Registered Nursing - AAS

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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 Registered Nursing program has been granted full approval from the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON), 919 South 7th Street, Suite 504, Bismarck, ND 58504, 701-328-9777, 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

This program requires access to a personal computer capable of completing the assignments required by the nursing program, with a current operating system and a webcam.

Equal opportunity policy
The NDSCS Department of Nursing adheres to the NDSCS Equal Opportunity Policy as stated in the NDSCS Catalog (www.ndscs.edu)

Admission/Selection Requirements*
Applicants will be admitted to the program following a point-based selection process. The following requirements must be met by April 1st. Applicants that apply after the deadline must complete the selection requirements and be placed on the alternate list. If openings become available the applicant may be selected, based on points, until August 1st.

1. Complete the NDSCS Application for Admission if the applicant has not attended NDSCS or complete a re-application if the applicant has previously attended or is a past graduate of NDSCS.
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 the Office of Admission. 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 selection 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 1st.
8. Review Essential Functions for Registered Nursing Students and submit the Essential Functions Verification form.

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

*Program 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 (click on Program Selection Process) or contact the program at alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu.

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

For accepted students, specific immunizations, background checks, CPR certification (American Heart Association BLS Provider OR American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare Provider course 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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Course Code | Course Title | Credits
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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 205 | Pharmacology for 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

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