

## Division of Health Professions

# Nursing (LPN to RN) An Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Nursing program prepares individuals to become registered nurses. The associate degree nurse is a generalist whose practice encompasses the interrelated roles of care provider, manager of care, and a member of the comprehensive healthcare team. Assessment, caring interventions, clinical decision making, collaboration, communication, managing care, professional behaviors, and teaching and learning characterize this role. The curriculum framework is derived from NLN's eight Core Competencies (2000), selected NLN Core Values (2010), and ANA's professional Standards (2015).

*The Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).*

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### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A LPN desiring to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing must:

1. Submit the Northeast State Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records.
2. Indicate Associate of Applied Science degree program in Nursing as the desired program on the Northeast State application form.
3. Seek advisement from the student's assigned nursing advisor to establish a program plan of study.
4. Complete all Pre-Nursing courses with a grade of "C" or higher.

### TYPICAL PROGRAM OF STUDY (LPN to RN)

#### Semester I (Pre-Nursing Courses)

Course No.	Course Title	Credit
BIOL 2010	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics	3
PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology	3

#### Semester II - Summer

BIOL 2020	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NRSG 1340	Mental Health Nursing	3
* NRSG 1600	Transition to Professional Nursing	6
* NRSG 1710	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
* After successfully completing NRSG 1600: Transition to Professional Nursing, Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) will be awarded for NRSG 1710: Fundamentals of Nursing (7 credits), reflecting the same grade received in NRSG 1600: Transition to Professional Nursing.		

#### Semester III - Fall

BIOL 2230	Introduction to Microbiology	4
NRSG 1330	Pediatric Nursing	3
NRSG 1360	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NRSG 2630	Medical Surgical Nursing II	6

#### Semester IV - Spring

COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication	3
** Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
NRSG 1320	Women's Health & the Childbearing Family	3
NRSG 2240	Professional Practice in Nursing	2
NRSG 2640	Medical Surgical Nursing III	6

\*\* See online catalog for approved courses for General Education Humanities/Fine Arts elective.

Total Credit Hours	66
*** Total Clinic Hours Included in Program	360

\*\*\* Virginia Board of Nursing rules and regulations [18VAC90-27-100]. Curriculum For Direct Client Care states "Licensed practical nurses transitioning into prelicensure registered nursing programs may be awarded no more than 150 clinical hours of the 400 clinical hours received in a practical nursing program. In a practical nursing to registered nursing transitional program, the remainder of the clinical hours shall included registered nursing clinical experience across the life cycle in adult medical/surgical nursing, maternal/infant (obstetrics, gynecology, neonatal) nursing, mental health/psychiatric nursing, and pediatric nursing." LPN to RN students who reside in Virginia will be awarded 140 clinical hours received in a practical nursing program. The NeSCC LPN to RN AAS in Nursing will provide 360 clinical hours making a total of 500 clinical hours for a LPN Virginia resident.

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5. Submit documentation of a current, active LPN license with the Nursing application.

### TYPICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The associate of applied science degree in Nursing offers a lifetime of career opportunities. Employment in hospital settings, extended care facilities, public/community health, and ambulatory care are just a few career options available. Graduates may also choose nursing education within schools or community centers or enter a more specialized field such as physicians' offices or emergency departments.

### NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Nursing program has specific admission criteria, and admission to Northeast State does not guarantee admission to this program. For consideration of admission into the Nursing program, students must possess a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 after completing a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework required for the Associate of Applied Science degree Nursing program. Biological science courses previously taken must have been completed in the last 10 years. Documentation of a current, active LPN license must be provided when applying to the program.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### Ten-Year Projected Job Increase Rate\*

6% (2021–2031)

### Average Salary\*

\$48,190–\$81,950

### \*Source:

1. The Bureau of Labor Statistics Report (2021)  
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

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Northeast State Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Northeast State also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Northeast State Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).