

## Registered Nursing - AAS

### Contact Information

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### Delivery Methods

Face to Face: Wahpeton  
 Online: Some Classes

This **two-year** program is available for individuals who wish to pursue a career in nursing and become a Registered Nurse (RN). The graduate will have an excellent opportunity for immediate employment and/or transfer to a baccalaureate program in nursing.

The course sequence for the program begins fall semester and is sequenced to include general education and nursing program courses over four semesters, concluding with the national examination (NCLEX-RN) to receive licensing as a Registered Nurse (RN).

Criminal background checks will be required. A previous conviction may affect clinical rotations and a state board of nursing could deny an application for licensure as a Registered Nurse. If arrested, charged and/or convicted of any felony, the applicant is required to meet with the department chair and/or RN program coordinator. A federal criminal history background check will also be required to test for the NCLEX-RN.

The RN program has been granted full approval from the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON), 919 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 504, Bismarck, ND 58504, 701-328-9777, [www.ndbon.org](http://www.ndbon.org) and is initially accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta GA 30326, 404-975-5000, [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

This program requires access to a personal computer capable of completing the assignments required by the nursing program (Windows 10 Operating System or newer).

### Equal opportunity policy

The NDS-CS Department of Nursing adheres to the NDS-CS Equal Opportunity Policy as stated in the *NDS-CS Catalog* ([www.ndscs.edu](http://www.ndscs.edu))

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
NURS 114	Role Development	1
NURS 115	Essentials for Registered Nursing I	4
NURS 116	Essentials for Registered Nursing I Clinical	1
NURS 117	Mental Health Nursing/Clinical	3
NURS 118	Essential for Registered Nursing II	4
NURS 119	Essentials for Registered Nursing II Clinical	2
NURS 201	Complex Nursing Care Concepts I	4
NURS 202	Complex Nursing Care Concepts I Clinical	3
NURS 203	Preventative Community Health	2
NURS 204	Maternal Child	4
NURS 205	Complex Nursing Care Concepts II	3
NURS 206	Complex Nursing Care Concepts II Clinical	3
NURS 207	Leadership/Preceptorship	3
NURS 208	Transition to Practice	1
PHRM 210	Pharmacology for Registered Nursing	3

### Related/General Education Courses

BIOL 220	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 220L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIOL 221	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 221L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
CSCI 116/ HUM/HIST Elective		3
ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
FYE 101	Science of Success	1
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
NUTR 240	Principles of Nutrition (and Diet Therapy)	3
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3

**Total Required Program Credits 69**

### Admission Requirements\*

Applicants will be admitted to the program following a point-based selection process. The following requirements must be met by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Alternates will also be selected. Applicants that apply after the deadline can complete the admission requirements and be placed on a waiting list. If openings become available the applicant may be selected, based on points, until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. Complete the NDS-CS Application for Admission if the applicant has not attended NDS-CS or complete a re-application if the applicant has previously attended or is a past graduate of NDS-CS.
2. Applicants without a United States high school transcript (four years), will be required to complete English language proficiency exam(s) and meet the benchmark score(s) prior to continuing the selection process. Contact the program to schedule the assessments if this applies.
3. Complete the Supplemental Program Application for the Registered Nursing-AAS Program.
4. Submit high school transcript/GED and all college transcripts. Cumulative GPA of 2.25 is required. If college credits total 12 or more; college GPA will be utilized otherwise, the high school GPA will be utilized.
5. Submit official ACT and/or placement testing results to Enrollment Services. Results must meet the criteria to enroll in ENGL 110 and MATH 103 the first semester of the program OR submit an official transcript with ENGL 110 and MATH 103 completed with a "C" or higher.
6. Complete a program admission assessment examination and meet the program benchmark composite score of **55**. Exam can be retaken once.
7. Be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and submit a copy of the certificate. If an applicant is in process (as of April 1); they may continue the selection process and be placed on the alternate list (based on points). Once the CNA is complete, and if an opening occurs, they may be accepted up to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. Review Essential Functions for Registered Nursing Students and submit the Essential Functions Verification form.

### Criteria for Selection

The point-based selection process will be determined by meeting all admission requirements, assessment score, *select* completed college level general education courses within the program plan (BIOL 2201/220L and BIOL 221/221L), overall GPA (high school or GED/college) and CNA certificate. Selection order will be based on the highest total points achieved. It is highly recommended that the applicant check with the RN program to ensure all admission requirements have been received before the application deadline.

**\*Selection process details contact information and forms are in the Registered Nursing-AAS Program Information and Selection Process Booklet available at [www.ndscs.edu/nursing](http://www.ndscs.edu/nursing) (click on Program Selection Process) or contact the program at [alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu](mailto:alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu).**

*Program Admission Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.*

For accepted students, specific immunizations, background checks, CPR certification (American Heart Association BLS Provider OR American Red Cross Professional Rescuer for Healthcare Provider ONLY) and health insurance are required and must remain current while in the program. Additional prerequisites (e.g. drug screening/finger printing) may be required dependent on site-specific student prerequisites. All requirements will be at the students' expense.

### Award

Upon successful completion of the required courses ("C" or higher), students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science (RN) degree; and be eligible for the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

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