

Associate in Science in Nursing - ASN

• Registered Nursing (LPN to RN)

▶ Contact Information

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▶ Delivery Methods

Face to Face: Wahpeton
Online: Some Classes

This program is available to AAS or AS Licensed Practical Nurses who wish to continue their nursing education 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 utilizing the transfer (articulation) agreements the program has with select colleges.

The Registered Nursing courses follow a specific sequence as the student progresses through the program. Required general education courses may be taken at any time during the program but must be completed within three semesters of beginning the program. It is highly recommended that students complete all general education courses prior to enrolling in the RN program courses.

Criminal background checks will be required. A previous conviction may affect clinical rotations and a state board of 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 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 laptop and printer, capable of completing the assignments/testing required by the program, with a current operating system and webcam/microphone. Tablets and Chromebooks are not compatible with online classes/testing.

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 selection process. *Classes are dependent on enrollment.* The following requirements must be met by **April 15**. Applicants that apply after the deadline can complete the selection requirements and be placed on a waiting list. If openings become available, they may be selected, based on points, until the first day of class.

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. Submit an official high school transcript and all official college transcripts to Enrollment Services.
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 ASN Nursing Program.
4. Be a graduate of a Board of Nursing approved Associate in Applied Science or an Associate in Science Practical Nursing Program.
5. Hold an active and unencumbered license as a Practical Nurse (LPN).
6. Applicants who will be graduating from an approved associate degree granting Practical Nursing Program the semester prior to starting the RN Program can apply with the following provision: Applicants must pass the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) with proof of successful completion of the exam submitted to the RN Program no later than **July 15**.
7. Achieve the benchmark minimum of a "C" in all prerequisite courses required for the Registered Nursing program. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 is required.
8. Submit official ACT and/or placement testing results to Enrollment Services. Results must meet the criteria to enroll in MATH 103 the first semester of the program OR submit an official transcript with MATH 103 completed with a "C" or higher.
9. Complete selection assessment examinations and meet the program benchmarks for both assessments. Refer to *Selection Process Booklet for specific benchmark scores. The program reserves the right to change the assessments.
10. Review Essential Functions for Registered Nursing Students and submit the Essential Functions Verification form.

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
Prerequisite 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
ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
NUTR 240	Principles of Nutrition (and Diet Therapy)	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
LPN Transfer Credits		14
Total Prerequisite Credits		44

Registered Nursing Program Courses		
NURS 201	Complex Care Concepts I	3
NURS 202	Complex Care Concepts I Clinical	2
NURS 204	Maternal Child	3
NURS 205	Complex Nursing Care Concepts II	2
NURS 206	Complex Nursing Care Concepts II Clinical	1
NURS 255	Role Transition	1
NURS 262	Community/Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 263	Leadership	2

**Registered Nursing Program General Education Courses

COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ND: MATH***		3
ND: SS		2
HUM or HIST Elective (No PHIL Prefix)		3
ND: COMPSC		2
Total Required Program Credits		30

A placement test may be required if you have not met the Math (***)103 or higher) requirement.

At least 16 credits of the final 24 credits of the curriculum must be taken through NDSCS and be from the RN required courses.

Criteria for Program Selection

The class selection process will be determined by meeting required selection benchmark scores on selection assessment examinations, cumulative GPA of last completed semester, PN work experience, and number of RN general education courses completed. 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 located in the Registered Nursing-ASN 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 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 Science in Nursing (RN) degree; and be eligible for the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

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