



DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM: BACHELOR OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (TIFFIN UNIVERSITY) + ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING (TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

What is the Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences / AASN Dual Degree Program?

The Dual Degree Program is a collaborative pathway between Tiffin University (TU) and Terra State Community College (TSCC) that allows students to earn two degrees in four years: a Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences (BAHS) from TU and an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) from TSCC. Students complete foundational science, communication, ethics, statistics and general education coursework at TU while living on campus. Beginning in year three, students complete professional nursing courses and clinical experiences through Terra State's accredited nursing program.

Students gain competencies in anatomy and physiology, microbiology, chemistry, evidence-based practice, clinical judgment, ethical decision-making, professional communication, healthcare informatics and nursing care across the lifespan.

Why study in this Dual Degree Program?

This pathway provides the benefits of a residential university experience at Tiffin University combined with high-quality, accredited nursing preparation from Terra State. Students earn two degrees in four years and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN upon completion. TU offers strong advising, support services, campus life and athletics, while Terra State provides hands-on nursing education through clinical placements across northwest and north-central Ohio. With a growing national demand for Registered Nurses, students enter a high-opportunity career field with strong long-term job prospects and access to graduate study, including a future MSN from TU.

What can I do with this degree?

The Ohio Board of Nursing determines who is eligible to take the National Exam and the graduate must pass the exam to become a RN. Graduates who are qualified to become Registered Nurses (RNs) may work in:

- Pediatric Nursing
- Maternal-Newborn Nursing
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Public Health Nursing
- Long-Term Care/Geriatric Nursing

Potential graduate pathways include Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs with tracks in the following: Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Leadership, Nursing Education and Public Health, among others.



How much will I earn with this degree?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual salary for Registered Nurses is over \$86,000. Examples from BLS.gov include:

- Registered Nurse: \$86,000
- Psychiatric Nurse: \$87,000
- Pediatric Nurse: \$80,000 – 95,000
- Obstetric/Maternal Health Nurse: \$85,000 – 100,000
- Public Health Nurse: \$70,000 – 90,000
- Medical-Surgical Nurse: \$83,000 – 92,000
- Long-Term Care Nurse: \$75,000 – 88,000



What is your pathway to graduation?

YEAR 1	
FIRST YEAR FALL	FIRST YEAR SPRING
DEC 100 Engage	ENG 142 Rhetoric & Academic Writing
NAT 130 Foundations of Healthy Living	CHM 121 Intro to Organic & Biochemistry
DLT 101 Digital Literacy & Technology Readiness	MAT 181 College Algebra or higher-level math depending on placement
ENG 141 Intro to Rhetoric & Academic Writing	MGT 201 Management of Organizations
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	PHI 215 Ethics

YEAR 2	
SECOND YEAR FALL	SECOND YEAR SPRING
BIO 221 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 222 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIO 221L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	BIO 222L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
PSY 265 Lifespan Development	BIO 150 Medical Terminology - offered spring online
BIO 373 Microbiology	MAT 273 Applied Statistics
BIO 373L Microbiology Lab	COM 310 Interpersonal Communication
COM 130 Intro to Speech Communication	MGT 301 Organizational Behavior
DEC 200 Explore	Students apply to the Terra State Nursing Program this semester

YEAR 3	
THIRD YEAR FALL	THIRD YEAR SPRING
DEC 300 Connect	NUR 1170 Adult Health Nursing I
NUR 1060 Nursing Success	NUR 1173 Adult Health Nursing I Clinical
NUR 1160 Foundations in Nursing	NUR 1175 Adult Health Nursing I Lab
NUR 1163 Foundations in Nursing Clinical	NUR 1180 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
NUR 1165 Foundations in Nursing Lab	NUR 1183 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Clinical
HCA 312 Healthcare Informatics - (TU) offered fall online	MGT 404 Organizational Theory - (TU) on campus spring or online in summer
MGT 317 Human Resource Management - (TU) on campus fall or online in summer	PHI 307 Medical Ethics - offered summer online or take at Terra State

YEAR 4	
FOURTH YEAR FALL	FOURTH YEAR SPRING
DEC 400 Impact	NUR 2400 Adult Health Nursing III
NUR 2100 Maternal Newborn Nursing	NUR 2403 Adult Health Nursing III Clinical
NUR 2103 Maternal Newborn Nursing Clinical	NUR 2500 Nursing Care of Complex Patients
NUR 2200 Nursing Care of Children	NUR 2505 Nursing Care of Complex Patients Lab
NUR 2203 Nursing Care of Children Clinical	MGT 221 Supply Chain Management - (TU) offered on campus fall and spring and offered online in summer
NUR 2300 Adult Health Nursing II	
NUR 2303 Adult Health Nursing II Clinical	
MGT 351 Managing Diversity in the Workplace - (TU) offered on campus fall or offered online in fall	

Can I choose a minor?

MINOR OPTIONS	
MANAGEMENT	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS
MGT 201 Management of Organizations	3
MGT 301 Organizational Behavior	3
MGT 317 Human Resource Management	3
MGT 351 Managing Diversity	3
MGT 404 Organizational Theory	3
MGT 221 Supply Chain Management	3

Additional TU Minors

Students may choose any TU-approved minor, such as Psychology, Sociology or Communication.

Enhance your degree with a designation

ALL STUDENTS ARE RECOMMENDED TO DESIGNATE THESE OPTIONS			
HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS		COMMUNICATION & PATIENT INTERACTION	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
HCA 312 Healthcare Informatics	3	COM 130 Intro to Speech Communication	3
		COM 310 Interpersonal Communication	3

These designations help nurses excel in patient interaction, healthcare technology use and team communication.

4+2 Master's Degree Option

This program prepares students for a future Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) at Tiffin University. Graduates enter the MSN program with a strong foundation in science, nursing practice, ethics and communication. Year four is fully dedicated to nursing coursework; graduate substitutions are not part of the pathway. Students may begin MSN coursework after completing the dual degree, passing the NCLEX-RN and completing six months of work experience. Students who enter the MSN with a baccalaureate other than nursing will need to complete two pre-requisite courses: Nursing or Healthcare Research and Nursing or Healthcare Leadership. A Nursing course is preferred.

Stay on track!

YEAR 1

- Meet regularly with your advisor, begin foundational science coursework, develop strong study habits and get involved on campus.

YEAR 2

- Complete A&P and Microbiology sequences, apply to Terra State's nursing program in spring, maintain GPA standards and use tutoring as needed.

YEAR 3

- Begin nursing coursework and clinical experiences at TSCC, balance TU and TSCC schedules, communicate actively with advisors and begin NCLEX preparation. Have reliable transportation to attend both TU and TSCC and clinical experiences.

YEAR 4

- Complete nursing coursework at TSCC and advanced clinical rotations, finalize graduation applications for both institutions, continue NCLEX prep and explore job placement or MSN options.