

Nursing Transition (LVN-to-ADN) (CIP 51.3801)

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Associate of Applied Science Degree Program (A.A.S.)

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.

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to make application to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Program Requirements: A new class will begin in June 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 during an application period and meet admission and program requirements for that program.
3. Hold a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas by the nursing application deadline, 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 in nursing and nursing curriculum courses.

Selection for Admission: Admission to the LVN-to-ADN program is competitive. After the application deadline, applicants are ranked primarily according to the number of completed courses in the ADN curriculum, the GPA of those courses, and HESI A2 test scores. Priority admission is given to applicants who: 1) achieved high standardized test scores (HESI A2); 2) earned a high grade point average in the ADN curriculum academic coursework; 3) complete ADN curriculum courses without repeating or withdrawing from courses in the last five years from the application deadline; 4) complete ADN curriculum courses at ACC; 5) hold a Bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university; 6) reside in the ACC tax district; and, 7) have acute-care work experience.

| <i>Course Number</i> | <i>Course Title</i> | <i>Credits</i> |
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| Prerequisites | | |
| + ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 |
| + PSYC 2301 | General Psychology | 3 |
| * PSYC 2314 | Life-Span Growth & Development | 3 |
| + BIOL 2401 | Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| + BIOL 2402 | Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |
| BIOL 2420 | Microbiology for Non-Science Majors | 4 |
| First Semester | | |
| RNSG 1240 | Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students | 2 |
| RNSG 1262 | Clinical I - RN Transition | 2 |
| RNSG 1327 | Transition to Professional Nursing | 3 |
| Credit for Prior Learning | RNSG 1219, RNSG 1523, RNSG 2504 | 12 |
| Second Semester | | |
| RNSG 2514 | Integrated Care of the Patient with Complex Health Care Needs | 5 |
| RNSG 2462 | Clinical III - RN | 4 |
| * + Creative Arts or | Select from Creative Arts Core Curriculum or | 3 |
| * + Language, Philosophy & Culture | Select from Language, Philosophy & Culture Core Curriculum | |
| Third Semester | | |
| RNSG 2463 | Clinical IV RN | 4 |
| RNSG 2435 | Integrated Patient Care Management | 4 |

Total Credits Required for A.A.S. Nursing Transition60

+ Denotes core requirement. Speak with Department Chair or Academic Advisor for proper course selection.

* May be taken prior to admission to the ADN program.