Nursing - ADN

Program Description

The Alvin Community College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing to provide an educational program for individuals who are interested in a career as a registered nurse (RN). Upon the successful completion of program requirements the graduate is qualified to make application to write the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Alvin Community College ADN graduates consistently perform above state and national averages on the RN licensure exam. As reported by the BON, the Alvin Community College ADN pass rates for first time testers are: Year 2010 - 96.2%, Year 2009 - 98%, Year 2008 – 92%, Year 2007 – 98%, Year 2006 – 100%, Year 2005 – 96.55%

The program has two pathways for students to earn their ADN Degree:

1. The 2-year ADN program is the traditional pathway to enter the ADN program. ADN coursework, excluding pre-requisites, is designed for completion within 2 years. A new class of 60 students starts each August (Fall semester), and a new class of 20 students starts each January (Spring semester). The application period is January - March for the Fall class, and September - October for the Spring class. Applicants meeting minimum admission requirements become part of an applicant pool and the top applicants from this pool are selected for admission.

2. The 1-year LVN-ADN Transition program provides an abbreviated pathway to allow nurses who are already LVN’s to earn their ADN. A new class of 10-20 students starts each mid-May. The application period is January to the first week of March each year. Applicants meeting minimum admission requirements become part of an applicant pool and top applicants from this pool are selected for admission.

Reasons for Selecting ACC for your Nursing Education:
• The program receives commendations from the Texas Board of Nursing for our graduates’ excellent pass rates on the NCLEX-RN licensure exam
• New! Through an agreement with UTMB Nursing Program and Alvin Community College, ACC nursing students can earn nursing credits toward their bachelor's degree in nursing while enrolled in the ACC/ADN program.
• The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).
• Clinical affiliations are with community hospitals as well as with hospitals in the world famous Texas Medical Center in Houston.
• Graduates report that they start their careers as a registered nurse earning $50,000.

Career Opportunities

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2016. Thousands of job openings also will result from the need to replace experienced nurses who leave the occupation, especially as the age of the registered nurse population continues to rise.

According to www.onetonline.org the average salary per year for an RN in Texas is $63,000.

Options

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Nursing........................................................... 70 credit hours
Nursing Transition (LVN to RN) ....................... 70 credit hours

Program Information

More information including admission requirements is available on the Associate Degree Nursing website http://www.alvincollege.edu/adn or from the nursing department nursing@alvincollege.edu or 281-756-5630.

Individuals interested in the program are encouraged to attend an ADN information meeting. These meetings are open to all who are interested in finding out more about either the 2-year ADN program or the 1-year LVN-to-ADN Transition program. Information meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month May-December, 3:00-4:00 pm in room S-103 (no reservation required). There are applicant meetings but no ADN information meetings Jan-March.

Approximate cost for the 2-year degree program is $6,000 in-district or $7,800 out-of-district. Approximate cost for the 1-year Transition program is $5,100 in-district or $6,300 out-of-district. This includes uniforms, tuition, fees, books, and supplies for the Nursing (RNSG) courses, graduation costs, and the National Council Licensure Exam. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Tuition, books, fees and supplies for academic courses required to complete the nursing degree are extra. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

For more information call 281-756-5630 or email Nursing@alvincollege.edu.

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**Associate Degree Nursing Catalog Changes**

The following changes for the 2013-14 ACC Catalog will be in effect for students applying Spring 2013 for the ADN class that starts Fall 2013. They will be published in the ACC Catalog in Summer 2013.

**Admission Requirement Changes:**
BIOL 2401, 2402 and ENGL 1301 are no longer pre-requisites for admission to the 2 year ADN program. After Spring 2013, RNSG 1215 may no longer be taken prior to admission to the ADN program.

**Selection for admission:**
ADN admission is competitive. After the admission deadline applicants are ranked primarily on the number of completed courses in the ADN curriculum, the GPA of those courses, and standardized test reading scores (ACT: Sum of English and Reading Scores; or SAT: Critical Reading or Verbal Score). Priority admission for applicants who 1) achieved high standardized test scores 2) earned a high grade point average in the ADN curriculum academic coursework 3) completed BIOL 2401 and 4) completed, or are in progress in, BIOL 2402. Additional consideration is given to applicants who 1) complete ADN curriculum academic courses without repeating or withdrawing from courses in the last five years; 2) complete ADN curriculum courses at ACC; 3) hold a Bachelor’s or higher degree from an accredited college or university; 4) reside in the ACC tax district.
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** Semester One: 17 credits **

** Semester Two: 16 credits **

** Summer ***: 16 credits **

** Semester Three: 7 credits **

** Semester Four: 14 credits **

** TOTAL: 70 credits **

* May be taken prior to admission to the ADN program
** Taught both Fall and Spring; students may be assigned to either set of course in Fall or Spring
*** Summer courses are taken after Semester One for Spring admits
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# Nursing Transition (LVN-to-ADN)

**Associate of Applied Science Degree Program (A.A.S.) - Articulated Credit**

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3 Week Mini Semester (May)

* RNSG 1215       Health Assessment                               2

** Summer Semester **

RNSG 1262       Clinical Nursing: Concepts of Nurse Practice for Articulating Students 2
RNSG 1417       Concepts of Nursing Practice I for Articulating    4
Credit for Prior Learning

RNSG 1513       5
RNSG 1441       4
RNSG 1561       5

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** Fall Semester **

RNSG 1246       Legal Ethical Issues for Nurses                      2
** RNSG 1443   Complex Concepts of Adult Health                    4
** RNSG 2563   Clinical Nursing: Complex Concepts of Adult          5
* ENGL 1302   Composition II                                      3

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** Spring Semester **

** RNSG 1512   Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family 5
RNSG 2121       Management of Client Care                          1
** RNSG 2463   Clinical: Nursing Care of Childbearing and Childrearing Family 4
Visual & Perf Arts / Humanities                               3

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Total Credits Required for A.A.S. Nursing ................................................................. 70

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

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