

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING**GUIDED PATHWAY: REGISTERED NURSING**For more information, visit www.laredo.edu/ and your academic advisor.

The **Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.)** is a 2-year degree and is the minimum amount of school required to become licensed as a registered nurse, or RN. The ultimate goal of all pre-licensure nursing programs is to focus on preparing individual nurses for initial entry into nursing practice; point-of-care positions in a variety of settings, from acute care, long-term care, primary care, and more.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing¹. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

Visit [Career Pathways](#) to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor to choose courses that will help you [transfer](#) to a specific university.

**COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS (only for the AAS)**

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT**MATH PLACEMENT****ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY****TSIA 2 MET: YES / NO**

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

☐ **INRW** _____☐ **OTHER:** _____**TSIA 2 MET: YES / NO**

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☐ **DEV MATH** _____☐ **OTHER:** _____**TSIA 2 MET: YES / NO**

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☐ **ESOL** _____☐ **OTHER:** _____

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER BY SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS²

D			PREREQUISITES	ACTION ITEMS
◆			ENGL 1301 – Composition I (Core)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before taking courses and again at the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a nursing department advisor to receive application instructions and information on the ATI TEAS pre-entrance exam.
◆			PSYC 2301– General Psychology (Core) or PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth & Development (Core)	
◆			BIOL 2301– Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture) (Core)	
◆			BIOL 2101 – Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 10				
D			SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 1205 – Nursing Skills I	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to track your progress towards completion of program/degree.
◆			RNSG 1413 – Foundations for Nursing Practice	
◆			RNSG 1260 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Fundamentals)	
◆			PSYC 2301– General Psychology (Core) or PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth & Development (Core)	
			BIOL 2302– Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture) (Core)	
◆			BIOL 2102 – Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15				
D			SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 1443 – Complex Concepts of Adult Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to track your progress towards completion of program/degree.
◆			RNSG 1360 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Intermediate M/S)	
◆			RNSG 1144 – Nursing Skills II	
◆			BIOL 2320 – Microbiology for Non-Science Majors (Lecture)	
◆			BIOL 2120 – Microbiology for Non-Science Majors Laboratory	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12				
D			SUMMER	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 1201– Pharmacology	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to track your progress towards completion of program/degree.
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 2				
D			SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 2213 – Mental Health Nursing	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to track your progress towards completion of program/degree.
◆			RNSG 2162 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	
◆			RNSG 1412 – Nursing Care of Childbearing and Childrearing Family	
◆			RNSG 2261 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Pediatric/Maternity)	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 9				
D			SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 2331 – Advanced Concepts of Adult Health ³	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to track your progress towards completion of program/degree. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor for assistance in Preparing for a job search. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with faculty to ensure TBON and Pearson Vue (NCLEX-RN) requirements are met.
			RNSG 2363 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Advanced Med/Surg.) ³	
			RNSG 2307 – Adaptation to Role of Professional Nurse ³	
			Elective –3 Credit Hours: Language, Philosophy & Culture/Creative Arts (Laredo College Core Curriculum)	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12				
AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS/PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS				

1. Degree plans may change in later catalogs. Be sure to consult with your advisor if you are continuing on an older degree plan.

2. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Laredo College awarding the degree.

3. Capstone Experience

Core: This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.

Certification and Licensure Information

Upon completion of the Associate Nursing Program, the student may register for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse. The same exam is administered for the A.D.N. and B.S.N. traditional nursing programs nationwide. Licensure eligibility information is found on the Texas Board of Nursing Website at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/>. The National Council State Boards of Nursing provides examination details at <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.page>

Career Information

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care and educate patients and the public about various health conditions.

Common Job Titles

Registered Nurse; RN

Regional Labor Market Information

As of May 2024, the average annual salary for registered nurses in Texas is \$90,010, while the national average stands at \$93,600, equivalent to an hourly wage of \$45.00. These figures are based on estimates from the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\)](#)

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow by 6 percent from 2023 to 2033, which is faster than the average growth rate for all occupations.

Career and labor market research tools

Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Career Resources: Laredo College career services website provides information on [career exploration](#) and [employment](#). Click [here](#) for more information transfer resources. Students are encouraged to consult with their area of study advisor for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an LC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

Transfer Information

ADN-RN to BSN Programs

The Organization for Associate Degree Nursing ([OADN](#)) promotes the advancement of ADN graduates through the promotion of best practices in nursing education and academic progression. OADN, along with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), supported the National Education in Progression in Nursing (NEPIN) Collaborative with a goal of 90% of new ADN graduates achieving the BSN or higher by 2025 (OADN, 2020).

Laredo College: [RN to BSN](#) – Before enrolling in courses at Laredo College to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, consult with an academic advisor to ensure your academic and career goals are aligned <https://www.laredo.edu/Academic-Career-Pathways/health-sciences/bsn-nursing.html>

Transfer Guides: The universities listed here are not endorsed by Laredo College. The receiving institution evaluates transfer courses and determines which will count toward a bachelor's degree.

South Texas College: RN to BSN <https://campuses.southtexascollege.edu/index.html>

Texas A&M International University: RN to MSN <http://www.tamui.edu>

Additional Transfer Resources: Laredo College [transfer planning guide website](#) provides information on additional colleges & universities. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, area of study advisor, and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at LC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.