate degree in general studies is below:

#### General Studies – Master Curriculum Plan

General Studies Core Courses	Credits
Communications: ENG 101 and COM 101	6
Humanities/Fine Arts: ENG 231 and PHI 201	6
Natural Sciences: BIO 168 and BIO 169	8
Social/Behavioral Sciences: PSY 101 and SOC 101	6
Quantitative Reasoning: MAT 101 and MAT 201	6
TOTAL	<b>32</b>

Major Area Electives	Credits
At least 28 and no more than 30 additional credit hours from Communications, Humanities/Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Health Sciences, Social/Behavioral Sciences, and/or Quantitative Reasoning.	28
Elective courses include but are not limited to BIO 130, BIO 200, ENG 235, ENG 240, HEA 109, HLC 102, HLC 200, PSY 241, SOC 240 (comparable transfer credits will be considered to meet the Major Area Elective requirements)..	
TOTAL	<b>28</b>

Degree Requirements		Credits
General Studies Cores Courses		32
Major Area Electives		28
TOTAL		<b>60</b>

Sample Course Sequence\*:

First Term		Credits
BIO 168	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 101	College Math	3
ELE	Major Area Elective	1-4
TOTAL		<b>12</b>

Second Term		Credits
BIO 169	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG 231	English Literature	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
ELE	Major Area Elective	1-4
TOTAL		<b>12</b>

Third Term		Credits
COM 101	Communication	3
MAT 201	Statistics	3
SOC 101	Sociology	3
ELE	Major Area Elective	1-4
TOTAL		<b>12</b>

Fourth Term		Credits
PHI 201	Ethics	3
ELE	Major Area Elective	1-4
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ELE	Major Area Elective	1-4
TOTAL		<b>12</b>

Fifth Term		Credits
ELE	Any Remaining Major Area Electives	
TOTAL		<b>12</b>

\*An advisor will help determine the best sequence of courses for each student.

## Curriculum Tracks

Within the General Studies program, two curriculum tracks are offered: **Pre-Nursing** and **Pre-Radiologic Technology**. Students enrolled in these tracks have the opportunity to earn guaranteed admission into either the Carolinas College nursing or radiologic technology programs. To be eligible for guaranteed admission, students must complete the coursework at Carolinas College within three consecutive terms of starting the program and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.23 on the required coursework at Carolinas College. Only the grades earned on the first attempt at these courses will be considered in calculating the GPA eligibility for guaranteed admission. Those who earn guaranteed admission will be admitted as space becomes available. Those who do not earn guaranteed admission may change to the general studies track to complete the associate degree.

### Pre-Nursing

The pre-nursing track is a 12-13 semester credit hour block of classes.

The coursework includes:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 168)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 169)
- Medical Terminology (NUR 100 or HLC 102)
- College Math (MAT 101)

### Pre-Radiologic Technology

The pre-radiologic technology track is a 12-13 semester credit hour block of classes.

The coursework includes:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 168)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 169)
- Medical Terminology (HLC 102)
- College Math (MAT 101)

## General Studies

The general admission criteria for the **General Studies** program include:

- Official high school transcript or equivalent verifying graduation and college preparatory coursework.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended with a combined cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0.
- Official SAT or ACT test score report with a minimum 900 (SAT) or 19 (ACT). Copies of official score reports and scores reported on an official transcript will be accepted. For the SAT, only the critical reading and math scores are considered in calculating the minimum requirement. For the ACT, the composite score is used. The SAT/ACT requirement is waived for applicants holding a baccalaureate degree or higher.

Additional admission criteria for entry into the **Pre-Nursing** and **Pre-Radiologic Technology** tracks of General Studies include:

- Official high school transcript or equivalent verifying graduation and college preparatory coursework. Applicants with fewer than 24 hours of college credit must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5. Applicants with a GED must submit 24 semester hours of college credit with at least nine semester hours in math and science.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended with a combined cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5.

### Admission as a Non-Degree Seeking Student

There is an opportunity for students to take courses in a non-degree seeking student status. Courses are on a space-available basis only.

To apply, applicants must submit the following:

- College application (online - \$60 application fee)
- Official high school transcript, GED equivalency OR college transcript (with 12 credit hours of completed coursework)
- Official transcript(s) must demonstrate completion of any prerequisite coursework.
- After acceptance, signed acceptance confirmation form and payment of deposit

Students taking courses in the non-degree seeking status are limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours while in that status and are not eligible for financial aid.



## Tuition and Fees

Carolinas College of Health Sciences maintains the following tuition and fee schedule.

Tuition (per semester credit hour):	
All Courses	\$368
<b>Program (Flat Fee) Tuition</b> (payable incrementally for each semester of enrollment)	
Histotechnology	\$9122
Medical Laboratory Science	\$9122
Radiation Therapy	\$9122
<b>Non-Credit Courses</b> (per course or program)	
Phlebotomy	\$625
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology/ Transfusion Medicine	\$2800
<b>Fees</b>	
Application Fee	\$60
Admission Deposit and Background Check Fee	\$200
Access Control Fee (per semester)	\$20
Activity Fee (per semester)	\$30
Learning Resource Fee (per semester):	
0 - 5 Credit Hours	\$125
6+ Credit Hours	\$225

Fees (continued)	
Science Lab Fee	\$40
Nursing Lab Fee (101 & 202)	\$240
Neurodiagnostic Course Fee	\$60
Nursing 101/110 (Skills Module Fee)	\$127
Nursing Lab Fee (Intermediate)	\$120
Radiation Therapy Lab Fee	\$80
Radiologic Technology Lab Fee (RAD 110 & RAD 212)	\$115
RAD 110 Course Pack	\$35
RAD 110 Markers Fee	\$25
Graduation Fee (final semester only – Fall or Spring)	\$200
Graduation Fee (Summer)	\$155
Returned Check/NSF Fee	\$25
Effective January 2020 (ADN Nursing Students) Nursing Lab Fee (110 & 120)	\$120



<b>Textbooks, Supplies and Uniforms</b>	
(approximate annual cost, purchased from third parties)	
Histotechnology	\$390
Medical Laboratory Science	\$770
ADN Nursing – Beginning Nursing	\$1190
ADN Nursing – Intermediate Nursing	\$830
ADN Nursing – Advanced Nursing	\$205
RN to BSN Nursing (books only)	\$710
Radiologic Technology (Level I)	\$1525

Radiologic Technology (Level II)	\$490
Radiation Therapy	\$1125
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology/ Transfusion Medicine (books only)	\$550
Phlebotomy	\$270

Note: Certain programs and courses may have additional fees. Medical insurance is available on a per-semester basis payable directly to the insurance provider. See student affairs office for details.

## Refund Policy

The tuition refund policy is applied to students who officially withdraw for any reason and is based on the date the withdrawal is submitted to student affairs. This policy applies to all standard and non-standard academic terms. Student fees, application fees, and admissions deposit are not refundable. When a student officially withdraws, the college will refund tuition according to the following schedule:

- Withdrawal before the first day of classes: 100% is refunded
- Withdrawal/dismissal within the first 10% of the term: 50% is refunded
- Withdrawal/dismissal between 11% and 25% of the term: 25% is refunded
- Withdrawal/dismissal after 25% of the term: No refund

The college will retain a minimum tuition amount of \$100 for withdrawals after the start of class. Full tuition will be retained for phlebotomy classes or specialist in Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine for students who do not officially withdraw within two business days prior to the class start date.

A separate refund policy will apply to Title IV Federal Financial Aid. When a refund is due to the Department of Education due to unearned financial aid, that amount will be deducted from any tuition refund owed to the student.

## Financial Aid

The college administers financial aid without regard to race, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran status, disability, genetic information or any other basis prohibited by law. Financial aid options offered to students enrolled in eligible programs include the following:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans
- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Federal Work Study
- Alternative Loans (Private Loans)
- Veteran's Benefits (GI Bill)
- Atrium Health Educational Loan Forgiveness Program
- Scholarships (merit, need-based, special application)
- North Carolina Forgivable Education Loan for Service Program (FELS)
- North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship Program

All students must complete the most current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) whether they intend to apply for federal financial aid or not. The FAFSA will be used to establish eligibility for federal student aid funds and/or many college-based scholarships. The FAFSA is available online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Carolinas College's Federal School Code (031042) must be included on the FAFSA so the processed results can be accessed by the financial aid office. Once the FAFSA information has been processed and reviewed by the financial aid office, the applicant will be contacted if further information is required. An award letter will be sent to the applicant upon file completion.

If a student receiving federal financial aid funds completely withdraws from the college before the 60% point of the term, a portion of the awarded funds must be returned to the federal aid program after calculation of the return to Title IV Funds.

Carolinas College is a veteran-friendly college and seeks to ensure that veteran students are successful. Veterans' benefits are available for eligible students enrolled in qualified programs. Details can be found at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

For the most up-to-date financial aid information, please visit the college website, [www.CarolinasCollege.edu](http://www.CarolinasCollege.edu).

