

NURSING, A.S. (REGISTERED NURSE)

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Overview

Nursing A.S. is designed for Licensed Practical Nurses who wish to obtain the Associate of Science Nursing Degree. It is an entrance point for mobility students who have graduated from another nursing program or have completed Minnesota West's Practical Nursing Program.

Locations

Granite Falls, Online, Pipestone, Worthington

After successful completion of the Nursing A.S. Program, students are awarded the Associate of Science (AS) Nursing Degree and are then eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination. Students are also eligible to articulate to BSN/BAN programs in the Minnesota State system.

For Minnesota West Practical Nursing students applying to progress to the AS Nursing Program:

1. Licensed as an LPN by July 15.
2. Cumulative prerequisite GPA of 3.0 in BIOL 2201 (Anatomy), BIOL 2202 (Physiology), ENGL 1101 (Composition I), and PSYC 1150 (Lifespan Developmental Psychology).
3. No grade lower than a C is accepted in any course required for the AS nursing program (including prerequisites).
4. Complete the Declaration of Intent form.

For licensed LPN's applying to enter the AS Nursing Program:

1. Licensed as an LPN by July 15.
2. Cumulative prerequisite GPA of 3.0 in BIOL 2201 (Anatomy), BIOL 2202 (Physiology), ENGL 1101 (Composition I), and PSYC 1150 (Lifespan Developmental Psychology).
3. No grade lower than a C is accepted in any course required for the AS nursing program (including prerequisites).
4. Minimum decision score of 80 on the National League for Nursing (NLN) NACE I Foundations entrance exam. Applicants may only take entrance exam twice in an application period, one month apart. Entrance exam scores are valid for a two year period of time.

NURS 2000, Transition to Professional Nursing Education (1 credit), is required prior to entrance into Fall Semester nursing classes for students who have graduated from another nursing program or are returning to Minnesota West's Nursing Program.

The following course sequence is required for completion of this program. Only students who have been accepted into the Nursing program are allowed to take the nursing courses. The prerequisite courses shown must be completed before beginning the program.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Prerequisites		
	Practical Nursing Diploma OR completion of practical nursing program (Advanced Standing)	6
BIOL 2201	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 2202	Human Physiology	4
ENGL 1101	Composition I	3
PSYC 1150	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
	Prerequisites Credits	14
Co-requisite courses:		
	The following General Education courses may be taken prior to beginning or during AS program. Must be completed prior to graduation.	
	Communication Elective (CMST 1101, 1103, 1130 or 1120)	3
	Sociology Elective	3
PHIL 2101	Ethics Theory and Practices (medical focus)	3
	Electives (Comp II and College Math recommended)	7
	General Education Credits	16
Fall Semester		
NURS 2125	Patient Centered Care I	3
NURS 2130	Pharmacology: A Pathophysiologic Approach I	2
NURS 2135	Geriatric and Psychiatric Nursing	2

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
NURS 2145	Principles of Professional Nursing	2
NURS 2150	Skills Lab	2
NURS 2190	Acute Care Clinical I**	2
	Credits Fall Semester	13
Spring Semester		
NURS 2225	Patient Centered Care II	3
NURS 2245	Health Promotion and Role of the Professional Nurse	2
NURS 2255	Pharmacology: A Pathophysiologic Approach II	2
NURS 2260	Family Centered Care	3
NURS 2290	Acute Care Clinical II**	2
NURS 2390	Clinical in Alternate Settings**	2
	Credits Spring Semester	14
Mayterm		
NURS 2275	Nursing Preceptorship	1
	Credits Mayterm Semester	1
	TOTAL CREDITS	64

Notes:

Recommended electives include: ENGL 1102, humanities, social sciences (HIST 1101, HIST 1102, geography, political science or economics), chemistry, BIOL 1115, PSYC 1101 college math or statistics.

Humanities: choose from the areas of art, literature, theatre, HIST 1111, HIST 1112, music, or any course with HUM designator. AS nursing students are required to participate in the ATI Testing Program.

Required end of program assessment will include:

- Completion of a ATI Integrated predictor exam prior to graduation
- Completion of a ATI Review course prior to authorization to test for NCLEX-RN exam.

**Clinical experiences are a part of the program and are completed in healthcare facilities located in southwest Minnesota. On-campus and distance learning students need to be prepared to travel to assigned clinical sites as a program requirement.

Minnesota West Community & Technical College Associate in Science Nursing Program is accredited by:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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Continued accreditation granted through Spring of 2031.