

Nursing Degree Program

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Degree: Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Length: Two Year Program

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4. Students are readmitted on a space available basis.
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2. Once a student has enrolled in the ADN Program, all nursing courses and related courses must be completed in proper sequence as shown in the catalog and degree plan. The program must be completed within five (5) years of the initial acceptance.
3. No grade below a C in nursing curriculum science and nursing courses will be acceptable for progression.
4. In order to receive a grade of C, a minimum grade of 75% must be attained in each nursing course.
5. Once enrolled in the ADN program, a student who receives a D, F, or W in a nursing course or drops a nursing course, must, if eligible, re-enroll in that course before enrolling in a subsequent nursing course.
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8. A student must achieve an overall GPA of 2.0 in all courses in the nursing curriculum in order to progress to the next nursing course.
9. Once enrolled in the ADN program, it is expected that enrollment is continuous. Students with a break in enrollment must apply for readmission. A break in enrollment includes: 1) Receipt of a grade of D, F, or W in a nursing course requiring a repeat of the course, 2) Withdrawal from a nursing course with a clinical component, and 3) Non-enrollment in a nursing course for one (1) or more semesters (excluding summer).
10. A student will be readmitted only once to the program. Following a second D, F, or break in enrollment during the program, a student is ineligible for readmission. Students may petition for re-admission when a withdrawal from an RNSG course occurs due to a catastrophic event. The student must have had a passing grade in the RNSG course at the time of withdrawal. Petition will be considered by a faculty review committee.
11. Consideration for readmission will be on an individual basis and as space permits. A student not enrolled in a nursing course for one or more semesters (excluding summer) will be required to demonstrate competency in previously completed nursing courses prior to readmission. Refer to section "Readmission of Former ACC/ADN Students".
12. A student will be terminated from the ADN Program if they have received more than one (1) D or F in a nursing course, and/or in BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 and/or BIOL 2420. This includes courses which have been repeated and a passing grade (A, B or C) received in a subsequent attempt, regardless of the college or university where the initial grade (D or F) was received. The student is ineligible even if the course is repeated and the student earns an A, B, or C in the subsequent attempt.
13. Co-Requisite courses must be completed for a student to progress to the next semester.

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Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
Prerequisite Courses				
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	0	3
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
		9	6	11
Semester One				
RNSG 1215*	Health Assessment	1	2	2
RNSG 1108*	Dosage Calculations for Nursing	1	0	1
RNSG 1513	Foundations for Nursing Practice	4	3	5
RNSG 1260	Clinical: Foundations for Nursing Practice	0	6	2
PSYC 2314*	Life-Span Growth & Development	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		9	11	13
Semester Two				
RNSG 1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health	3	2	4
RNSG 1561	Clinical: Common Concepts of Adult Health	0	15	5
PSYC 2301*	General Psychology	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		6	17	12
Summer ***				
BIOL 2420*	Microbiology	3	3	4
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing	2	0	2
RNSG 1162	Clinical: Mental Health Nursing	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
		5	6	7
Semester Three				
RNSG 1512**	Nursing Care of Childbearing & Childrearing Family	4	2	5
RNSG 2121	Management of Client Care			
RNSG 2463**	Clinical: Nursing Care of Childbearing & Childrearing Family	1	0	1
		0	12	4
Elective*	Visual and Performing Arts / Humanities	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		8	14	13
Semester Four				
RNSG 1246	Legal and Ethical Issues for Nurses	2	0	2
RNSG 1443**	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	3	2	4
RNSG 2563**	Clinical: Complex Concepts of Adult Health	0	15	5
ENGL 1302*	Composition II	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		8	17	14

Total Credits Required for A.A.S. Nursing70

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** RNSG 1443 / 2563 and RNSG 1512 / 2463 are taught both Fall and Spring semesters. Students may be assigned to 1443 / 2563 in either the Fall or Spring semester.

*** Summer courses are taken after semester one for spring admits.

Nursing Transition (LVN-to-ADN) Program

Degree: Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) - Tech Prep

Length: One-Year

Purpose: The transition program is to provide a pathway from Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Associate Degree Nursing (ADN). The program seeks to prepare graduates who are critical thinkers and competent practitioners. As Associate Degree Nursing graduates, they will practice within the defined roles and competencies of the Associate Degree nurse. In response to community and societal needs, they will be prepared to care for individuals and families in structured settings. Courses are presented according to their content and effectiveness toward successful fulfillment of state board competencies.

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Program Requirements: A new class will begin in May each year. Qualified applicants will be admitted according to space available. To be considered for admission to the Transition Pathway of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the applicant must:

1. Apply to Alvin Community College and fulfill the admission requirements of the college.
2. Apply to the ADN Program and meet admission and program requirements for that program.
3. Hold a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas or be scheduled to graduate from the ACC/VN program.
4. Have recent work experience, preferably in an acute care setting, as a licensed vocational nurse, or:
 - a. scheduled to graduate from the ACC/VN program.
 - b. graduated within one year from a state approved vocational nursing program.
5. Complete prerequisite courses before the start of the nursing program.
6. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.

To progress beyond the summer semester, ACC/VN graduates must pass the NCLEX-VN examination.

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Prerequisite Courses (Must be completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1262 and RNSG 1417)				
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PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3	0	3
PSYC 2314	Life-Span Growth & Development	3	0	3
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	4
BIOL 2420	Microbiology	3	3	4
		<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>
3 Week Mini Semester (May)				
RNSG 1215*	Health Assessment	1	2	2
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Summer Semester				
RNSG 1262	Clinical Nursing: Concepts of Nurse Practice for Articulating Students	2	6	2
RNSG 1417	Concepts of Nursing Practice I for Articulating	3	2	4
Credit for Prior Learning	RNSG 1513	4	3	5
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	RNSG 1561	0	15	5
		<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>
Fall Semester				
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