

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

GUIDED PATHWAY: REGISTERED NURSINGFor more information, visit www.laredo.edu/ and your academic advisor.

The **Associate's Degree in Nursing**, or ADN, 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 entry into 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 Associates 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 at your college to choose courses that will help you to 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**TSI MET: **YES** NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

☐ INRW _____☐ OTHER: _____TSI MET: **YES** NO

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☐ DEV MATH _____☐ OTHER: _____TSI MET: **YES** NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

☐ 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 (C)	<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 (C) or PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth & Development (C)	
◆			BIOL 2301– Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture) (C)	
◆			BIOL 2101 – Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 10				
D			SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 1205 – Nursing Skills I	
◆			RNSG 1413 – Foundations for Nursing Practice	
◆			RNSG 1260 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Fundamentals)	
◆			PSYC 2301– General Psychology (C) or PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth & Development (C)	
			BIOL 2302– Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture) (C)	
◆			BIOL 2102 – Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15				
D			SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 1443 – Complex Concepts of Adult Health	
◆			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	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 2				
D			SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆			RNSG 2213 – Mental Health Nursing	
◆			RNSG 2162 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	
◆			RNSG 1412 – Nursing Care of Childbearing and Childbearing Family	
◆			RNSG 2261 – Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Pediatric/Maternity)	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 9				
D			SEMESTER 4	Note:
◆			RNSG 2331 – Advanced Concepts of Adult Health ³	*Language, Philosophy, and Culture must be selected from ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323, ENGL 2326, ENGL2327, ENGL 2328, ENGL 2332,ENGL 2333, ENGL 2351, PHIL 1301, PHIL 2306. *Creative Arts courses must be selected from ARTS 1301, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, DANC 2303, DRAM 1310,MUSI 1306, MUSI 1308, MUSI 1309, MUSI 1310.
			RNSG 2363 - Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (Advanced Med/Surg.) ³	
			RNSG 2307 – Adaption to Role of Professional Nurse ³	
			Elective – *Language Philosophy & *Culture/Creative Arts	
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

C 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 NCLEX-RN licensure examination to become a Registered Nurse. The same exam is taken for the A.D.N. and B.S.N. traditional Nursing Programs nationwide.

Career Information

Common Job Titles

Registered Nurse; RN

Regional Labor Market Information

The national average salary of a registered nurse as of 2019 is at **\$75,510** per year, representing an hourly wage of \$36.30. The data is according to the estimates released by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Outlook Handbook in March 2019.

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

RN to BSN Program

As noted, there continues to be a nursing shortage throughout the United States. In addition, there is a movement for nurses to continue their education and obtain a BSN.

The associate degree education remains a pathway to the nursing profession with the continued emphasis to meet the recommendation from the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 80% baccalaureate prepared workforce by 2020.

The BSN is the stepping stone to an advanced degree which is needed to teach in registered nurse programs. Only 16.2% of initially ADN trained RNs eventually earned a BSN, 5.8% completed a Master of Science in Nursing, and 0.3% completed a doctoral degree in nursing (TCNWS, 2015). However, 15.6% of initially BSN educated RNs eventually obtained a master's and about 1.1% achieved a doctorate degree (TCNWS, 2015).

Transfer Guides: The universities listed here do not constitute a Laredo College endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of which courses will count toward a Bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.

Laredo College: RN to BSN <http://www.laredo.edu>

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

South Texas College: <http://www.SouthTexas.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.